



Have your say

Car Parking Charges - Traffic Regulation Orders Consultation 2024 Report



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1.0 Executive Summary

Wirral Council currently charges the public for parking at certain car parks and on-street locations and these charges are used to help manage traffic, congestion and to help keep people moving so that everyone who needs to, is more likely to have access to a car parking space.

The council has proposed some changes to parking charges that will affect car parking across the borough. The purpose of these changes is to deliver against Wirral's Parking Strategy, approved by the Environment Climate Emergency and Transport committee in December 2023, and in particular the short-term policy aims. In line with the Parking Strategy and also the council approved Cool 2 Climate Strategy, these proposed changes will help meet the costs of continuing to provide dedicated public car parking in a fair way as well as to address future parking impacts by ensuring that any new parking plans are self-financing.

New charges are introduced using a process called a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order). By law, the council must consult on any TROs and address any objections raised by the public.

The proposals include:

On-Street Parking

Introduction of charges in on-street parking bays and introduction of a £1 charge to park overnight (between 6.30pm and 8am) at the following locations:

- Kings Parade / Coastal Drive, New Brighton. Scheme reference number TO/24/40.
- North Parade / Meols Parade, Hoylake and Meols. Scheme reference number TO/24/41.
- South Parade, West Kirby. Scheme reference number TO/24/42.

Inflationary increases at on-street parking bays where fees already apply (including on-street parking permits) and introduction of a £1 charge to park overnight (between 6.30pm and 8am) at the following locations:

- Birkenhead Controlled Parking Zone. Scheme reference number TO/24/39. [Click here for a list of affected locations.](#)

Off-Street Car Parks

- Introduction of charges at council-owned car parks and Introduction of a £1 charge to park overnight (between 6.30pm and 8am). Scheme reference number TO/24/38

Findings from this consultation will be reported back to the Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee in December 2024 for discussion and a decision.

1.1 Key Findings

- The questionnaire was responded to by 3070 people. All responses came through the online portal, no paper questionnaire responses were received.
- 86.3% of 2744 respondents to Question 1 said that they objected to the introduction of scheme TO/24/40 in Kings Parade / Coastal drive, New Brighton. (Section 3.1.1)
- 86.3% of 2696 respondents to Question 2 said that they objected to the introduction of scheme TO/24/41 in North Parade / Meols Parade, Hoylake and Meols. (Section 3.1.2)
- 85.9% of 2676 respondents to Question 3 said that they objected to the introduction of scheme TO/24/42 in South Parade, West Kirby. (Section 3.1.3)
- 74.9% of 2500 respondents to Question 4 said that they objected to the introduction of scheme TO/24/39 in the Birkenhead Controlled Parking Zone. (Section 3.1.4)
- 93.9% of 2937 respondents to Question 5 said that they objected to the introduction of scheme TO/24/38 in Other Off-Street Car Parks. (Section 3.1.5)
- 80.6% of 2819 respondents to Question 6 said that they objected to all schemes. (Section 3.1.6)

2.0 Methodology

Through the Parking Charges consultation, people were asked to tell us about their views on the proposed TRO's.

As part of the TRO review process, objections and the rationale behind them will be reviewed responded to and fed back to the Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee for them to make a decision on how to proceed with the proposals.

The consultation was carried out between 25 September 2024 – 23 October 2024. The approach used was an online public consultation through the 'Have your say' consultation portal at www.haveyoursay.wirral.gov.uk with a page dedicated to the Parking Charges Consultation. Useful information provided on the site included links to a list of affected council owned car parks, plans of the TRO's and the Wirral Parking Strategy.

The consultation page also provided notice of changes to council car parks that already charge for parking and resident parking schemes; however, these items did not form part of the consultation as the changes did not require a new TRO.

An online questionnaire was provided for residents to engage with. Respondents were also able to request paper copies, help completing the questionnaire, or submit additional comments via a dedicated email address, which was published on the 'Have your say' website alongside the online questionnaire.

2.1 Questionnaire

The consultation questionnaire was developed around understanding stakeholder views on the proposed changes to parking. The questionnaire allowed people to share objections and comments regarding the proposed TRO's. Following closure of the consultation, the responses to each of the direct questions were collated and the responses included in this report.

2.2 Analysis of Respondents

Respondents to the online tools were provided with the option to provide demographic information about themselves. It must be noted that this is an option and that not all respondents included this information. This data allows the demographic results to be included in this report to enable analysis of the scope of responses and representation from different demographic groups.

2.3 Interpretation of Results

In terms of the results, it is important to note that:

- The public consultation is not representative of the overall population but provides information the opinion of those residents who engaged.

- Free-text questions offered respondents the option to provide written feedback. All responses to free text questions have been provided in the appendix.

2.4 Communication

The consultation was promoted through the council's corporate digital communication channels. This included:

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- Consultation page on Have Your Say (the page was viewed 18,967 times by 14,928 people and 3,070 responded to the survey)
- 3 media releases issued to local print and digital media (the topic got covered a total of 31 times, this included from News Wirral, Birkenhead News, Yahoo! News UK & Ireland, Wirral Globe, Liverpool Echo, Liverpool World, BBC Online, Birmingham Live, Mahalsa UK, GB News)
- The council also supported with responses to 4 different media enquiries about the topic of parking charges
- Dedicated page added to wirral.gov.uk parking section on the website for the consultation (505 views)
- Organic social media posts (content shared across Facebook, Instagram and X with a cumulative of 12,184 impressions and 1,662 engaged)
- 3 Wirral View news articles on the topic (with combined 3,232 views and 184 clicks through to Have Your Say)
- Resident Emails (23,129 subscribers)
- Email to key stakeholders including:
 - Merseyside Police
 - North West Ambulance Service
 - Merseytravel
 - Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service
 - Road Haulage Association
 - Northern Logistics
- Information was shared with:
 - Councillors through Member briefings (Group Leaders, ECET Committee Chair & Spokes)
 - All Councillors informed of the consultation through email
- This was also supported by:
 - Monitoring and responding to contact made with the parking.engineer@wirral.gov.uk

3.0 Results

3.1 The Questionnaire

The questionnaire was responded to by 3070 people. All responses came through the online portal, no paper copies were completed. No questions were mandatory so respondents could choose which questions to respond to.

3.1.1 Question 1: Kings Parade / Coastal Drive, New Brighton. Scheme reference number TO/24/40.

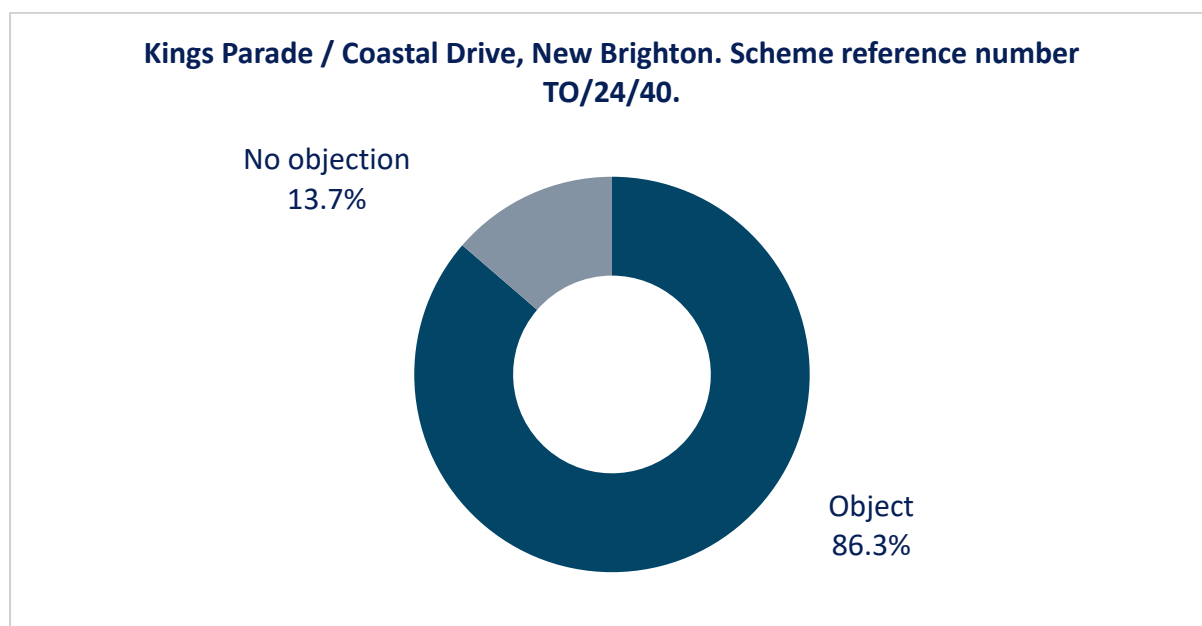


Figure 1: Responses to scheme reference TO/24/40

86.3% of respondents to this question objected to the introduction of scheme TO/24/40 in Kings Parade / Coastal drive, New Brighton.

Kings Parade / Coastal Drive, New Brighton. Scheme reference number TO/24/40.	Total	%
Object	2369	86.3%
No objection	375	13.7%
Total	2744	100.0%

Table 1: Table displaying responses to scheme reference TO/24/40

3.1.2 Question 2: North Parade / Meols Parade, Hoylake and Meols. Scheme reference number TO/24/41

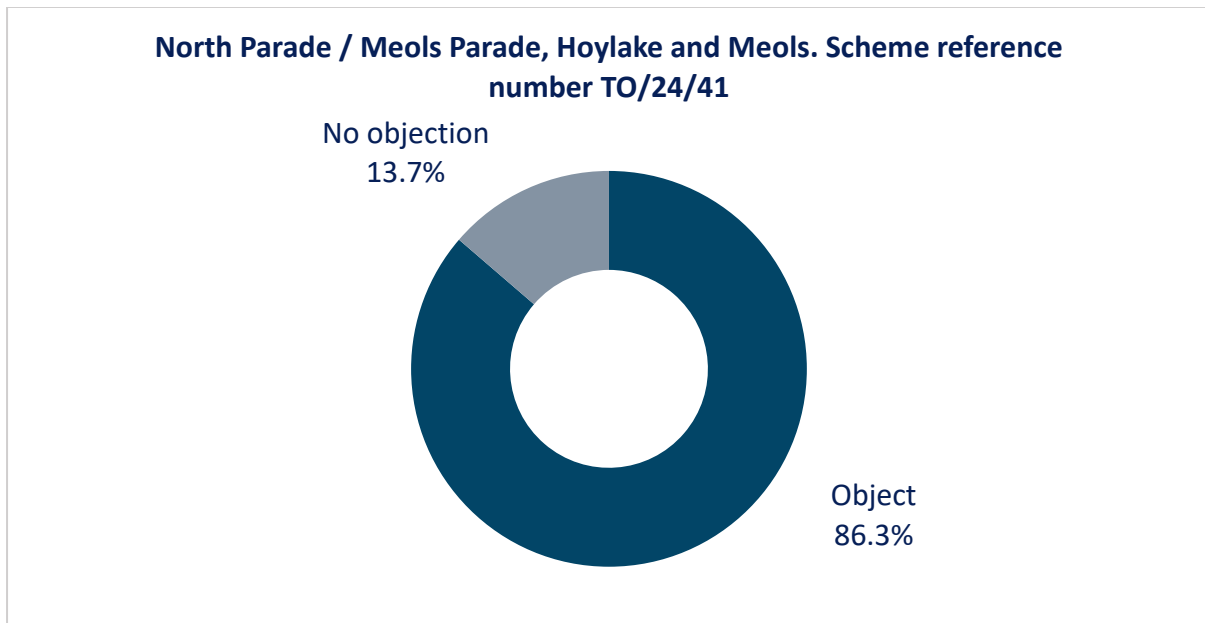


Figure 2: Responses to scheme reference TO/24/41

86.3% of respondents to this question objected to the introduction of scheme TO/24/41 in North Parade / Meols Parade, Hoylake and Meols.

North Parade / Meols Parade, Hoylake and Meols. Scheme reference number TO/24/41	Total	%
Object	2327	86.3%
No objection	369	13.7%
Total	2696	100.0%

Table 2: Table displaying responses to scheme reference TO/24/41

3.1.3 Question 3: South Parade, West Kirby. Scheme reference number TO/24/42

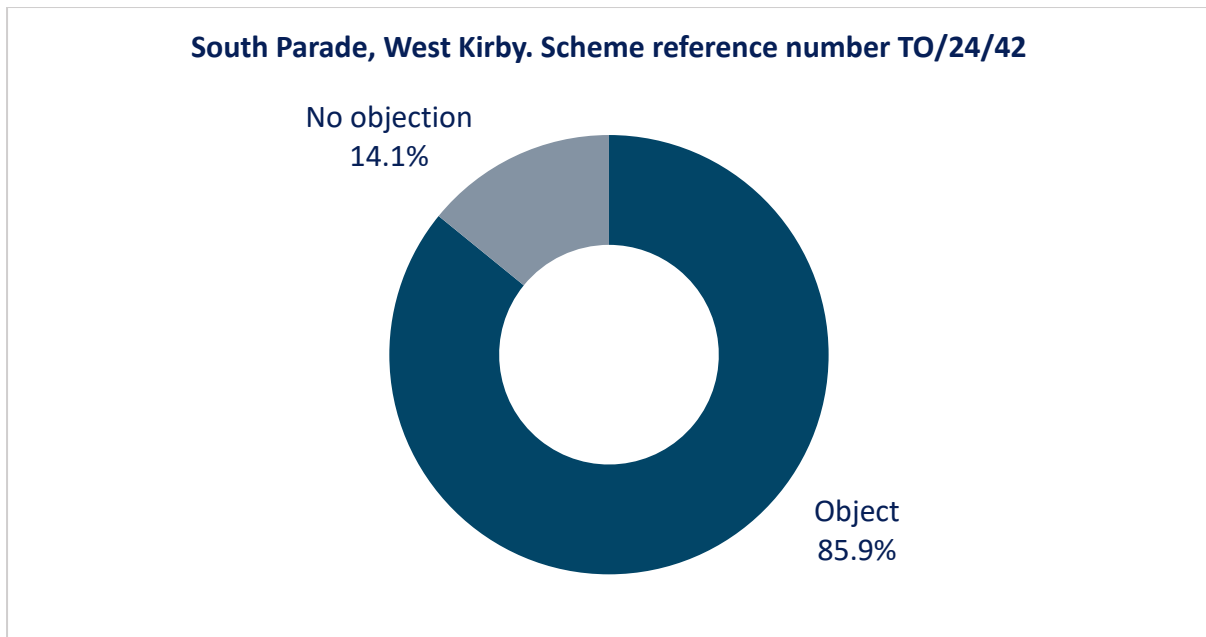


Figure 3: Responses to scheme reference TO/24/42

85.9% of respondents to this question objected to the introduction of scheme TO/24/42 in South Parade, West Kirby.

South Parade, West Kirby. Scheme reference number TO/24/42	Total	%
Object	2298	85.9%
No objection	378	14.1%
Total	2676	100.0%

Table 3: Table displaying responses to scheme reference TO/24/42

3.1.4 Question 4: Birkenhead Controlled Parking Zone. Scheme reference number TO/24/39

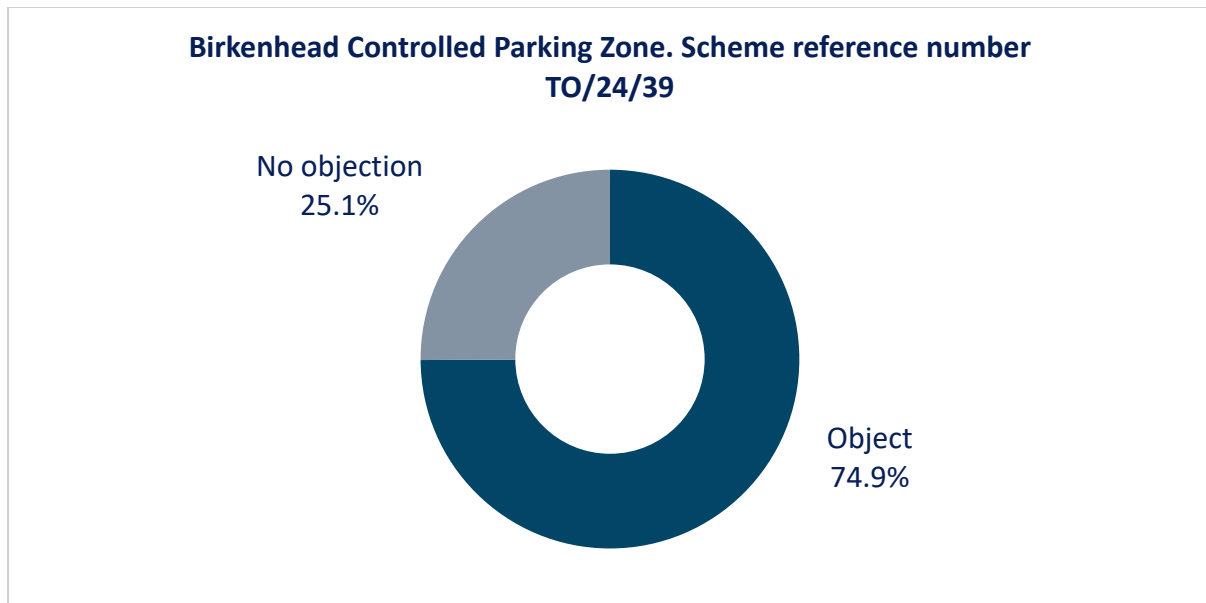


Figure 4: Responses to scheme reference TO/24/39

74.9% of respondents to this question objected to the introduction of scheme TO/24/39 in the Birkenhead Controlled Parking Zone.

Birkenhead Controlled Parking Zone. Scheme reference number TO/24/39	Total	%
Object	1873	74.9%
No objection	627	25.1%
Total	2500	100.0%

Table 4: Table displaying responses to scheme reference TO/24/39

3.1.5 Question 5: Other Off-Street Car Parks. Scheme reference number TO/24/38.

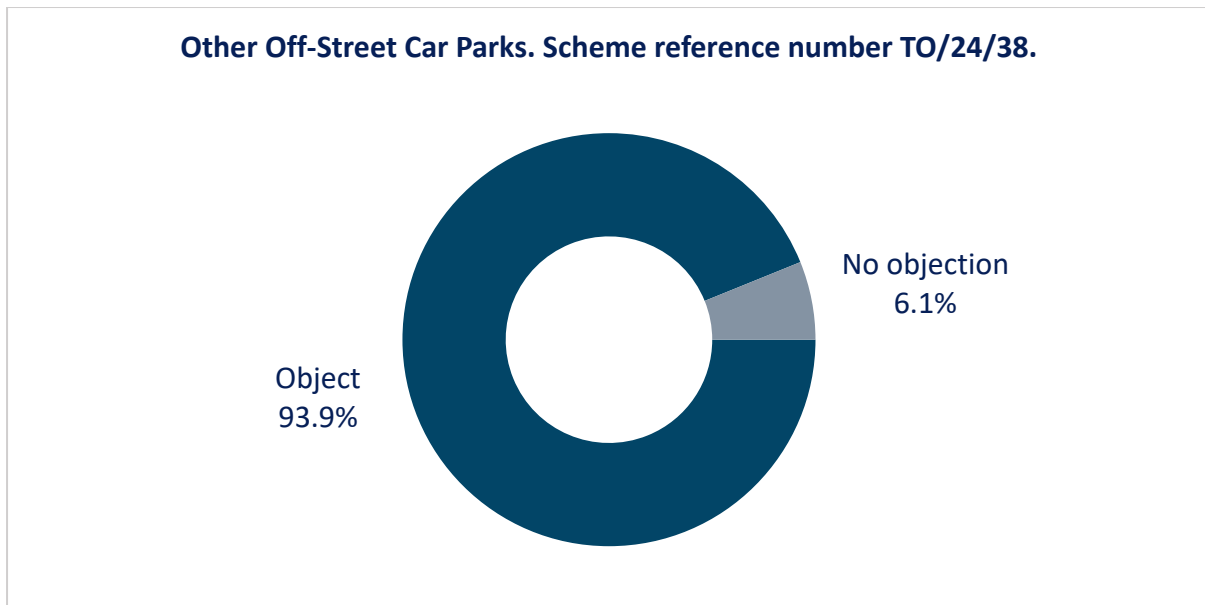


Figure 5: Responses to scheme reference TO/24/38

93.9% of respondents to this question objected to the introduction of scheme TO/24/38 in Other Off-Street Car Parks.

Other Off-Street Car Parks. Scheme reference number TO/24/38.	Total	%
Object	2757	93.9%
No objection	180	6.1%
Total	2937	100.0%

Table 5: Table displaying responses to scheme reference TO/24/38

3.1.6 Question 6: Do you object to all schemes?

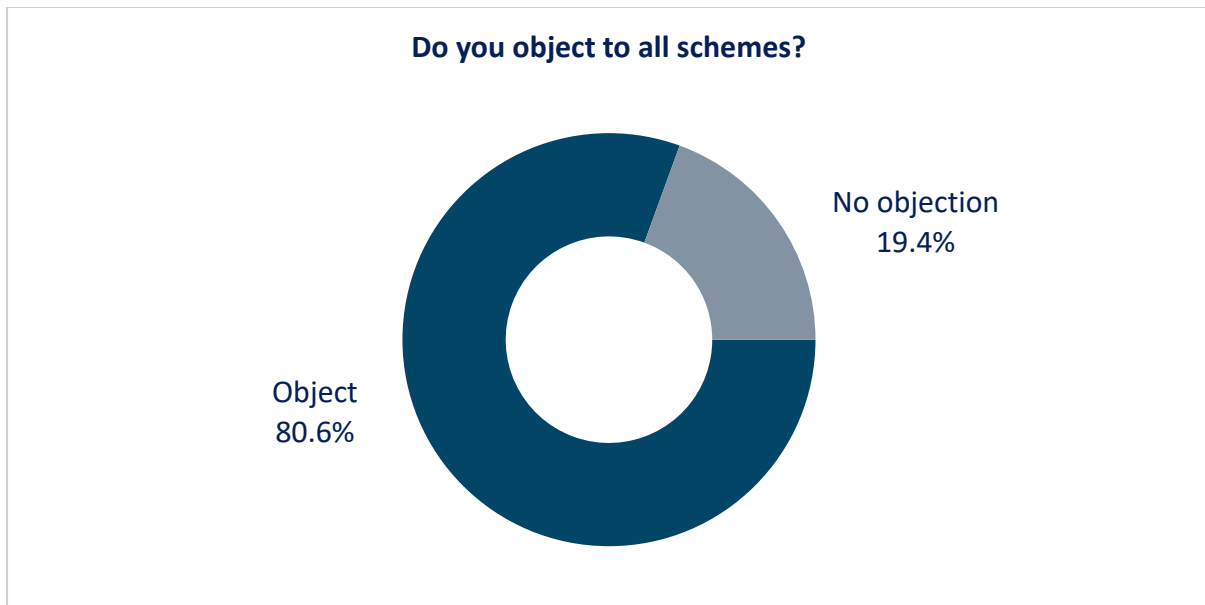


Figure 6: Responses to 'Do you object to all schemes.'

80.6% of respondents to this question objected to all schemes.

Do you object to all schemes?	Total	%
Object	2271	80.6%
No objection	548	19.4%
Total	2819	100.0%

Table 6: Table displaying responses to 'Do you object to all schemes.'

3.2 Direct representation

Some responses to the consultation were submitted direct to the council. These comments are provided in Appendix 7.

4.0 Demographics and Site Traffic

4.1 Demographics

Registration was required to engage in the online Parking Charges consultation. The registration form included questions regarding demographics including gender, age group, ethnicity, and sexual orientation, however not all questions in the registration form were compulsory and respondents could choose to select 'prefer not to say' or skip the question. The demographics results are summarised below. The same questions were included on the paper-copy questionnaires.

Most respondents (85.8%) classed themselves as a local resident.

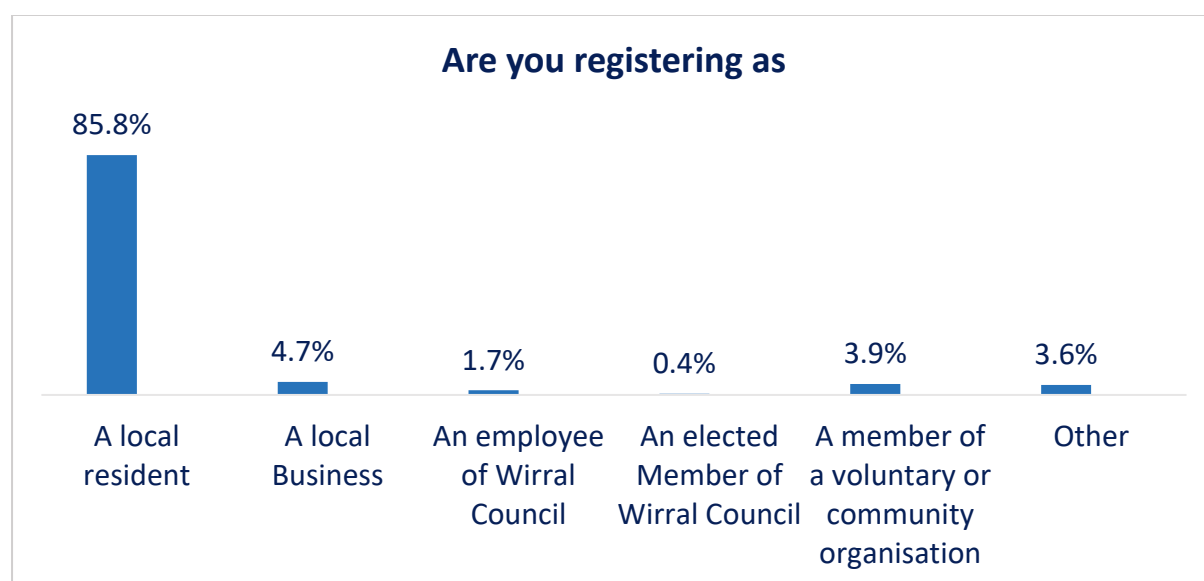


Figure 7: Chart displaying registration status

The age group profile is illustrated below with the most common age groups being 55-64 years (24.2%), followed by 45-54 years (20.3%) and 65-74 years (19.1%). Under 25's only made up 2.5% of respondents.

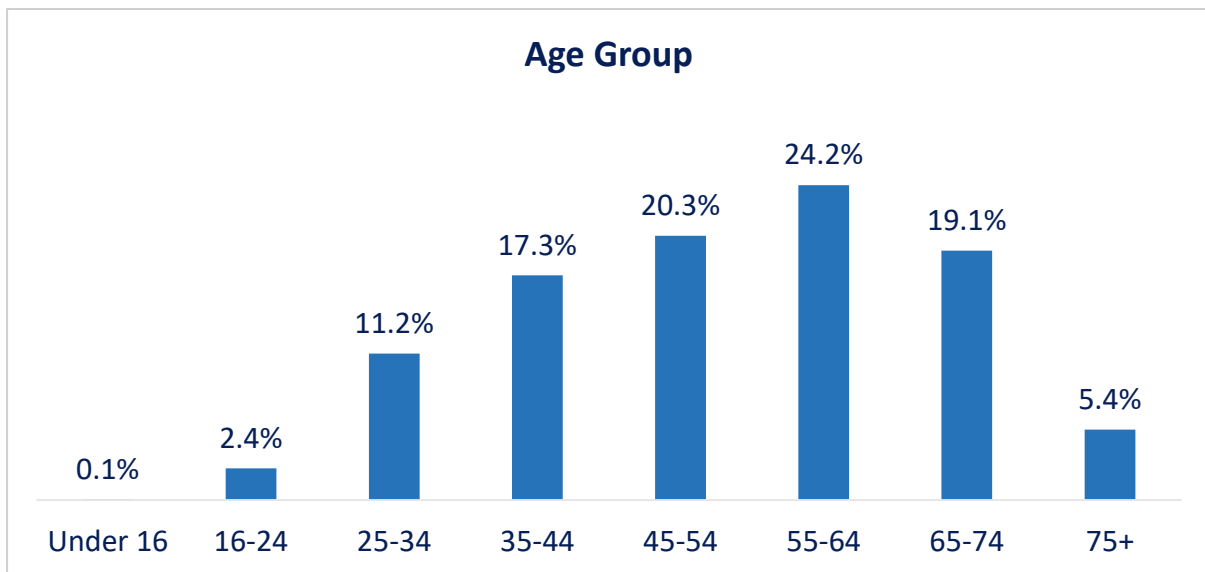


Figure 8: Chart displaying age groups

57.0% of respondents identified as Female and, 38.5% Male. 4.2% preferring not to say and 0.3% preferring to use their own term.

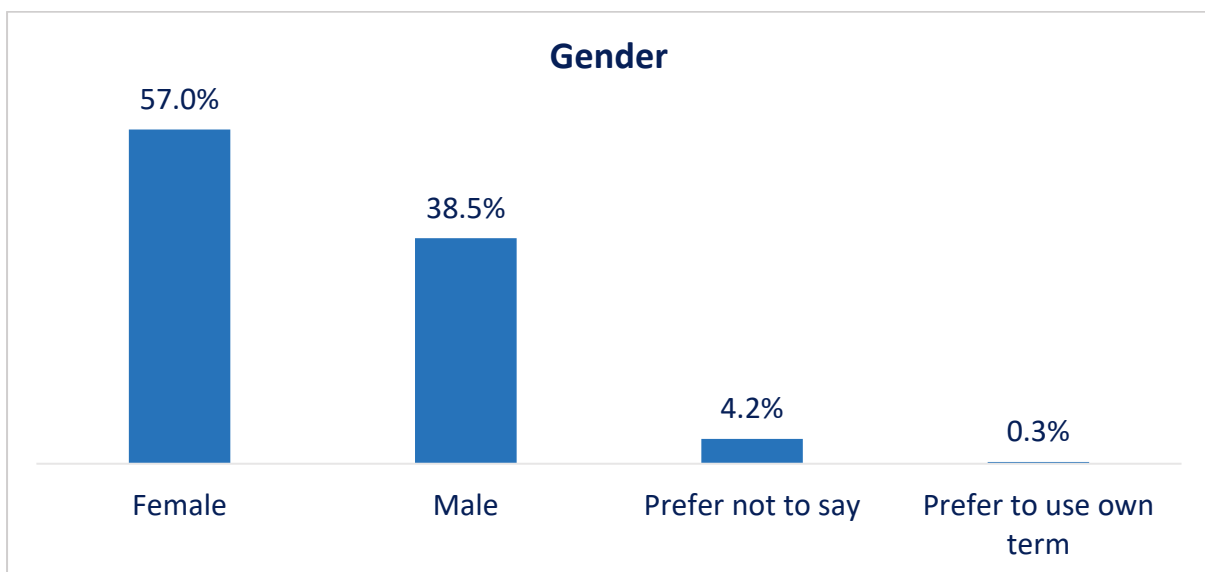


Figure 9: Chart displaying gender

79.9% of respondents were heterosexual, 1.9% were gay/ lesbian, 1.3% bisexual and 16.9% preferred not to say.

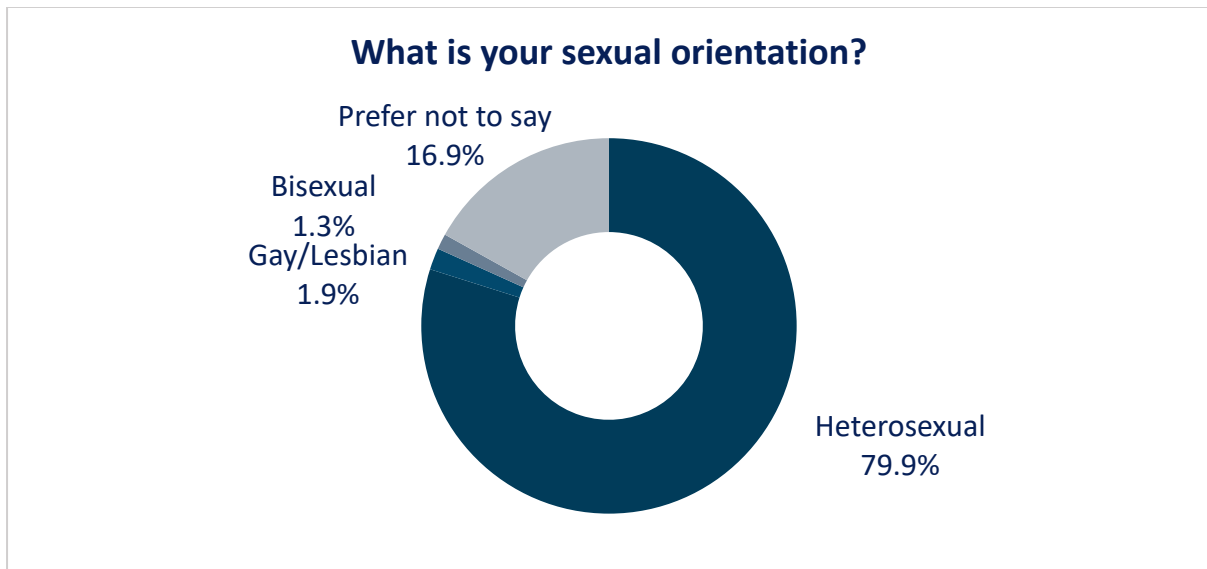


Figure 10: Chart displaying sexual orientation

78.0% said they did not have a disability whilst 9.5% of respondents said that they had a disability. 12.0% preferred not to say.

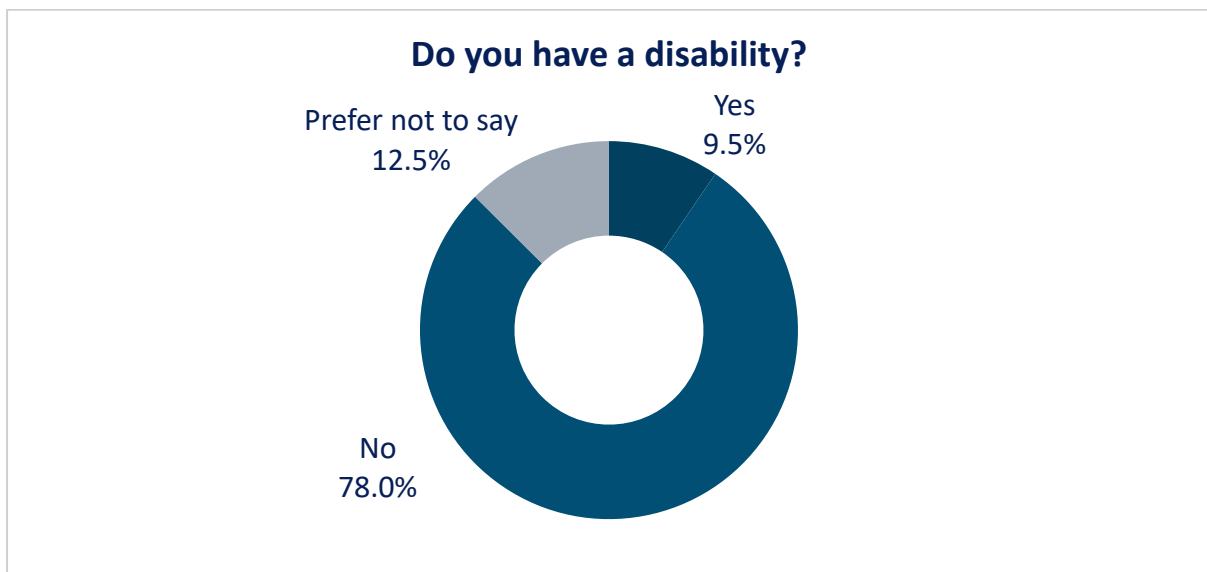


Figure 11: Chart displaying disability

The majority (93.3%) of respondents identified as White – English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish, British.



Figure 12: Chart displaying groups

The most represented ward was Hoylake and Meols (12.0%) followed by Clatterbridge (9.1%) and Bebington (9.1%).

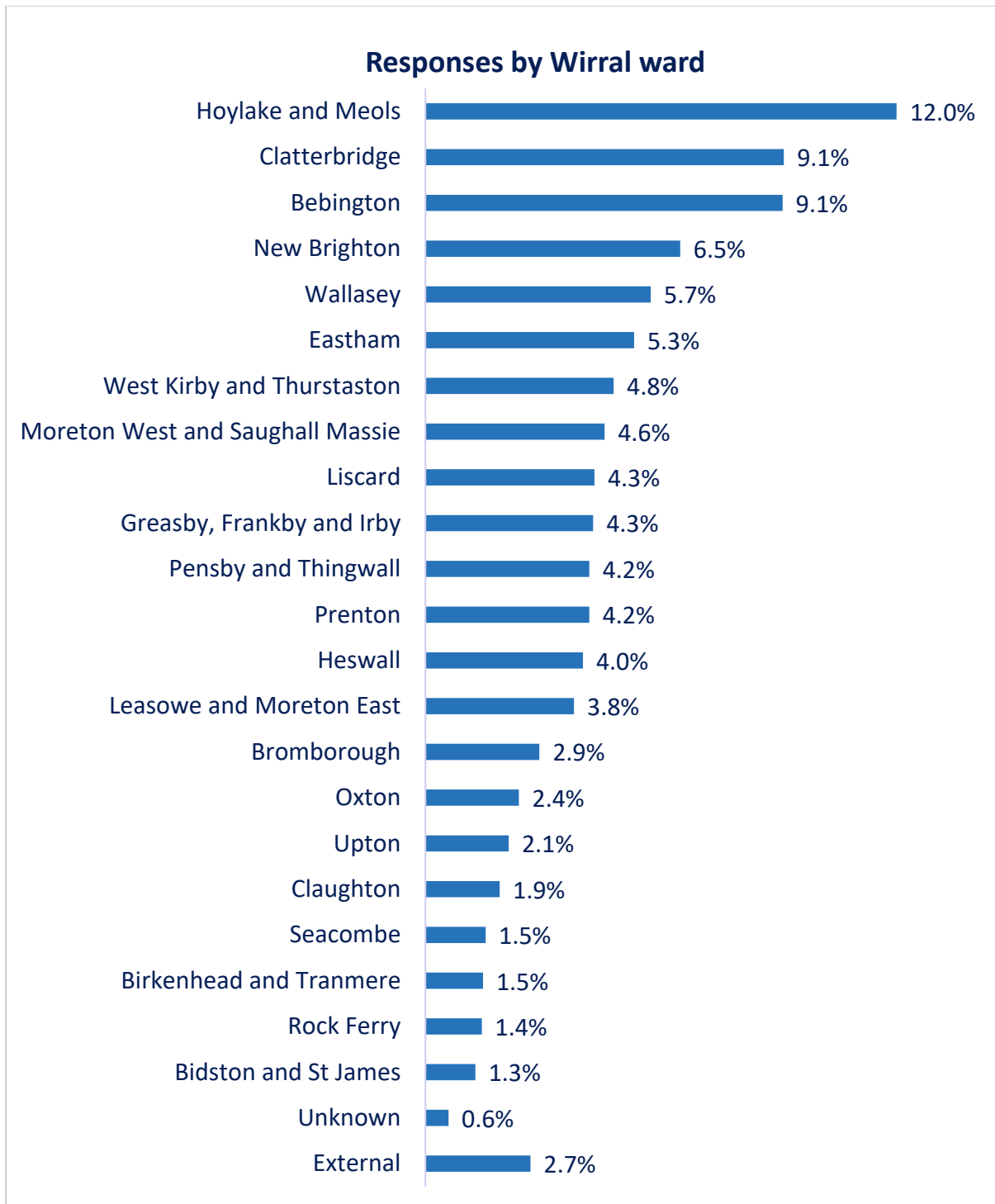


Figure 13: Chart displaying Wirral Ward representation

4.2 Have Your Say - Site Traffic

Reviewing the site activity, visits, and how people visit the site can be useful to evaluate if people are aware of the site, as well as to ensure engagement activities are deployed effectively, and to a wide range of different people – enhancing public engagement in the future. 14,879 unique visitors viewed the Car Parking Charges - Traffic Regulation Orders Consultation 2024 of the Have Your Say site. Of these, 5,073 visited multiple project pages and 3,070 people in total completed the questionnaire.

These figures cannot be viewed as definitive as they are based on site tracking through ‘cookies’ and there are a number of factors that can impact on this. These include that cookies may be disabled or deleted, individuals may access the site multiple times through different devices or different browsers. However, the figures can be used to gauge how much interest has been generated in individual projects through the rate of engaged participants.

The route that people access the site is known as the traffic source. The ‘Have your say’ portal allows analysis to be carried out on traffic source, and if they lead to engagement in the site tools such as the questionnaire. This analysis allows a greater understanding of which communication and promotional tools to use to optimise engagement.

For this project a range of traffic sources have been reviewed and summarised in the table below. Most visits to the site were Direct visits where people typed the internet address into their web browser (9,273).

Traffic Source	Aware Visits	Informed Visits (%)	Engaged Visits (%)
Direct	9237	3525 (38.2%)	1574 (17%)
Email	864	416 (48.1%)	117 (13.5%)
.GOV sites	700	485 (69.3%)	156 (22.3%)
Search Engine	1455	751 (51.6%)	264 (18.1%)
Social	5420	3071 (56.7%)	724 (13.4%)
Referrals	1208	713 (59%)	235 (19.5%)
Total	18,884	8,961	3,070

Table 7: Site traffic sources

Appendix 1: Do you have any comments about Kings Parade / Coastal Drive, New Brighton. Scheme reference number TO/24/40?

"1. I think charging for long term or over night parking to generate some revenue is fine. But in an all

Ready struggling seaside resort parking charges seem a bad idea. As well as contesting side roads."

2. If it was seasonal it might make sense, harder to get parking spaces on Marine Prom during summer and weekends.

3. It drives people away from the area which is struggling in the first place.

4. The local economy would benefit more from free parking

5. Would decrease number of visitors which would affect local business and discourage walkers for exercise

6. This could very easily stop visitors from coming to the area & the local shops etc would suffer financially

7. Driving potential visitors away from the area

8. Whilst it is only overnight I feel that the start time is too early and will affect local businesses

9. You cannot tell the public to get out for their mental health then charge them for the privilege. This council really is trying to kill off our economy.

"10. The parking charges will affect tourist numbers and trade at both local amusements and the Floral (which is already struggling) and likely prevent anyone from staying overnight, which in turn will see a detrimental affect on the already limited B&B provision. NB is always busy precisely because people can park free of charge.

I am a local resident who has a sole car park space in our property (the Prom), yet having 2 cars and unable to get a resident pass according to WBC, I will therefore have to pay nearly £2,500 just for the privilege of parking somewhere near my home."

11. Overnight parking I agree with, however the daytime tourist/family parking I do not agree with this area will become deserted.

12. This will damage local businesses as fewer people will visit the area. It also places a tax on people's wellbeing, for example, people who regularly walk their dogs on the beach will now have to pay or may no longer be able to do so.

13. New Brighton is a very busy area, this will certainly put people off coming, therefore businesses will lose money, people won't go out as much and inevitably places will close down. People will start parking outside other people's houses or parking elsewhere that they shouldn't which already happens when it's a very busy day in the summer, only to be made 20 times worse with this ridiculous idea that we should pay to park a car.

"14. Introducing charges will impact local businesses.

Without the businesses, you, as a council will also lose out on businesses rates and the area will become rundown and unattractive to visitors and new businesses. Think long term impact."

"15. Arguably the charge isn't high enough. You also need to consider introducing other TROs on surrounding streets – particularly No Stopping on Verge or Footway TROs – otherwise entitled drivers will almost certainly dump their cars on footways on surrounding streets.

You also need to provide more secure bike parking using Sheffield stands so people have an alternative way of arriving and staying at this destination other than by car."

16. Would discourage visitors from coming to New Brighton and local businesses would suffer

"17. Public transport is completely unreliable on the Wirral. Cycling is too dangerous due to a lack of cycle lanes. Buses turn up when they want, trains break down all the time, and the private companies that run these services are not held accountable.

You've built an entire peninsula which is only hospitable to drivers, and now you're planning on charging more for parking. It's disgraceful and disgusting. "

18. Having introduced an ETRO to prevent overnight parking, this proposal would give the green light to the kind of abuse of this site that we saw earlier in the year.

"19. It's not difficult to find spaces in this area overnight so I don't understand the requirement for overnight charges.

This will push people onto local roads instead.

why not have a short leeway of up to 1 hour free."

"20. Beauty spot that should be free to park for all Wirral residents

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21. Sitting by the sea with maybe a little walk is a small pleasure which hard up people can enjoy. Wirral has miles of coast line, most of which is closed off or not visible to the public. This should not be further restricted.

"22. This is a scheme that will have a negative effect on council revenue by facilitating the rapid decline of New Brighton, which contains many businesses that rely on trade from people travelling by car. The council will lose rates paid by these businesses. People simply will not travel there and spend the money they are doing in the arcade, restaurants, and shops.

There is no reasonable way to get here using public transport from all parts of Wirral borough, so this will disadvantage certain residents more than others."

23. It will discourage everyone from visiting. The local businesses need more help not more restrictions

24. Beaches should be free to access, we are lucky to have lovely beaches in the area and most people have to drive to get there. In a time when people need to be out doing more walking etc beaches need to be free to access, sometimes just having a drive to Hoylake beach and sitting in the car watching the world go by is good for mental health and should remain free when everything else costs so much these days.

25. It will stop the people of the Wirral being able to easily access the coastline

26. I am a NB resident. Do you expect my visitors and I to pay £6 a day to park? There are no residents parking schemes near my home. It will be over £2k a year to park!!!! I would have to move if this scheme comes in.

27. Times are Hard and the council are making times HARDER you'll be charging for us to breathe soon

"28. Driving people/tourism away with unnecessary charges. Impact on businesses. Especially impactful on those with low incomes eg families pensioners

The last time you tried to introduce this it was rejected by the community across Wirral. You never listen to the electorate!!!"

29. We need to ensure that this stays as only overnight parking and is not a prelude to full daily payments

30. This is a tourist attraction in an already struggling local economy. You would be directly destroying businesses and destroying livelihoods of the hard working people there.

31. It will impact the number of visitors which will in turn impact local businesses

32. People will find somewhere else to park especially in residential areas causing problems

33. Do not drive tourists away when New Brighton has been voted many times as UK top spot attraction. Overnight campers keep the charge but not a main parkig charge above or Fort Perch

34. Families are struggling to provide for them selves and this is a nice free day out in the summer for most wirral residents don't spoil it by now charging and taking away that very rare free family day trip there are no residents that park there and it causes no obstruction to any one so this makes it look like our council is taxing a road we already pay tax for

35. Constantly charging residents when we pay enough council tax as it is, stop wasting it on things like bike lanes which we dont want or need!

36. It will destroy any tourism to the area.

37. A visit and a walk along the public walkway should be free of any charges or interference of freedom to enjoy.

"38. As a single parent of 2 young children with limited finances, this is an area we and many other families visit because it is an affordable and enjoyable option that is achievable on a limited budget. By applying additional costs will remove this as an option for many people.

I also believe this would have a negative impact on local businesses. Many restaurants have disappeared from the area, failing to survive the current economic climate, by adding parking charges would further hinder this industry; notably the smaller local businesses, or those without a huge mother company supporting them, to be impacted the most. This would be the biggest loss to the community. "

39. I think shouldn't charge,as people will not come anymore

40. New Brighton depends on the Tourism economy and this will impact on Tourism

41. The regeneration of New Brighton will yet again be hindered by this plan ..Wirral promoted as a leisure peninsular ...inflicting car parking charges in this area will just push more cars onto surrounding residential areas causing even more congestion and possibly deter visitors altogether.

42. It will take away more of our already diminishing evening trade.

43. To aid health and wellness people go for walks, meet up with friends, a price should be put on for health/mental health and how long a causal stroll takes. When so many people are struggling with mental health and cash flow this will have a negative effect on both.

44. I'm on a very low income and this would have a huge impact on my finances. I walk my dog which helps with my mental health and the introduction to parking charges in places like this and also parks and nature reserves will have such a negative impact. This would then create more issues with my mental health but also physical exercise which would increase more contact with GP and further strain on the NHS.

45. If it was going to be cheap to park I would have no objection but as you have said you are going to increase the standard parking charges due to inflation so it would cost more than £5 to park all day I know it would put me off going. It has already put me off going to the country parks as I never know long I'm going to be parked there.

"46. Green spaces are vital for mental health and physical well being.

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47. This will deter locals and in turn affect businesses in the area . Locals should be exempt or have pass to prove residency .

48. See comments in 12 below

49. If you want to get people out to enjoy the Wirral then you shouldn't penalise them, especially the old and disabled who have no other option than to use cars as they can't walk or cycle and public transport is either not available, doesn't run very often or takes a long time. At a time when there are more mental illnesses these are going to stop people getting out and there will be a further impact on people's mental wellness which will end up with more people having to go to drs and hospital putting more strain on NHS.

50. . Just when New Brigtons on the up again, you sant to put people off?

51. You shouldn't be charging people, simple as that.

52. People go to New Brighton for a day out, they spend their money in the local businesses and it's a cheap day out for struggling families in a deprived local area. Charging for parking will dissuade visits to the area which is trying to regenerate itself.

53. This is a terrible idea. It will ruin the use of the prom and clog up the local roads, making them impossible for residents to use. You at the council will then likely waste time and money creating parking permits and other completely expensive and unnecessary schemes, ruining the parking for residents or even making them pay, as well as ruining the experience of many runners, dog walkers, and people that just want to enjoy the scenery on the prom. It is a complete waste of our taxes and will not make you any money, if that's what you're thinking about (which I imagine is all you're thinking about). I strongly object to this scheme and will do whatever I can to vote out anybody that had a say in this if it goes ahead. This isn't a purpose-built car park, it's literally just a road people happen to park along. There's no toilets anymore now that you've closed them all. These people are not there to spend money, they are there to get exercise and view the beautiful scenery of the Wirral, and you're about to commercialise that? And make them pay just to enjoy the place they live? It's absolutely disgusting. I hope everyone involved in this realises that.

54. You will kill off the limited success of the resurgent New Brighton.

55. Absolutely. Kings Parade and the Coastal Drive are great places for people not living in those areas to visit and go for a long walk. By charging to park there you are basically suggesting that to get the fresh sea air, to enjoy the pleasant coast, the events that are put

on the green, you're going to charge people the privilege to go there. What you'll do is stop people going.

56. We are lagging behind all other coastal towns parking charges should be introduced immediately as this is a revenue that the borough has been missing out on as people accept you have to pay a parking charge ie Llandudno, rhyl etc I live in new brighton and know the monies that could be made

57. NHS health and wellbeing statistics show obesity and mental health crises. People need to be able to "get outside" and enjoy nature for the health and well-being. Adding these charges could prevent people from being able to do so.

58. Once again Wirral council is out of touch with what residents want. This will decrease the amount of people coming to the area which businesses rely on and is wholly unfair on motorists. Your anti motorist agenda as well as failing to listen to the public on multiple consultations is a very bad look for the council. These charges are not wanted by locals or visitors and should not be forced on us because of the councils inability to manage its finances properly.

59. There are less and less things you can do now that don't cost anything. Lots of people enjoy watching the sun set/go for a walk around those areas. I get that the council need to find ways to make up the shortfall but it shouldn't be at the expense of the residence who are already paying more for a lot things like food, housing and energy. The government should be increasing budgets, not cutting them.

60. It's totally unnecessary and will reduce the number of people visiting the area. With the cost of living through the roof, some families rely on free days out to maintain good mental health and general wellbeing. This will take that away from many families.

61. You'd be taking away our daily access to walks and leisure.

62. Been a resident for 20 years with no problems why would I want to pay for parking when I need to take a look round the shops and local area ? I park on the prom so I can go for a lovely walk down to the bottom and use local Businesses that will stop if there's a parking charge. And I know my family would stop going as well. Stop ripping people off grabbing more money off people that are already struggling.

63. No consideration for residential parking and the knock on effect it will cause.

64. It will put visitors to the resort off & ruin local businesses, especially if the cycle lanes go ahead too

65. This scheme was voted no a while back, not sure why we are replicating the vote. People are sick of WBC take, take, taking. Don't ruin the few perks Wirral residents have left

"66. This is a truly awful proposal. It will just push parking onto side roads and other free areas making it worse for local residents.

It will also put people off using the areas for fitness/walks, when money is tight you cannot afford to pay for parking.

This would be truly awful for the community."

67. The public should not be charged for parking here as it is a place for recreation and exercise. By exercising people are reducing the burden on our local NHS services, therefore saving the council money.

68. The proposed charges will result in significantly lower numbers visiting these areas, resulting in lower footfall & reduced revenues to businesses in the area. This will damage the local economy resulting in businesses & retail premises closing.

69. Its cruel to start charging when we are all having money worries.

70. You get enough money off us. Maybe try and spend it better and not help out other councils and make people go to work instead of giving money out for free! Whilst I am at it... get cleaning the roads and weeds. The Wirral looks scruffy.

"71. Currently there are very little vehicles that park overnight at this location. The current restrictions for motorhome is sufficient. This charge will cost more to install and enforce than will make revenue.

Sadly this appears to be a case of attrition the members of the committee kept coming up with these crazy ideas against the majority of residents such as the cycle lane fiasco with a massive 74% against it.

Thuu oh s will have a detrimental impact for no gain.

Someone needs to take a step back and have a real look. What is it Wirral council are aiming to achieve by this and be open and transparent. You never know you may get support if your honest. "

72. This will kill off all local business people will park in residential area

73. Absolute joke that is the Wirral Council, people already use local shops and businesses less due to online presence already so in what World would more people shop locally when they now have to pay to park their car as well?

"74. Many people walk daily in this area with obvious benefits to both physical and mental health. The introduction of charges would dissuade many, including myself, from doing so as a daily walk, with charges of even £2 per stay, would incur a considerable cost of approximately £60 per month. You would thereby restrict the option of cheap, easily accessible exercise at a time when the cost of living is a major issue for many.

Additionally it serves as yet another targeted attack on motorists who are resident in the local area. There appears to be a dedicated strategy to make Wirral a ghost town. Cycle lanes will result in the closure of businesses, and will encourage new businesses to set up

elsewhere and this new scheme will result in reducing the quality of life for residents still further.

Your slogan 'We asked, you said, we did' seems sadly ironic given that the views of residents appear to be totally ignored and you proceed with the imposition of schemes even when residents have clearly responded that they oppose them. "

75. It's a place for recreational purposes why charge people

76. As a resident I already pay towards the maintenance of the promenade. Therefore feel I would be paying twice. I accept charges would bring in a revenue but a local residents permit with a nominal annual fee would be a lot fairer.

77. Having to pay for parking in these areas detract people from spending time in the area. This is detrimental to local business and deters people from spending time outdoors/ exercising. This is purely a money making scheme for the council for total disregard for the health and welfare of people visiting these areas for pleasure and business.

"78. People need these areas free now more than ever. We need to protect families access to outside spaces. Life is too expensive as it is.

Charge people to park on the street outside their homes for cheap annual cost. Get more money that way and protect our spaces. "

79. It is detrimental to local business, pensioners, people who enjoy the beach but can't afford to pay for parking! It's disgusting!

80. Why should we have to pay more taxes to enjoy our surroundings

81. .

82. This will prevent people having open access to our beaches

"83. Will destroy business by sending visitors elsewhere with free parking.

Cost of living crisis - is there no such thing as a free day out?

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84. Families and elderly need to have cheap access to open spaces where they can take in fresh air, walk and play to benefit mental and physical wellbeing.

85. There are a number of reasons why I object. I live adjacent to the prom and everyday I see people taking exercise. Very healthy exercise be it walking, running, walking the dog, yoga in the dunes, etc. Many of these people have to travel to get here and they should not have to pay money in order to get some healthy exercise. Where does the council draw the line in trying to bring in more income? It never ends. Also, you will create problems because people will seek out nearby free parking in nearby side roads, etc. then residents will

struggle to get parking by their homes. What then? A further cost to introduce a resident parking scheme?? I totally object to this scheme. It's a big open lovely free space and people ought not to have to pay to come and enjoy it. It will become cost prohibitive. Many of these visitors spend money in local shops too. This ill also suffer.

"86. Will definitely impact business and people visiting the area.

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87. How are we supposed to bring visitors to the area when they have to pay each time - it is hard enough for families at the moment as it is without adding extra costs to a day out.

88. Parking on the promenade should be free, I believe there was a covenant preventing parking fees on the promenade since it was built.

"89. Will reduce tourism

Will reduce putting extra money into local businesses from tourists/visitors

Will push parking into residential side streets "

90. Yes this will alienate many people who are deprived, on low incomes and disabled but without a blue badge.

91. Unecessary

92. No

93. The council appears to be hell bent on destroying The Wirral as a vibrant area. Please look at cost savings within the council. Sick leave, wasted projects that no one wants. Please remember where this funding is coming from

"94. People use our fabulous promenade.to be part of Active Wirral(oh the irony) .

They can park their cars , families can get their prams , children's bike/scooters out safely taking in the fabulous fresh air and views. , as can elderly who may not be able to walk down to the prom so p People use our fabulous promenade.to be part of Active Wirral(oh the irony) .

They can park their cars , families can get their prams , children's bike/scooters out safely taking in the fabulous fresh air and views. , as can elderly who may not be able to walk down to the prom so ark there and get their wheelchairs/ scooters (if they use them) and take I. The fresh air and views.

Charging for this, when many are struggling (heating allowance gone for many pensioners by YOU) Families struggling energy costs, food bills etc....this is just another tax on the vulnerable.

Mental Health is Important here!!!

Car owners are not cash cows!!!!

They are not a luxury item, they are a necessity!!!!"

95. Public spaces for health should be free

96. There is ample space for parking here away from residential streets and there is no logic to preventing people from parking legally in this space. I am concerned this will only serve to reduce visitor numbers to New Brighton. Many people find good space to exercise and meet friends here and the introduction of parking charges will mean this is now only for those with good disposable income.

97. This will seriously reduce tourists and affect trade to local, struggling businesses

98. It will prevent me from visiting area.

"99. I don't object to the implementation of parking charges in New Brighton, but I do think the impact to the surrounding area needs to be considered.

Parking on double yellow lines is an issue in New Brighton already, and it is not enforced often enough to be a deterrent (i.e. along Victoria Road; and on the roundabout where Rowson Street meets Kings Parade and Marine Promenade). There is also an existing issue of double parking along Rowson Street that blocks traffic (including buses) where there are no double yellow lines between the junctions on Rowson Street with Victoria Road and Egerton Street.

If parking charges are implemented, its reasonable to assume that these already existing problems would worsen. It would be great to see some of the revenue from parking charges used to enforce existing parking restrictions."

100. Local Businesses and tourism will be completely affected by this charge

101. I regularly park at New Brighton to walk as a form of exercise. Despite the council advocating that we should remain active, they make it increasingly difficult by imposing parking charges in all the country parks and now on these additional roads.

102. Locals should have exemption via some form of displayed card.

103. At a time when cost of living is so high and there is an epidemic of obesity and unhealthy children / adults, to charge people for a free, healthy day out is insane. Many families drive here, park up and take their children for a walk (possibly buying from local businesses on their way). To charge would be at a detriment to them, wanting a free healthy day out and at a detriment to their mental health.

104. The off road parking charging proposals will just discourage people from getting out of their vehicles at places like the gunsite and won't raise the funds for the council as hoped. The cameras, pay machines etc will be an ugly intrusion, attract possible vandalism and add unnecessarily to enforcement targeting and costs. I walk the prom and swim regularly (with the local Bluetits club sometimes) and the more people making the most of the fresh air and

benefits of outside the better, especially since Covid. From a physical health and mental welfare perspective, this is a retrograde proposal that will discourage folk from the area. In conjunction with the proposed on-street charges and the unnecessary cycle lane extensions, the parking displacement will increase pressure on access in residential areas and result in increased general nuisance parking and contention. This applies to all the areas proposed so ditto to those beyond Wallasey. With local finances strapped, why not increase tunnel tolls again by a small amount? Regarding the bike lanes, I would have a 74% yellow poster up but as I'm not a Conservative voter I haven't. Wide roads, numerous alternative routes and the promenade all make this a huge waste of resources and effort. As a regular walker, swimmer and cyclist, linked to the proposed parking charges, these are wasteful and impractical plans that need to be rejected.

105. It's silly

106. I objected to a housing development based on the number of apartments, lack of parking provision within the development and current pressures on on street parking. The planning department responded by citing the number of free car parking spaces available in Hoylake as mitigation. If the free parking is then revoked how does this impact on the planning for Hoylake, previous planning decisions and adverse impact on residents if this availability underpinned previous planning consent?

107. This will deter people from being able to visit New Brighton for social and leisure purposes, as well as hitting the local small businesses, who will lose out on trade. It will just push parking onto the side streets, causing more congestion there.

108. Will destroy opportunities for growing businesses in the area and damage much needed tourist traffic to the region.

109. Why price people out of open spaces

"110. I object to charging local people who wish to enjoy these areas & have family days out or just daily walks with or without a dog. We are supposed to be encouraging more outdoor activities not making it more prohibitive through cost & time constraints of having to get back to the car. I find this on Royden Park now. Enjoying the walk thinking I'll walk further & then remembering having to get back to the car.

These areas are social meetings for people who walked their dogs & enjoy meeting people down there. "

111. It will reduce visitor numbers and adversely affect businesses

112. This will destroy new Brighton, it is counter productive for the area and businesses

113. Access to our beautiful coastline should be free for all to enjoy. This will just stop people coming or push them onto residential roads

114. This will damage local businesses as myself and many others will not visit the area. I do not feel this is a good use of public money which could be spent elsewhere for example social care, rather than causing damage to a local business community.

115. It will have an adverse affect on local businesses by discouraging visitors

116. Will stop me from coming to the area

117. Residents have a right to free access to the shoreline. The Council should be encouraging local residents to use the shoreline for exercise, recreation and keeping fit. Making residents pay to park at the shore, country parks and public parks will inhibit them from enjoying Wirral's wonderful open spaces and environment.

118. Will reduce visitor numbers and damage businesses in the are.

119. If vehicles are parking along the road then I think charging would help discourage this and allow traffic to flow freely but if they are in a designated parking space then I don't think we should be paying to enjoy the coastline and it will discourage people from visiting and affect businesses, and a vibrant busy area will become desolate.

120. Parking fees should not be enforced on local people.

121. I am a pensioner and go quite often to New Brighton for exercrise - if I had to pay to park I would probably stop going as my income is already stretched

122. This is a terrible idea. Fresh air and exercise is so important for mental and physical well-being. This will discourage people from getting outdoors and onto the coast

123. I knife in New Brighton

124. This will discourage the community from enjoying walks along the coastline and will adversely affect those people who are already struggling with the cost of living.

125. With the cost of everything going up, we need free days out. Why would you take this away from us. We're suppose to be able to get out and enjoy nature but now you want to charge us for this.

126. Money wasted already on 'no overnight parking' signs and posts. Would not generate any revenue.

127. No

128. The point of the charging is unclear, but overnight parking should be done to avoid daily charges.

129. It will effect local business + individuals, + people will park on side roads causing congestion

130. These areas must remain free for all to use to encourage people to get free exercise and for local businesses to benefit from the visitors and locals who use the area regularly, we don't want the area to become an underused wasteland like it was in the 80's!

131. It will deter people from visiting and it will force those drivers who visit anyway, to park in nearby residential streets

132. Wirral council absolutely milking everyone dry of all their money. This will contribute to making families struggle even more that are already on a tight budget. What is the need in this! How do you propose this will be enforced it's impossible to enforce efficiently. It is a waste of money to install meters, new signs etc just like the 20mph zones that nobody follows. You just love to waste money!

133. Will reduce visitors to local shops etc

134. I feel that by imposing charges on these roads that visitors coming to our area use will ultimately reduce the number of visitors . I know I have personally reduced to number of time I visit the country parks since charges were imposed

135. Crazy idea to charge. Visitors simply will park for free at the shops

136. It's absolutely disgusting. People need to be able to access beaches for their mental health and to exercise.

137. This will be disastrous for the area which is struggling enough as it is. Also for people who park there every day for work, it will be an added expense that I for one can I'll afford

138. Already pay £100 er year to park in some parks around Wirral to exercise my dogs , don't want to keep paying to take them out, not happy just walking around the roads

139. New Brighton is popular with visitors and the businesses there are benefiting. This may cause people to find alternative places to visit or increase congestion on what are already busy side roads. I saw that a survey said "people who cycle or get public transport may spend longer at businesses". Apart from being very vague, it is not realistic to think that everyone will suddenly switch to cycling/public transport rather than finding a different place to visit.

140. Any area that discourages people from exercising themselves,their children,their dogs is so short sighted. We want Wirral residents to be healthy and active. Please don't charge to be close to the sea

141. It will dissuade people from getting fresh air around our coast.

142. This proposal will have a detrimental impact on New Brighton's visitor volume and thus on the existing retail outlets. Other than raising money for the Council there is no benefit whatsoever and indeed may see a decline in New Brighton's businesses.

"143. Parking charges can negatively impact small businesses and local communities by:

1. Reducing Foot Traffic: Fees deter customers, pushing them towards larger shopping centres with free parking or online shopping, which I and my family are an example doing so.

2. Increasing Costs for Businesses: Employees and owners face higher parking costs, burdening small businesses. Which then has an obvious knock on effect.

3. Harming the Local Economy: Declining sales due to fewer customers can lead to business closures and a less vibrant community. Which in turn drags in lower quality shops like betting shops and more charity shops which drag down an area. Then a cycle of decline starts or continues.

4. Causing Inconvenience: Residents may find it harder to access essential services, leading to frustration and a lower quality of life. Speaks for itself as public transport etc is appalling.

5. Displacing Parking: To avoid charges, people may park in residential areas, causing congestion and inconvenience for locals. I can vouch for this as I do exactly that.

These factors can make the area less appealing for both businesses and residents, ultimately harming the local economy and community."

144. WBC's greed is never full

145. This is absolutely awful to be charging local people for parking at sites that are much needed. The areas proposed for parking charges are vital for people's health, mental health and general wellbeing. Taking this away from people will be to the massive detriment to the people of Wirral. I myself walk my dog very regularly at a number of these locations and my family have a paid for bench for a loved one who has passed. We will have to pay everytime we want to pay our respects after already paying well over a thousand pounds for the bench itself. Please reconsider and don't take this away from local people and their families.

"146. WBC keeps saying it wants to regenerate New Brighton but here we are looking at imposing parking charges. £6 for long stay at a time when people are watching their finances and consider New Brighton a good place to enjoy a day out without having to build in extra charges. The view that it will help business is nonsense.

As a resident of New Brighton I use Perch Rock car park every day to walk my dog and at the same time I and others beach clean EVERY DAY in an effort to keep our beach front nice and clean and now pay for the privilege. "

147. It will make people park in the nearby roads rather than out of yhe way on the prom

"148. Hoylake is already falling short of visitors and tourism due to the state of our beach.

This will now further effect our local economy.

Now that people can't use the beach, many people park up & sit on the prom. So further adding to WBC preventing people for trying to do decent, healthy things.

Hoylake and Meols prom isn't a tually over run with cars parking there at the moment.

The Meols toilet block is in a state of disrepair and looks a mess. Still not resolved.

Old people need to be able to park on the prom for their wellbeing and can not afford to pay parking.

Young families on low incomes can't afford parking fees.

If you want to support low emissions then provide a better bus service. For example helping people to get from Hoylake to arrowe park hospital rather than them having to get a taxi or lift off someone."

"149. We want people to

Come and enjoy our wonderful promenade, beaches and open spaces. I don't agree that we should charge visitors and residents to use our open spaces."

150. Pointless survey as you don't listen to people's comments anyway.

151. I think the introduction of £1 parking charge for overnight parking on Kings Parade New Brighton will encourage camper vans to park and contradicts the current enforcement of £20 parking charge for camper vans to park overnight by the dips

152. This is an important area needed for families of all social classes to park and enjoy the beauty of the area and, crucially get exercise. Charging will prevent this and negativity affect the lives of the poorest families in Wirral.

153. visitors will park in already very crowded side streets in order to avoid charges. Totally wrong of Council to charge people to park on the road. Council should be encouraging people to visit Wirral's outdoor spaces to walk and pursue leisure activities. Many elderly people visit and enjoy sit in their cars or on the benches to enjoy the views and get some fresh air .

154. It will destroy an already run down New Brighton

155. Keep our green spaces accessible to.all

156. This is likely to stop a lot of elderly people going to New Brighton for a walk. This in turn is also likely to impact on the cafes and shops

157. My partner and I love walking along the front with our dog. As such, we contribute to local businesses. These businesses will suffer as a result of people like us no longer wanting to visit the front if the parking charges come into effect.

158. New Brighton is a thriving seaside town but will very quickly go downhill if visitors have to pay parking charges.

159. Having to pay will seriously deter people who need to visit new Brighton for fresh air and leisure and their mental health

160. This is a popular walking place for families and dog walkers. Applying parking charges here will discourage people from getting active and making the most of our amazing

coastline, not to mention people who have benches on this promenade dedicated to loved ones. Charging people to park here is incredibly unfair when some will wish to visit to remember loved ones who have passed, they should not be expected to pay for the privilege

"161. I understand charging for overnight and/or CamperVan parking, but this particular scheme is likely to cause people to park in nearby car parks instead filling those for people using those shops.

People use this space to exercise, walk pets and socialise - adding parking charges has a knock on effect to these visitors."

162. This will have a detrimental effect on the elderly who use these car parks regularly to enable them to get out in the fresh air.

163. May put visitors off coming to New Brighton. It is also currently a chance for people/families/dogwalkers to have a free, healthy trip to New Brighton to enjoy fresh air and scenery.

164. This reduces the opportunity for people to be active in nice places. It is merely a mechanism to increase the Council's coffers.

"165. This charge cannot be justified. You are attempt to take away free days out for poor families while wasting millions on Birkenhead.

This area is used for excercise and dog walking for people throughout the borough who pay enough council tax and forced to drive on 20mph roads without you charging to park in public places. "

166. We live on Wellington Road New Brighton. It's already a nightmare trying to park near our property at weekends this will just push more cars on to the surrounding roads

"167. If the council appropriately managed funds, the community wouldn't be required to further subsidise the council

Rather than review the councils management of funds and processes, the costs are distributed to those in the area. This will greatly impact those living near the parade, resulting in far more cars using side streets. No doubt this will offer the council and opportunity to make these permit parking offering yet another method for the council to bail out it's mismanagement.

I don't believe you've considered how busy these side streets will be. When the roads are double parked and a child runs into the road invisible until the moment they are struck by a vehicle, this will have to be the responsibility of the council."

168. Detrimental to tourism and businesses in the area.

169. Don't need any of these. Applies to all

170. This is diabolical. The local residents in this scheme have NOT been taking into consideration, and once again the council is thinking about how they can make money not just for those who will pay to park, but also those who will have to pay for parking permits, outside of their own homes, at approx £600 a year per car. Families now a days have up to 4+ members, this is an extortionate cost for no apparent reason. Why is it only now this scheme is being thought about? Because the council hasn't managed its previous funds correctly? There has been no need or requirement for paid parking now or in the history of the prom, so why now? Why suddenly change this? It is a money making scheme where if it is successful, I can assure you the council will spend the funds elsewhere, other than where it's supposed to be spent.

171. The scheme will drive local people away from using the beach and the dips

"172. It's a rare occasion that this part of town is full, considering the space available down the prom and around the dipped fields. With overnight charges, this keeps the area clear of unwanted parking overnight, but with additional payments throughout the day, people from local surroundings who come on a regular basis to walk their pets, meet up with friends and family etc is now going to incur an additional cost to their lives, reduce their regularity to the area and therefore footfall will reduce for local businesses.

This area is rarely busy and the special occasions it is, the public transport is enough to make up for people opting to not travel by car. Usually this isn't the fastest and therefore convenient method for every day living/walking/exercise."

"173. It brings in lots of trade and business to the area.

We all need exercise and driving to walk along the prom is important for health. Lots of people can't ride bikes but enjoy a walk."

174. This answer is for all the coastal car parks. I would struggle to visit these areas if I had to pay for parking.

"175. This will affect potential numbers of people visiting New Brighton & any redevelopment

Also it will affect people's ability to enjoy the water front & mental health benefits.

Why make it harder for people to get out into the natural environment "

176. It should be free to all to attract people to the area and keep local businesses afloat

"177. Overnight parking charges would adversely affect New Brighton, particularly Floral Pavilion and restaurants.

If it were to be introduced, overnight should start much later, like 11pm"

178. It will kill the area with the potential and likelihood of moving parking to the residential streets.

179. It will force parking onto residential streets. Reduce the number of tourists and restrict residents from using the seafront our council tax pay for. It will restrict dog walkers and people who exercise there for free. Another waste of money by Wirral Council.

180. I believe that with the cost of living crisis - taking away people's ability to freely enjoy a nature reserve space is immoral. I also believe it will affect local businesses as it is off putting to those wanting to visit who will try to find alternatives. It is also unfair to dog walkers who rely on this space to let their pets have adequate exercise.

181. Will reduce visitors, so revenue will not be as high as forecast. Adverse impact on local business. Adverse impact on local health as will act as a barrier to improving fitness

182. We pay enough in Council tax (nearly highest in country) to cover upkeep of car parks. THE COUNCIL WILL DESTROY THE HIGH STREET.

183. You are going to deter tourists from coming to our beautiful peninsula, and locals from enjoying the beautiful area. People park there to go for exercise too.

184. No

185. Will impact on the area

186. Parking charges will reduce footfall in the area and therefore negatively impact local shops, cafes and amenities.

"187. Are you seriously trying to ruin this village. 1st time beach now this.

If you want to save money cut Council expenses "

188. A pathetic attempt to try and recoup colossal sums of money wasted by frivolous buffoons. Easy to do, as they are not spending their own money. Local businesses are struggling anyway, and extra financial burdens calculated to reduce footfall will prove disastrous.

189. Not needed and not wanted. There are no problems with vehicles parking here. Don't make an excuse to bring in money

190. I feel it will have negative effects on the local business. It will put people off visiting the areas.

191. Likely to detract people from visiting new Brighton, adverse effect on health and wellbeing and economic prosperity

192. Increasing charges will just stop people from going there.

193. An already struggling seaside town is a safe haven and escape for local people. It is only busy in the summer months as is anywhere but introducing parking charges would drive people away. I use the coast to clear my head and go for a walk to improve my wellbeing

every single day. If there was a parking charge I wouldn't be able to afford to do this every day. Think of your local residents that love and care for this area.

194. The cost of living is tough enough as it is. To impose parking charges will limited local use of our natural beauty and few areas that can be a "free day out". This is blatant money grabbing by a corrupt council. Not only does this affect local access to nature, it will affect local businesses and tourism during the summer. Locals deserve to park in their community for FREE. Shame on you Wirral Council.

195. We need to attract people to the area not deter them the cost of living is high enough for a day out or to go shopping

196. This is a money making scheme I will park on nearby residential streets sooner than pay....

197. You're ruining OUR Wirral with your stupid charges

198. It is another financial burden on people who are struggling in the present financial climate. Going for a walk in and around the coastal areas of the wirral will become a pleasure for only the wealthiest residents.

199. As a local resident i think it's a disgrace to have to pay to park everyone I want to go to this location to take a scenic walk with my family. I think Wirral residents should be exempt from these charges.

200. The numerous recreational users of the promenade will be deterred. A scheme ensuring access free of charge before 9am and after 6 pm is preferable and sufficient free spaces to enable recreational use for all. Early dog walkers/runners and swimmers will be put off and damage to health and well being will follow.

201. Wirral council tax payers could be issued with a permit to be exempt from charges in these areas, the coastline should be accessible for residents

202. More attacks on the motorists

203. Disgusting. People having to pay to walk their dogs. Go for a quick drink or for some food. More importantly, people who go down to the prom to just sit and reflect. I see a lot of old people there doing that. Taking a flask and just watching the world go by and you want to tax that? Leave peoples freedom alone will you 🙄

204. Parking charges will have adverse effects on local businesses

205. Will put people off visiting

206. Charging for parking here will lead to increased parking in other already congested residential areas of New Brighton and the increase of foot traffic from these residential areas to the commercial & tourist areas near the sea front.

207. This will stop people parking here, enjoying the outdoors and taking walks. This will impact people's health and therefore have a negative impact on the NHS.

208. It will keep people away and become a ghost town. You tried to do this before and it was objected, so stop trying

209. It will cause more congestion in side streets as people will park there instead to avoid charges,

210. I already pay road tax, and the prom is a public space for people of all income to enjoy. Labour seem to think only the rich and wealthy should have access to public spaces. The working class are already struggling to afford food never mind parking charges. Absolute disgrace getting charged to park in a public space.

211. This will push people to park away from the busy areas. We live in a small road within walking distance to the centre of New Brighton (Morrisons etc) and already have problems with parking. We have applied for residents parking and as the road is "too small" we cant have it. That is exactly our point and have had the road blocked by idiot parking which would be a safety issue for us and this charging scheme will make it worse. What are we going to have now?

212. Will reduce visitors to the area, impact business, and discourage people to get out in the fresh air. Particularly those on low incomes

213. Shortsighted, may make a pound or 2 in the short term but it's just going to stop people and local coming to the area to spend their money. Shops restaurants and theatre will close then nobody will come at all

214. It will put visitors off coming and impact the local economy as a consequence. Visitors will also choose to park further into New Brighton impacting local residents parking which is already tight in many places. Other than raising money for the Council, no other good will come if this scheme.

215. Pure joy takers. To charge people in this area will impact visitors as a whole. People are struggling enough.. Its pure greed

216. Free parking is one of the unique selling points for new Brighton & the floral pavilion.it is what sets the venue apart from the competition in Liverpool & Chester. To lose this as an offer would have an adve people to pay daypartingrale rse effect on the popularity & profitability of the venue..

217. will turn New Brighton into a ghost town

218. People should have free access to the Coast for healthy lifestyle.

219. It will affect local businesses and encourage those who refuse to pay to park on residential streets.

220. Now that is's no longer being used as a van showroom, does it need to be controlled?

221. Recreation is so important to those that live local. The Council should look at cost savings rather than charge drivers.

222. I thought you could only charge for parking to ease congestion? Stop punishing drivers!

223. This will severely impact local businesses in the New Brighton area.

224. Residents will pay but people using New Brighton Hotel, pubs and businesses use Windsor street to park their cars in whilst having a drink, sunday lunch, hair /nails done or staying in hotel when car parks are full. Traffic wardens are very rarely policing this road and if they are, they drive down the road only stopping when there is a car on the pavement. Based on this why should we pay more when its not even policed now

"225. Parking charges will be far too high. The businesses will suffer massively as people will not spend time down there. I know it would put me off going down there for any amount of time!

If you must bring in charges then £2 max all day charge would not put as many off going. "

"226. The Leisure Peninsula what a joke. This council deters people from participating in any leisure activities.

Close swimming pools, library's then charge to park to walk along the prom!! Disgraceful.

Waiting money on cycle lanes and 20mph Road signs and consultants."

"227. This will impact health and do nothing to combat the rising obesity levels.

Why stop or discourage people to walk along the promenade?

Not all users live close by, and public transport is expensive and inefficient."

228. Charging for people who come to these areas either to spend money in the local shops which creates revenue for the borough ,or to get exercise which helps the borough keep its health cost down.

229. It is difficult to get out to coastal areas and parking charges restrict those on a lower income.

230. The council seems set on driving locals and visitors (motorhome owners and motorists) away from the New Brighton area. The can find money for endless amounts of signage, and un used cycle paths but expect people to pay for parking and get nothing in return.

231. The prom and the beach are some of the only free leisure available to low income families, of which there are many in the local and surrounding areas. Introducing these high parking rates is removing this source of leisure from them. Its quite frankly, disgusting and greedy of an inept and corrupt Council.

232. Having worked in the local travel and tourism sector for over ten years there is a need for parking, particularly for motorhomes. motorhome families and couples bring a lot of revenue into the area and should be encouraged.

233. Charging for parking is out of order, people who live in Wirral already face high council tax, parking charges will stop people visiting beauty spots

234. Parking charges will have a massive impact on the local businesses and community access to open spaces. We should be encouraging people to use open spaces for their own wellbeing, which will have a positive impact on our health service.

235. This will stop visitors coming to the resort or else they will park in residential streets and annoy the residents by leaving them nowhere to park. You are trying to change behaviour to encourage people not to use their cars. You need to employ a psychologist to assess the impact of human behaviour. It won't work - human nature means they will find other places to visit or to park that are free

236. my reasons are the same for all proposals for charges to current parking, as a labour controlled council we pay one of the highest council taxes in the country in an area of high deprivation, yet you seek to increase and enforce charges to parking in all areas stated which financially deprives ordinary citizens who are already struggling financially with council tax increases, gas and electric increases, mortgage and rent increases with crippling charges, cost of living increases to food and essential items are crippling, now you want to charge the everyday citizen additional parking charges with no due consideration of the local communities high levels of social deprivation high nos of food banks! plus the negative impact to the local economy, many people stopped shopping in liscard cherry tree due to car parking fees and you show a lack of disregard of the effects to tourists and visitors who are also struggling financially, they will vote with their feet and visit places that do not charge them to park!

237. More of a question than a comment, many disabled drivers (& carers with a disabled passenger) enjoy parking on the prom to "take in the view" without actually leaving their vehicle - will displaying a Blue Badge still allow this without payment or penalty ?

238. Public transport is not good enough in the area to expect people to travel this way. There isn't a shortage of spaces to justify charging

239. No

240. I don't think you should have to pay to park here. There is plenty of room along here to park and on the dips.

241. There is plenty of room for parking. The scheme is not about reducing congestion. People should not have to pay to visit the coast where they can exercise and get fresh air. I think the council is introducing these charges to get extra money out of people. Its nothing to do with controlling the traffic or making parking fairer. It will cause increased congestion on nearby roads that do not have parking charges.

242. This will massively impact local businesses and is likely to make people park on side streets and cause disruption to residents.

243. I object to the caravans parking there and camping. But the rest should be kept free.
244. You're making the free things in life (sea air, beach time, woodland walks) prohibitive. Everything now is taxed or rates increased.
245. Visitor to the coast bring money into the local communities. The council should not be predatory on these visitors.
246. Poor decision, making access to our coast only available to those that can afford it. It is morally wrong to charge for street parking on the coast. The charges you are proposing are just poor greed to make up for your bad managing of the boroughs budgets.
247. This limits access available to Wirral residents
248. I believe this will reduce the number of people using the area, businesses and therefore reduce the popularity of the area.
249. See below
250. Exemptions for those unpaid unofficial workers in our community who have been maintaining our streets and beaches for years
251. You will drive away visitors to the area and struggling local businesses will go out of business. People will just park in side streets therefore causing congestion for local residents. Also charging money for parking your car to make profit is illegal as it should only be done to ease congestion and most of the places you are charging for are ghost towns.
252. You are risking the area becoming overrun with out of area visitors and pushing away local visitors especially at large event times. Anyone within a 5 mile radius would get yearly free parking for 1 car
253. There are always plenty of parking spaces here so no need to implement charges in order to keep cars moving.
254. This area allows for all of society to get out in the fresh air with easy access to exercise. Start charging and you will have an even healthier population
255. Nothing has changed from 2022, when a similar scheme had been proposed. Now with a survey to say the implementation is all about the environment rather than raising money it back on the table.
256. Treating motorists as an ATM to plug alleged "blackholes" in council budgets is an ill thought out - if any thought was actually applied in the first place- scheme. We can't rely on public transport to visit New Brighton. The long term effect will be visitor numbers to the town will decrease significantly, businesses - therefore council income from rates- will close.
257. Free parking here encourages visitors to the area both from within Wirral and outside the borough. Charges will significantly reduce numbers parking which in turn will affect local businesses and impact on the health of those who no longer choose to walk here.

258. I tend to agree with this one as it will not affect local residents as not as big a residential area in close proximity.

259. Unnecessary. There is no congestion. This is a revenue raising scheme.

"260. For the country parks you have an annual permit you can buy for £100.

Can you introduce an annual pass to include kings parade for £100 ? Or to include lease gunsight and derby pool??

This would earn you revenue and also give locals an option ."

261. Local people, who don't reside by the shore, park here to take exercise for their physical and mental wellbeing. Some are those who partake of social activities like yoga, swimming also fishing. Whilst here they contribute to local business. Bringing in charges will cause many to go elsewhere or even stay home. I can accept implementing a charge for overnight vehicle stays 10pm to 6am.

262. Loss of revenue to local business

263. Will put off visiting area and shopping in vicinity.

264. Parking charges mean people avoid going to places, or those people that do go, end up parking on residential streets causing more issues. I'd rather the council up council tax by a few pounds.

265. It's punitive and will kill the area cause mayhem for people who are disabled but don't use/have a blue badge. The low incomes who are struggling to make ends meet. The families/people that like to walk their dogs on the beach/prom countryside. The mental health groups who meet to take exercise. The loners who walk around and engage with society. The families who are being crushed by the cost of living and the only thing they can afford is a car because it's cheaper than public transport for a family. This is wrong way to raise extra funds. Parking causes so much anxiety for all types of people. Not everyone with a disability has a blue badge. The privacy of disability is exposed on production of a blue badge. It's wrong to make people jump through hoops to pay to walk in the beach or get fresh air. I don't shop in Birkenhead because of charges and it's complications, are the machines working do I have my one debit card, oh know I've lost again. Will I go overdrawn at the end of the month, can't park as I don't have a debit card this week month. The bankrupt the 10% of the county that don't have access to internet or multiple debit cards, the unemployed the older generation that a complicated pay as you park scheme excludes, the struggling single parent or hardworking low income or struggling families. Please don't do it you will kill the area and push parking into residential areas outside the boundaries. I pay 11 % of income on council tax, another 12% on gas and electric, 10% on telephone and broadband. 6% on water, 5% fuel. I'm disabled and need my car but I don't want to be a blue badge, my disability is a private matter and refuse to tell everyone every time I park. It does matter if people know they can park for a minimum or very low amount. No fuss no time limits no anxiety. £1.20 per hour is a scandal why not just a £1 a day why the greed. Is

it I to pay for enforcement? Why not just donate, go fund me for the whole area, it's complicated you don't need to make it complicated if you want to raise money. Make a charge of £20 per annum for a parking pass. It's simple. You will be on the wrong side of history as more counties implement parking charges. Also the scams people have to do to pay for parking.

266. Adding or increasing charges will price out the poorer in the area who visit, Wirral residents already pay enough in council tax and parking, and visitors keep the businesses running.

267. Charging for parking will have a detrimental effect on the wellbeing of Wirral residents. Many elderly people rely on these open spaces for mental wellbeing. They cannot be expected to use public transport or the unnecessary bike lanes. They also shouldn't be expected to pay for the privilege of our natural beautiful coastline!

268. Penalised residents, put off visitors so local businesses will suffer.

"269. Discourages people to come to the area and use local business. Pushes the cars to the surrounding streets so makes difficult for the residents to park. dissuades people to use outdoor areas and keep fit and healthy, creating added problems for the health service.

People who are unable to afford the charges will be disadvantaged and may become isolated if they don't go to areas they usually do and participate in activities they usually would."

270. Some "free" parking should still be available as this will prevent visitors from parking in local residential streets

271. local residents and businesses will be negatively affected

272. Charges will drive more cars onto the local roads, especially nearer the beaches. Also, during the winter months the beaches will be used less by daily users such as dogwalkers as it will be too costly, thereby leaving many areas unnecessarily empty. Surely we want parks and beaches to be used all year round.

273. That will stop vans parking there overnight

274. I have lived on the Wirral all of my life and it was alright now you have got cycle lanes and parking charges and now stupid 20 mph all you had to do is outside school and other places like town centre paint red lines or marking on the road where the speed limit is reduced I have been driving a car and motorbike for years .. when I am driving my car in 20 mph zone it's costing me money because I am in a lower gear which is producing more pollution so how can that be better for the planet I have been a broad on holiday but I would rather travel around Britain to support hotels and bed and breakfast places but most hotels are now filled with immigrants you only putting car parking charges on the people who live in the area or visitors to pay for the immigrants you have put it in hotels look after the people who was born in this country not foreigners the cycle lane from Moreton to

Bidston is a waste of time and money no one used it to date the person or persons who thought of it should be sacked you all should be replaced with people with common sense

275. Parking charges will drive visitors away and cause businesses to suffer. It will also result in people parking more in congested residential areas, which will be even worse if cycle lanes are introduced.

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277. Yes

278. Recreation and exercise is a very important and valued part of people's life, in particular to maintain a healthy physical and mental well being. People are strapped for cash these days and taking away the ability to go and walk down the beach for those not lucky enough to live adjacent to them, without having to pay yet more money, would be detrimental to all. It would cost more in health care costs than would make in charges. It would be especially detrimental to the elderly. It feels like yet another tax on the less wealthy compared to those who can afford to live by the beach and walk there.

279. As a system we are looking to cut millions of pounds from our health care budget and spending more year on year on mental health and weight loss, launching apps and promoting a "healthy start" in life. This is ridiculous when the council proposition is to cut off peoples access to natural beauty and green space, widening health inequalities for those who does live within walking distance of these areas (or any green space in fact), for those who aren't able to use public transport.

280. Please keep this free for all and for people on low incomes who already struggle to put food on the table

281. Our local area benefits from people coming to visit, if you male parking charges, people will stay away and our businesses will suffer

282. It will take money from local business and tradespeople. It will also push parking to nearby side roads creating stress for residents.

"283. Yes.

You will drive people away. Business will lose money and close look at birkenhead that's worked so well and cherry tree shouldn't have to pay to go for a walk in the parks either "

284. will see the attraction being underused

285. This scheme will affect people like me who have been struggling with mental health. Going for a walk by the sea helps with my mental health. Many people are already struggling with money and having to pay to enjoy some much needed fresh air and exercise is wrong. Shops in places like Hoylake, Bebington will lose important footfall if people can't park for free, they will go to retail parks instead

286. New Brighton needs visitors and making people pay will deter many. Note what's happening in Brighton!

287. It will decrease visit numbers and put visitors off coming.

288. Once again, it seems, our illustrious elected members and the officers of the Council have failed to learn anything from previous debacles of their own designing. One thinks of the multimillions of pounds wasted on the Hamilton Project which resulted, directly, from the end of Parking Discs in Birkenhead and the introduction of on-street paid parking. One can almost see the tumbleweed blowing down the deserted streets in that area of the Borough. Does anybody within the Council ACTUALLY look back at pet schemes which have failed? I am sure it is no coincidence that previous FOI requests for a P & L breakdown on net parking revenue were always refused (on spurious grounds). I despair!

289. I am a carer who works shifts of 24hr increments. My client lives in a properly which requires me to park on the prom. I shouldn't have to pay to park to work.

290. Charging for parking here will deter people from going for healthy walks with children , or people recovering from illness.

291. It's mainly the overnight camper wagons

292. The council have not only reduced parking in the area but they are now charging to use it. The wall design was changed with out any sort of vote or logic involved at all. You ignore even the builders when it was being constructed and significant cost to the locals. All you are doing is annoying your local residents.. the cost of living is ridiculous and now we have to pay you for the right to park where we have parked for years.

293. The council represent the public of Wirral and they need to listen to our concerns. Parking charges will impact the poorest people and also local business's. The Council think they know best like when they wasted OUR money implementing ridiculous 20MPH zones, they can not be allowed to implement these parking charges.

294. Parking by the beach should be free for all!

295. So many people park here to watch the sea, walk their dogs, take a walk, park their car to go on a bike ride etc. adding in payment will make the area inaccessible to those who can't afford it and it doesn't seem fair. The promenade should be able to be enjoyed by everyone and not everyone can access it on foot.

"296. Why not restrict charges to summer months only. New Brighton is a ghost town anyway Autumn/Winter months.

I assume that monies raised for evening parking at Fort Perch Rock will be ringfenced for the cash strapped theatre as there are few other reasons for people to park there outside of summer months."

297. If you want to make the Wirral accessible to residents and visitors you should not charge for parking

"298. The council is reputed to be keen to encourage more physical activity. Imposing these charges will deter visitors from areas where they are likely to go to be active - recreation areas, coastal areas.

Imposing parking charges was seen to be disastrous for traders in Birkenhead. Removal of the disc parking and replacement with pay stations resulted in an overnight desertion of the town centre by drivers. eg Europa Boulevard, which was always full of parked vehicles during shopping hours, became, and has remained empty. Similar results can be expected for traders in West Kirby and New Brighton.

Imposing charges on promenades will simply drive vehicles onto side streets and shift the problem onto the residents there. undoubtedly, this will result in WBC issuing permits, for which those residents will be expected to pay - a further uncalled for financial burden."

299. Proposal will be detrimental to the regeneration of New Brighton, deterring visitors and so damaging local businesses and the Floral Pavilion Theatre. Parking will be displaced to local residential streets which will result in the need for residents parking schemes. Visitors are also likely to use the car park provided for the retail park (Morrisons etc) so they will need to introduce controls to ensure that their customers are able to park. Local shops, cafes and restaurants will be severely impacted by a reduction in the number of visitors which is likely to result in closures and the end of the current resurgence in popularity of the resort.

300. I don't know enough about the situation in New Brighton to comment.

301. Paying to park in these areas is ridiculous, you already charge enough money in other areas / car parks.

302. Residents in local area with a parking permit should be exempt from charges as we often have to park here when there is no on street availability

303. Only charge nighttime to stop people parking overnight.

304. The council seem determined to ignore their Wallasey residents. You ask for our opinions and then go ahead and bulldoze the plans through. We do NOT need more cycle paths we need better ones as for charging for the Fort Perch and Derby Pool parking, I'm speechless !! In these days when everyone is trying so hard to make the pounds stretch that little bit further to be able to drive down to the prom park up and walk, just to get your head straight is priceless! And what about the businesses? I'm sure they'll really appreciate having their footfall drop as regulars decide to put the parking amount towards paying for food, childcare and fuel. Just please listen!!!

305. Part of the reason for visits are no fees!

306. I think you're trying to discourage people coming to area with these Parking fees

"307. I think it should be free to park here. Bringing in parking charges will restrict poorer people from enjoying the outdoors/a few hours of fresh air exercising with their children and/or dogs. Why not bring in voluntary charges

“If you feel you’ve had a great day out then please contribute if you can””

308. You need to restrict commercial vehicles from parking overnight in this area. Even your proposed charge is nominal.

309. Parking should be free as this encourages people to go in local walks and shop locally which benefits surrounding areas and businesses

310. Parking overnight should not be charged for. There is no precedence on the Wirral for this.

311. This scheme may bring in some income but will result in local residents being put off from using those facilities that we have enjoyed for many years and are what makes this area so good. Also it will ultimately result in an overall loss of revenue for the area as other businesses and ventures will see a loss of users. A very shortsighted approach without actually doing anything to help or benefit the residents. Shocking!

"312. Using environmental reasoning as a reason to charge for parking is ridiculous.

It is a charge to solely make money for the council "

313. It will drive visitors away

314. No legal justification, it's purely to raise revenue. Runs counter to WB efforts to support the Floral Pavilion.

315. I think this will negative affect visitors to the area amd will mean visitors use residential streets that are already busy

316. Everyone loves going there, good for businesses, we pay enough without upsetting people

317. The flow of traffic is good and there is no problem with parking ! This is just a money making scheme. I was a manager for many years in private and public sector parking department and know exactly how these team mangers try to exploit people for profit to pay for the council development and wages

318. Will put many people off

319. For the same reasons as Hoylake and Meols Parade

320. I think introducing parking charges will discourage people using local businesses and will be detrimental to the local economy. I can't imagine people will make the effort to go to local shops when you have to pay extra for the privilege. I think this is what killed off Birkenhead town centre. . I don't object to overnight charges.

321. This will destroy some local businesses in the area who rely on tourism to the area.

322. This scheme will not help the local community. It does not reflect the proposals that the scheme will prevent traffic congestion as there is no evidence that this is the case.

323. Agree to charges for overnight but not spring the day and early evening.

324. People use this for recreation but there is rarely congestion. Charges will discourage people from exercising there

325. It's really extreme to charge for on street parking at this site. It will spoil the days out that older people enjoy and it's not cost effective.

"326. I live on Sandy lane on Wallasey village any major event at new Brighton and there are many results in overspill parking around resident areas once kings parade is full.

Enforcing parking charges will exacerbate the problem by forcing those unwilling to pay charges into residential areas.

It is deemed to be a leisure tourist area new Brighton you are damaging local economy by forcing parking charges that visitors may refuse to pay."

327. This will prevent people from visiting and will be bad for the local economy

328. Coastline parking should remain free and accessible to everyone. Life is hard enough for many at the moment and access to the proms is a matter of wellbeing and health for many individuals and families.

329. There is always enough parking, and never an issue like you propose it will solve. Charging for parking and putting maximum stay times on parking areas on or off the street will only deter people from supporting local businesses as there will be no free parking around.

330. People from all over the Wirral use the promenade to exercise, social, walk their dogs. In an area such as wirral which has many residents from a poor socio economic background these charge will put people off visiting. The wirral has health issues related to obesity and type 2 diabetes and taking away areas where people can go to exercise for free is adding to the problem.

"331. This will result in people parking on side streets.

We should be encouraging people to enjoy these natural areas and not have to pay for the privilege."

332. It will drive people away.

333. It's a leisure area, and a tourist destination that people go to walk on, they do not want to pay for parking, it would destroy what tourism there is left. And locals mental health would suffer as less likely to go for family walks.

334. This will drive people away from the area and increase the councils current deficit

335. See below these are not measures that are required to manage a parking problem and are motivated by the councils wish to make cash.

336. Overnight parking demand is very limited however this charge will deter people from taking exercise in summer months and contravenes Government policy to improve public health by preventative action.

337. When I moved here it was the leisure peninsula. With this move people wont park & walk along the prom and then go into the local areas to use the shops & coffee shops etc. It will not make the money you think as people just will not pay it. You are killing the area with the weeds on a beach. I also thought it was not allowed by law to charge on public roads unless busy etc. Very bad decision and shows WBC dont have the ~Wirral people at heart. As someone said its a great way to kill the area.

338. If will drive tourism away and locals to shop online rather than in the local shops

339. Keep coasts free for the enjoyment of all and to help local shops and businesses

340. As a resident for over 70 years and now a pensioner of limited resources I find it scandalous that the council feels they have the right to penalise their rate paying residents preventing them from visiting the places we already pay to be maintained etc.

341. Wirral is the 'lesisure' peninsular and all access to walking, swimming etc is slowly being removed for everyone.

342. No

343. No

344. Ridiculous

345. Yes this is a short term short sighted money making scheme to raise £1m for the council by inconveniencing and raising the cost of living for suffering residents. Residents are not fooled by the empty excuses provided that this is to keep traffic moving and to help the borough in anyway. Car parking charges kill trade it's a fact, it can be seen in areas where car parking is already in place, Birkenhead and liscard areas have been destroyed, reducing business rates, jobs and businesses. The council then spends 1000s to try and save the areas but fail. Lots of people don't live areas with sea views and space to play, ride a bike go for a nice walk, they drive their kids here and then spend the day active, either walking or scooters etc. this shouldnt come with a fee, there is no point spending lots of money on schemes to improve health and life style of residents to then add a tax or blocker from the most basic healthy and enjoyable activities, Royden park in frankby is now under used with many kids missing out on nice walks and den building ever since charges were introduced the place is now wasted and such a shame. This is a direct intervention that will affect children's health and particularly children who's parents do not have high incomes. As the the higher paid people in Wirral will be able to afford for their children to go on scooter and bike rides.

346. NA

347. Adding charges to every road in the Wirral is disgusting. As a local authority you're going to make it even more difficult for families struggling to have days out.

348. It's public land I pay road tax

349. This scheme will deter drivers from parking where they have to pay and will just create chaos in surrounding areas, i.e. in local roads. These open spaces are for people to enjoy, both physically and mentally, this will not happen if charges come into effect. Businesses in the local area will be impacted, you are, in effect, making Wirral a 'no go' area.

350. People should be allowed to access their beaches for exercise and relaxation for free

351. Wirral prides itself on being 'the leisure peninsula' but additional parking charges such as this will discourage residents from going out and getting regular exercise (with the long term consequences for their health) as well as impacting on visitors to the borough and harming local businesses

352. We spend a lot of time in New Brighton going for walks with our children and have done for many years. We support the local businesses in that area, however, we will no longer be able to do that if these parking charges come into place.

353. Coastal parking charges being introduced would only force more traffic in to residential side streets.

354. The negative impact on local businesses and families who already struggle to provide leisure activities for children is not being taken into account.

355. At a time where it's never been more important to get people out and about and active, these plans will put people off the most scenic parts of the Wirral coastline. We should be encouraging people to visit these places, not charging them for the privilege. This is yet another way of making things inaccessible for those on the lower end of the income spectrum. People will naturally look to park away from the charges and what will be the result? More congestion on side streets? An increase in parking permit schemes that will then cost more to administer? Seems counterproductive really.

"356. Disgraceful ! It will cost more to "police" the area

Tourists don't come that is the message WBC give.

Not that you will change your mind so wondering why I'm bothering to do this survey ?"

357. Why is the council intent on killing Trade for local businesses

"358. This is not 'an increase' as described in the justification it is an 'introduction of charges' as quoted directly from the webpage.

B. Public transport is poor in many areas of the borough. Use of a car is often the only practical option and is already very expensive. May we have realistic alternatives before adding more expense?

C. The fee high enough to put anyone off parking (the aim of the charge) , but very inconvenient to end early at 8am. Many people could forget to top it up and end up being fined."

359. It will discourage people who want to take exercise & shop in the area if they have to pay fees. The businesses have already lost income due to the exorbitant fees set for motorhomes to stay.

360. No

361. There are precious few areas anywhere now where people can park without being forced to pay. This is a regeneration area and charging would be devastating to local businesses . If we want people to visit, we need to stop charging to park. Looked what happened with the Cherry tree centre.

362. New Brighton is already barely surviving and badly in need of major investment. As it stands it is just about passable as a day location even without any real investment from the council. Parking charges in New Brighton would be a final nail in the coffin for many businesses in New Brighton and only stop people from visiting.

363. Do not charge parking in all the areas you are proposing. These charges will stop people coming to the areas, and will cause congestion in all the side streets

364. I do not believe people should have to pay to look at the sea

365. See below

366. I often use this road, park up and go for a walk, stop and have a coffee at one of the local shops. I will not be going if parking charges are implemented, stopping people from getting daily exercise will be bad for their physical and mental health. This will push up NHS costs

367. Parking charges should be of been introduced a long time ago

368. It's a seaside resort, we want people to visit. If you introduce parking charges, people either will not come or park in side streets off the prom.

369. I often visit the area for a short walk to support my well-being. It is an additional cost to petrol costs even in the evening and would deter me from visiting the area and take away from money I might spend on local business.

370. Ridiculous to have to pay that amount to park outside your own house

371. The proposal contradicts other Council objectives such getting people active. Resident drive to park and walk, meet others and socialise. They exercise their dogs, safely ride their bikes off the road with their children. It is a wonderful recreational facility, which can be a little too far to walk to, then walk there , then walk back home. You will make it too expensive for people to enjoy everyday.

372. It will affect tourism

373. At the moment it's flooded with vans

374. Parking here doesn't cost the council anything, it is a public highway paid for by taxpayers. This has nothing to do with the environment or traffic flow, it is just charging people - mostly locals - in order to raise more money

375. Problematic for local residents and businesses

376. This will destroy New Brighton

377. We will discourage people from using local amenities and areas of interest by introducing parking charges.

378. This area is vital for locals and tourists alike to access fresh air and exercise, this should not be subject to unnecessary parking charges which will also impact local businesses. We have lots of lovely outdoor spaces on the Wirral and everyone should be able to enjoy them free of charge!

379. You are detracting visitors and likely to cause increased parking in residential areas.

"380. Motor home parking facilities should be made available away from the promenade

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381. Should be no charge for parking. End wasteful spending in inefficient processes or non-productive employees, rather than price-gouging those who the council should instead be serving.

382. Ante tourism

383. This limits access to the beach and surrounding areas. This unfavourably targets lower and working class families access to blue and green space. Putting a cost on access to outdoor play spaces for children is going to limit the amount of outdoor activities children can access, again targeting those who cannot afford to pay for parking all the time. This is going to have a long term impact on the health of children and adults and will ultimately end up costing government and council lost revenue in health costs and lost working hours.

384. Should be free permits for residents and disabled (Blue badge) people.

385. It is going to put visitors off coming to the Wirral

"386. You are isolating people from enjoying the promenade by reducing access

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387. Crazy to deter people from coming. We need incentives to exercise, take time with the family.

"388. Parking charges in Liscard have already destroyed the town.

Charging in New Brighton, will affect local businesses considerably.

Whilst WBC m will receive some income from parking charges, in the long term, closure of businesses will mean no 8n one from rents, various taxes etc.

Short term strategy is typical of WBC ,if only they employed business people."

389. This is largely a non residential street

390. I am sick and tired of Wirral Borough Council mis-managing our money.

391. I am an OAP charging for parking at any of the coastal sites is a tax on leisure and would discourage visiting parks and the beaches.

392. The site should remain free for people to able to enjoy the coast.

393. The scheme conflicts with the master plan. This could lead to confusion of purpose and wasted resources.

394. Damaging to local businesses. I personally would not visit if I had to pay to park

395. This scheme is not got for small businesses whose customers just need to nip in to a shop for some necessities

396. I think it's quite simply designed to prevent residents from accessing the beach and dips. Residents will be unfairly impacted because they use these spaces more frequently and this is just another hidden tax on wirral residents

397. yes it will be a way of putting up charges regularly until it prevents low income car owners or pensioners using the existing facilities

398. I think this will damage local businesses and the community when businesses go under and people are made unemployed

399. Not good for traders

400. I think its stupid, stops people from going on walks getting exercise and meeting up with people ridiculous how want stop people from walking for hours and charging them for doing so

"401. This is a residential area .. parking is generally for residents and visitors or workmen in the area.

The only main group affected are local residents.

It is not busy and the costs of imposing parking fees will likely be more than any revenue gained. "

402. No

"403. 1. Local people who walk their dogs will no longer be able to without incurring parking costs. Even in the early morning.

2. Parking fees limit access to families having time on the dips / walking the prom / using the beach. This is in direct contrast to the desire to have a more active population
3. People will seek out free parking areas away from the prom but close, in residential areas. Residents will find it more difficult to park, particularly in the summer months. Will the council have a commitment to develop resident permit parking in new Brighton?"
404. Let's stop people enjoying New Brighton by charging to park. Kill the area like you have Birkenhead. Gangsters
405. The cost of installing, maintaining and enforcing this scheme with the additional load on appeals will make the scheme very expensive in the long run.
406. New Brighton is flourishing , the parking charges will hurt local businesses
407. With respect to all 'coastal charges' being introduced, the Council should be looking to attract people to visit these beauty spots, by imposing such charges it will totally deter a huge amount of people, including myself, from visiting these places. The knock on effect will be significant to local businesses
408. People use it for leisure its costly and should be free to be able to keep fit
409. Introducing parking charges will be detrimental to local businesses and the health of residents.
410. I don't think it will encourage people to visit if u have to pay.
411. Deeply disappointed by the introduced charges. I'm a local resident who pops down the front to walk the dog or go for a walk. Having to pay for the privilege of walking by the sea really annoys me. If you want to gouge money out of the tourists on busy days just charge during summer time on the weekends. Deeply annoyed by this scheme. I won't be voting Labour again if this goes through.
412. Disgusting.
413. Only in favour if a majority of residents in a road agrees to them. £60 is a lot of money for hard pressed residents.
414. An illegal tax grab!
415. Residents should be encouraged to enjoy open spaces to improve lifestyle, fitness and wellbeing to lessen the impact on the NHS and the introduction of parking charges will have the opposite affect, deterring many
416. Perhaps it would be more sensible to have pay to park in the more central area but not further out. This would encourage people to park and walk and so get some exercise since this is what the council claims is one of the objectives. I know people who park up and ride along the prom but certainly wouldn't ride there as it just isn't safe or pay to park
417. We need to keep our open spaces free and available to everyone without extreme financial costs

"418. To put charges on a currently free open space will have a negative impact on anyone who currently uses this area. This is a wide open area for recreational activities I.e walking, cycling (currently a big thing with WBC), jogging, picnicking , enjoying fresh air, meeting with family & friends. All these things are for people's health and wellbeing. To put charges in place will deny a lot of visitors and locals from using and appreciating this wonderful coastline to its fullest. For the Green Party to say its""fairer"" as low income families don't have cars is a ridiculous comment. So we residents who have worked for over 40 yrs and managed to purchase a car are being penalised yet again. Personally I can walk to this area but my 94 Yr old mother can't and this would mean 2 lifelong Wallasey residents would have to pay for the privilege of using a previously free amenity. This is short sighted at best. I'm sure all the Green Party cycle to all the council meetings !!!! And do all councillors pay for their parking at said meetings.

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419. Access to the sea should be free to all. We want people to be exercising and making people pay is just plain mean and it will stop people being healthy.

420. I believe this action will damage New Brighton's visitor economy. I cannot see that the council has presented any evidence which is required by law in the consultation process.

421. It will make people park on side streets and make the area less popular in the summer especially when family budgets are tight as they are.

"422. You will just move the problem to other streets and make residents pay for parking outside their own homes!

At the moment there aren't any issues with parking just a case of bad management of the the council needing to make more money. "

423. Just leave it fee stop making money off the people of Wirral

424. I have no knowledge of this area so I am not able to comment effectively

425. No

426. This is a 500% increase. Not inkeeping with inflation. I can't park on my street most days as residents have more than one car so I am paying to park not outside or near my house but further away exacerbating the parking issues on that road too. This was meant to be a one off set up fee subsidised by local business not the local tax payer.

"427. This will destroy new brighton for ever this has been your objective all along to bring wallasy down even more shame on you

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428. This will deter day trippers, visitors & locals from using the area for leisure, walking, shopping.

429. No

430. Should be able to use the public space without paying. The road is too long and so you could go over the time allotted by the time you got back to your car. I would be less likely to use the businesses there if I had to pay for parking.

431. We should be encouraging people to get outside and stay / get healthy. Parking charges discourage this

432. Personally it will deter me from visiting New Brighton as often as I do. Not saying I can't afford it but it is a nuisance trying to pay for parking by phone and I have had issues with this in the past so now tend to avoid. When I do visit I stop for lunch at the Seaside Cafe. Sadly they will have one less frequent customer.

"433. The overnight £1 proposal will not easily be policed. It is the thin end of the wedge. Parking charges in general will not encourage people to come to the region thus impacting the retail economy. I also believe that residents and their visitors should not be charged for parking.

In my opinion this survey is a tick box exercise by the Council who have already made up their minds on what will happen. As with the 20 mph scheme and the cycle paths."

434. Would not visit New Brighton if charges were in place

435. Paying for parking will kill off the trade and put families off going to that area.

436. Disgusting

437. There is need to encourage tourism to this area and preserve businesses already there

438. I believe it will have a detrimental effect on local businesses

439. This will no doubt have a huge impact on New Brighton as people will choose not to visits.

440. Making it less attractive to visit. Destroying business opportunities.

441. Will impact trade in area. Would stop me from going to visit

442. I am an ambassador at the Floral Pavilion. Effectively I work for the Council for free. I would not be happy paying for this through car parking charges, essentially paying to support the Floral whilst giving my services for free. Do you realise that in the auditorium for shows there are NO paid staff, just usually six volunteers. For an evening performance we often leave at 10.30, ie in the dark! We need to be able to park nearby.

443. Introducing Car Parking in this Leisure area will impact residents and visitors alike with a consequential reduction in those visiting which will impact upon local shops and services.

444. This will push vehicles into side streets & stop visitors to the area having an effect on local businesses. This may cause businesses to close. The money the council spend on creating the scheme will have then been wasted & very short sighted scheme.

445. There is plenty of room here especially overnight for parking. Fees would discourage tourism to our area reducing revenue to businesses that are already struggling. Also many senior citizens use the area to enjoy the view whilst sitting in their cars. I believe this is just a money grabbing ploy by the council

446. Taking away free parking at this location will cause a huge detrimental impact on local businesses, and those who use the free parking area to park and exercise. Tourism is an extremely important part of New Brighton's success and to remove the free parking will likely cause visitors to go elsewhere.

447. Object to charging people to park in areas where they support their mental wellbeing, by getting exercise and fresh air.

448. This will put area into decline also will decimate footfall which will have a huge impact on small businesses

"449. I don't agree with charging local residents to park their own cars on the street they live on

Charging all local car parks will drive business away from local shops / businesses"

450. It will stop our family visiting this area as if we are paying, there are other places we may as well go

451. People need this free space to exercise and get fresh air. Charging will affect health and increase obesity

452. We already pay for services we no longer receive.. this will close businesses

453. This will harm businesses and prevent people being able to easily access services and walking for mental health

454. Right to easily access coastline

"455. People go to the likes of New Brighton for their wellbeing and mental health, if parking charges are introduced people won't go there and there will be extra costs to other services.

In addition these areas bring in people from outside Wirral who then spend money in local shops etc"

456. The scheme will stop people going to these places which will have a negative impact on local businesses, also make parking on side streets worse for local residents

457. Ruining local businesses

458. No

459. should be free for people to actually be able to enjoy the seaside

460. This will deter people from enjoying a healthy environment and increase the overall long term drain on the NHS

461. You will drive away tourism and people who visit the area.
462. Residents of Wirral and tourists should be able to enjoy the waterfront/beach without having to pay. This should be covered in council tax. It is wrong to have to pay for something that can help with physical and mental health
463. Undermining effect on local economy and congestion on side streets from cars seeking free parking.
464. The parking charges will negatively effect businesses in the area
465. New Brighton needs promoting not restrictions. Consider overnight parking charges.
466. There is no need to punish people who live on the Wirral with more charges. It will affect people wanting to come to the area and local business
467. New Brighton needs to encourage visitors rather than discouraging them by charging for parking.
468. Stupid idea, will kill small business. More empty shops
469. Do some real work
470. Why should local residents have to pay to park in the town they live in just to go to the shops?
471. It's a money grasping scheme. The people of Wirral have to pay to use most of the roads out of here and now we have to pay to travel around/ park where we live
472. Do something constructive stop ripping your employer off
473. In a cost of living crisis, the last thing the people need are more charges for trying to survive. Less and less people are going to visit the area causing a decrease in interest/funds for the area.
474. Let people enjoy the parade, it brings people to the area, be grateful!
475. Will negatively impact local businesses and make it difficult for local families to enjoy the area
476. Why are you putting a price on peoples health and well being it is important for people to exercise some cannot afford extra charges on top of all the other rip of Britain taxes.
477. We want to discourage long term parking here but NOT visitors.
478. It will severely impact local businesses
479. I am a business owner in New Brighton. We do not wish for our customers to pay for parking in an already expensive world. We are a family owned and run leisure business. Our customers come to us as a luxury not a necessity. We have received a substantial rent increase and now more than ever we need our customers. We feel adding parking charges will discourage people coming into New Brighton. We also use this space as a family for our

children and dog daily. We will not be able to afford these parking charges daily, which is extremely saddening as we have used this space daily for over 40 years.

480. This is a joke, try encouraging people to get healthy not penalise people with more charges!

"481. Subject: Objection to Proposed Changes Affecting Public Car Parking Across Wirral

I am writing as a resident of Wirral to formally object to the proposed changes regarding public car parking across the area. These changes will have a significant negative impact on residents, particularly in light of the ongoing cost of living crisis. Below are my key concerns:

1. Financial Impact on Families

Introducing charges for car parks and on-street parking that were previously free, along with increasing existing charges, will further strain already stretched household budgets. Many residents are grappling with rising costs of energy, food, and other essentials. Adding parking fees to this burden is not only inconsiderate but will also disproportionately affect families, especially those with lower incomes who rely on local services and community facilities.

2. Overnight Parking Charges

The proposal to introduce a £1 overnight parking fee (6:30pm - 8:00am) will negatively affect residents who may need to park overnight due to lack of off-street parking options. This charge also affects workers in hospitality, healthcare, and other sectors that operate during evening or night hours. For these workers, who often face unsociable hours, this fee is an additional tax on earning a living, effectively penalising them for circumstances outside of their control.

3. Impact on Local Businesses

Increasing parking fees will deter visitors from using town centres and local high streets, pushing them towards out-of-town shopping centres where parking is free. This risks harming small, local businesses that are already struggling to recover from the effects of the pandemic. It is crucial to support local trade rather than inadvertently encouraging people to shop elsewhere due to parking costs.

4. Increased Cost of Resident Parking Schemes

Raising the cost of resident parking permits places an unfair financial burden on households, many of whom have no other choice but to park on the street due to limited driveway or garage space. This increase is unnecessary and will particularly affect those living in more densely populated areas, where parking space is already at a premium.

5. Inflationary Pressures

The proposed inflationary increases come at a time when inflation is at historically high levels. Any attempt to link parking charges to inflation risks creating a continuous and unsustainable rise in parking costs. This will place a constant strain on residents, who are already dealing with the effects of inflation on essential goods and services.

In conclusion, the proposed parking changes place an unfair financial burden on local residents and will exacerbate the cost of living crisis. I urge the council to reconsider these proposals, taking into account the significant financial strain already felt by Wirral residents, and to explore alternative ways of generating revenue that do not disproportionately impact families, workers, and small businesses.

I hope you will take these concerns into serious consideration before proceeding with these proposals.

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482. New Brighton is already struggling with reports about the floral pavilion not able to stay open.

483. There should be incentives given to people to use local businesses ,shops etc

484. Charging people to park in an area struggling to regenerate seems to be shortsighted and irresponsible. The only time parking should be charged in any area is if it is a high volume congested parking issue. The council should not be charging for parking to create income to fund other areas of funding short fall.

485. No one should have to pay to park in these areas. It will kill off businesses. Families will not be able to afford to take their children out.

486. Will increase pressure on side roads during busy periods. No mention of what these charges will fund. Reduce tourism to area and reduce business for local businesses

"487. I genuinely think that this will kill New Brighton. People will just choose not to come and enjoy our beach and spend money in the local businesses.

We should be encouraging people to come and walk down our prom and reap the benefits of exercise. Not making it harder.

I'm a local resident who this won't affect as I would walk anyway being local, but I still object as I can see the many ways this will impact the town.

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488. These costs will stop people coming to new Brighton

489. This is an ill conceived concept, one that risks strangling the resort. The money generated will be unlikely to ever be sufficient to make up for the impact on visitor numbers. Such unimaginative schemes do not seemingly take in the bigger picture. I strongly believe that parking should be free and visitors encouraged. The Council should instead invest in coffee facilities along the Promenade which would likely raise far more and would even make the place more desirable

490. It will put some people off visiting the coast due to having to pay to park.

491. You're going to destroy our tourist trade, people should be able to go for a nice day out without having to be charged for everything

492. Disgraceful

493. The promenade should be a place people can access by car and enjoy. Adding a parking fee will penalise those families and older people who cannot afford the extra fee to park. Taking away this free parking is a terrible mean and nearsighted view of the council. You should be working with the local people not against them. This may also encourage parking in side streets around the area causing congestion and problems for local people.

"494. I think parking g charges here will drive people away.

I regularly visit the Floral Pavillion and go to the a restaurant for a meal beforehand. If charges were brought in it would cost me an extra £6 on top of everything else, this would become unaffordable to me and I'm sure many, many other people too"

495. I understand the surrounding area is always full with cars ect, In my opinion all the surrounding Streets will start to fill up with cars, because you cannot plan how long you are going to stay around the area as good as it sounds i honestly think it is a bad idea.

496. We need these schemes to be kept free as we want tourists and others to be able to come to the wirral and enjoy what the area has

"497. As a 33-year-old resident of Wallasey, I wish to formally object to the proposal to introduce parking charges along the promenade. This plan will negatively impact both locals and visitors, undermining the vibrancy of the area.

The introduction of charges will likely reduce the dwell time of visitors, which will in turn decrease spending in local businesses. The promenade and beach are particularly popular on hot days, attracting large numbers of people from both the local community and further afield. These charges could deter visitors from staying for longer periods, which would be detrimental to the local economy.

Furthermore, these charges unfairly target local residents. Why should we be expected to pay for the use of what has always been a free promenade and beach? There has never

been a precedent for such charges, and the imposition of fees on an amenity that has been free for generations feels unjust.

Additionally, the proposal will exacerbate existing parking issues on residential streets. Many of these streets are already at capacity due to resident parking, and the introduction of charges will push even more vehicles into these areas, causing congestion and inconvenience for residents.

In summary, these proposed parking charges are likely to have significant negative consequences for the local area, and I urge the council to reconsider their implementation.

Yours faithfully, "

498. We should be able to enjoy our beautiful coastline for free. Many will not visit for the day if they are expected to pay £6. Businesses will be badly affected. You are undoing all the positive regeneration that Neptune Development created. New Brighton will return to being a ghost town.

499. This will reduce footfall, similar to the town centre! Instead of parking charges, why not get more people fined for dog muck and littering!!

500. The Government want adult and children to be healthier and loose weight. So they exercise along the prom. Yet WBC are expecting them to pay for it.

501. No payment should be due in daytime hours for kings parade and marine promenade. But overnight parking should carry a charge. This balances the effect of implementation away from local people visiting the dips or memorial chairs along the prom or using local businesses.

502. Less people will visit New Brighton if they have to pay for car parking.

503. Often park here when walking Wirral coastal route. If you charge it will have impact on businesses etc as I would walk locally

504. It's a public road which I have already paid for

505. The coast should be free to visit

506. I would stop using the area due to the parking charges, this would not make me want to use the local beach's areas due to this

507. This will discourage people to get out and go on walks/fresh air. This will also have a negative effect on local businesses as people will be less inclined to shop local if they're going to have to pay for it, they may aswell go to the cities where there's more going on anyway if they're going to have to pay.

508. It'll kill most of the visitation and tourism new brighton gets, not to mention casue havoc on local residents parking, in which you'll probably solve by introducing parking permits so residents have to pay to park outside their own homes

509. I believe this will reduce footfall in the area, this affecting the local shops and amenities.

"510. As a 34-year-old resident of Wallasey, I wish to formally object to the proposal to introduce parking charges along the promenade. This plan will negatively impact both locals and visitors, undermining the vibrancy of the area.

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"511. Wallasey is my home & what's happening to this beautiful place is heartbreaking. Please do not make it harder for residents & visitors to enjoy what we have on our doorstep.

As a resident of over 60 years in Wallasey, I wish to formally object to the proposal to introduce parking charges along the promenade. This plan will negatively impact both locals and visitors, undermining the vibrancy of the area.

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512. See comments in 12

513. Regular visitor taking elderly parents and grandchildren will kill off some of local small business

"514. Wirral Council need to wake up and become a reasonable and caring council towards it residents.

Your residents keep you in business by paying their rates.

Wirral Council in fact the whole of Merseyside Council waste their residents plus I will state again the people who keep them in business hard earned money.

The council plan the most ridiculous schemes to waste our money on. Schemes constantly going above the planned cost. Basically the council bankrupts themselves.

THEN TO COVER THE COST OF THEIR RIDICULOUS PLANS THEY HIT THEIR RESIDENTS AND EVERY LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS.

THESE CAR PARKING CHARGES ARE TOTALLY SELFISH, DANGEROUS AND CRUEL.

YOU ALREADY CHARGE AT EASTHAM WOODS CAR PARK.

IT RESULTS IN DANGEROUS PARKING ALONG THE PIER AREA OF EASTHAM.

YOU INTEND TO ADD PARKING FEES TO THE SMALL VILLAGE AREAS OF THE WIRRAL WHICH WILL KILL LOCAL BUSINESS AND HIT THE POCKETS OF RESIDENTS.

STOP BEING SO SELFISH.

WE THE RESIDENTS OF WIRRAL ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR RIDICULOUS AND POOR FINANCIAL PLANNING.

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515. It is appalling to make it harder for pensioners and all members of the public to enjoy outdoor spaces which is very beneficial to their physical, mental and emotional wellbeing and a great contributor to preventive long term health care and wellbeing for the country.

516. Penalising residents who already pay large council tax bills. It will also deter visitors from spending time and money in the area, often at local businesses.

517. Another attempt to extract more money from people who own cars. Yet you waste money on ridiculous cycle lanes amongst other things.

518. Will ruin business in the area.

519. People are going to be stuck in their homes as it's going to be too expensive to go out

"520. I think this scheme is disgusting and disgraceful

You need to manage yourself first and create wealth within before making the poor suffer further - why is it the poorest areas affected and not the richer areas IE caldy / west Kirby and heswall - where the residents are more likely to be able to afford it ... oh wait that's right because that's probably where the people who are introducing this are living and they don't want to pay!!! It's a disgrace "

521. It isn't morally correct to just post letters on lampposts informing people you intend to change the rules, public consultation should be first. NOT DEMANDS. The people of Wirral are fed up with not being informed on council decisions ie 20 MPH- Cycle lanes popping up left right and centre it's all wasted money, regenerating Birkenhead town centre it's been dead for yours it will not be bought back because nobody wants to walk the streets of Birkenhead because it's not safe or pleasant

522. Overnight parking restrictions effect dog walkers walking early morning

523. This will have an adverse affect on other nearby roads and business

"524. You only have to look at the detrimental effect parking charges have had in the reduction in visitors to Birkenhead's main shopping centre and the rise of visitors to retail parks with free parking. How does this fit with 'Active Fit' Wirral as there are no comprehensive cycle lanes to several retail parks (Rock retail, Croft) and poor infrequent public transport?

I believe all businesses in New Brighton will suffer greatly from any charges introduced."

525. Adding parking charges damages local businesses by reducing traffic to them. How do you intend to help these businesses out?

526. There is rarely any congestion there. It is totally unnecessary to charge and doing so will be detrimental to local businesses.

527. Many people, often elderly or with young children, take advantage of the wonderful views and gentle coast walk. Despite the green claptrap, charging for parking is just a cynical exercise in raising money and penalising those who wish to enjoy the fresh air and scenery of their local environment.

528. It will stop visitors coming to New Brighton. As a leisure peninsula, we should be encouraging people to go in the fresh air and to visit these areas to boost the local economy.

529. Busy tourist spot, will seriously reduce use of New Brighton as a local amenity and will affect local businesses

530. I don't have an opinion on this scheme but the survey does not have an option for me to say that, so I clicked No.

531. Paying to Park on the Wirral disadvantages the poor and restricts peoples freedom of movement. It also discourages people from exercise so will have a knock on increase in the cost of the NHS. Cancel this scheme.

532. Disrupting local business and detriment to disabled , and people on low income

533. Another tax on motorists and low income families . Trying to fill the funding that the council has blown. Asking for money and never see anything in return. I'll never vote again and neither will anyone in my household. Greedy!

534. As I am a volunteer at the Floral I am not prepared to do ay to volunteer

535. My wife I have been a volunteer at the Floral Pavilion for over 11 years and park in the Fort Perch Rock Car park or King's Parade when on a shift which can be up to 8 hours long both in the day time and the evening. My wife and I are in our seventies and would have to stop our volunteering if charges are applied here.

536. It will deter visitors and penalise local residents

537. Why should we have to pay when we pay road tax and council tax

538. It will affect businesses in New Brighton

"539. Yes, <https://haveyoursay.wirral.gov.uk>

Feel free to copy:

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"540. My thoughts are that the time frame should be 8pm to 8am instead of from 6.30pm. Day rate should apply for the lighter evenings short stay visitors.

In principal an overnight charge should be made for caravans and campervans, vans and lorries double the car parking charge for their length is twice that of a car"

541. I don't believe that Wallasey residents should have to pay and this will deter Wallasey residents in colder months.

542. Nearby roads without parking charges will become over utilised causing difficulties for the residents. Families will be restricted in the number of times that they can afford to visit the area. As a resident I get a very poor return for the excessively high rates I pay to live on the Wirral. I can't even leave my home in bad weather as the Council refuses to grit the extremely steep road I live on.

543. Resident will have no where to park as visitors will use their area rather than pay

544. All coastal roads should remain free for the enjoyment of all and to help local business

"545. Local businesses will suffer

People will park in main streets to the annoyance of local residents.

New Brighton will go into decline

I am a volunteer at the Floral Pavilion and will be unable to continue if I have to pay to park my car"

546. We need to encourage people to go to these areas and help them be productive. We are elderly and public transport is difficult because of mobility items needed.

547. I attend choir sessions each week in the Floral Pavilion which will involve my being over 2 hrs in New Brighton. Together with the choir fees, car parking charges would make it too expensive for me to continue.

548. People are fleeced enough by the council after paying their council tax with never ending increases. I would suggest if you want to save money reduce some of the council bosses salaries which for their stress and workload and vastly disproportionate to that of the people they are meant to represent.

549. One of the main reasons of visiting this area is to enjoy a family day out with no parking charges.

550. Will discourage people from visiting this lovely area

551. Unnecessary to manage demand.

552. No

553. It will stop people visiting and harm local businesses

"554. I am a volunteer at the Floral Pavilion, and do shifts of 3 hours plus each shift. I object on two grounds to the introduction of parking charges:

1. This will discourage visitors to New Brighton, who spend money in cafes, shops , bowling alley, cinema and buy tickets for the Floral

2. I think it is wrong to have to pay to volunteer especially as this is a council tun facility "

555. Parking charges kill the area

556. About time this was done, the amount of money this council could of had by charging for parking over the years is staggering, it could of been used on regeneration projects there.

557. As a volunteer for the Floral for the last 10 years I've given a lot of my time and fuel for free. I don't see why volunteers should be penalised for their good will.

"558. I am a volunteer at the Floral Pavilion. I am there every Thursday for 4 hours. I am frequently there to steward shows for 4 or more hours, sometimes 2 or 3 times a week. I am a Wallasey resident with a 45 minute walk to the theatre, or a 10 minute drive. Public transport is not a good alternative, as the frequency of buses or trains will make the challenge of continuing to volunteer, just not worth the effort. If I continue to use the car, I would end up subsidising the council to keep the theatre open, far beyond the cost of my voluntary effort. The cost of running the theatre will increase if the volunteers give up their essential roles.

In addition, I have spoken to countless patrons who choose to travel from Liverpool, because we have free parking, a USP if you will.

The proposal suggests a £1 charge for any period after 6.30pm, yet we are frequently on duty during the day and for evening shows, we are on the premises soon after 6pm."

559. I am a local only going to that area to walk a dog. With mobility issues I need a car to get there. I have been refused a blue badge, despite needing a cane to walk.

560. Would make going to the beach unaffordable

561. Please see 11 & 12

562. These areas should remain free to park. There is little to do in Wirral and charging for parking will deter people from enjoying one of the simple pleasures tyat Wirral does have to offer.

563. Should be free to Wirral residents.

"564. I didn't vote this local council in to start hitting car owners with more finances. Start looking closer to home for your funds."

565. I volunteer at the Floral Pavilion I resent that this proposal will cost me to volunteer.

566. I understand that funds need to be raised and charging visitor to the area to park seems reasonable

567. Even though a generation of income needs to be brought in its only fair to still have some free parking

568. New Brighton needs to be able to encourage visitors to keep the area vibrant and retailers and hospitality in business.

569. Dissuade visitors, impact local businesses, no pressure on parking. Therefore proposed scheme is illegal. Minimal revenue following cost of implementation, consultant fees etc. Other savings options available.

570. Not necessary or wanted

571. As an ambassador at The Floral Pavilion (ie volunteer stewarding) and living on a pension, I would find it very difficult to afford the petrol to New Brighton and car parking charges and I do not feel safe using public transport late at night.

572. This will discourage tourism and local people from enjoying the coast

573. People are already financially stretched and by changing it will deter people getting out and enjoying some fresh air and exercise. Will also direct people to park in residential areas and supermarket parkings.

574. The scheme will cause residents to be disinclined to use the location for health related activities . Short sighted in the overall aspect of well front . Causing additional depression, obesity etc .

575. It's an atrocity what you're trying to implement.

576. We should be encouraging folk to exercise and shop locally and to park responsibly in designated parking places. Charging for parking discourages people from enjoying local beauty spots and from supporting local businesses.

577. We occasionally walk the dog and then spend money on the local shops. We won't do this anymore if you add parking charges!!

578. Will effect local businesses that presumably pay rates- how many will go out of business or have reduced incomes as a result of lower footfall?

579. This area provides valuable a recreational area that is not practical to use without travelling by car. This is a charge for keeping fit and active and the consequences will be felt in years to come by the NHS, Local services and by residents suffering with obesity and diabetes.

580. Stop charging local residents to park all over the wirral.

"581. I have volunteered at the Floral Pavilion for over 10 years and drive from Greasby.

The cost of paying for parking for 5 hours for each shift would make it too expensive to continue volunteering particularly over pantomime season when I have been on duty for up to 10 shifts over the 4 week period.

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582. Detrimental affect on area and local businesses

583. I am a support worker and take my clients for walks along the coast. This will not be possible when the charges come into effect. Parking charges will have a detrimental effect on local area and businesses

584. It will ruin the trade for the area, and make a trip impossible for some people to enjoy where they live. I bit of sun and fresh air is a health essential, for mind and body.

585. Short sighted, local business will suffer, we for one will not be paying the charges, and will spend our shopping money most likely at out of town retail parks.

586. Yet another money grab from a council that provides less and less but charges more and more.

587. Parking charges will effect local businesses. People need to be encouraged to go to outdoor activities to keep fit and get fresh air and relieve stress. Free parking should be available.

588. Prevents elderly residents the right to enjoy exercise, which in turn will increase demands on health services

589. It's extortionate

590. I volunteer at the floral pavilion I am reton a limited income and paying for petrol and parking may make it unaffordable me it would be difficult to travel by train as I would have to take 2 trains and a long walk in the dark

"591. Surly you want to attract visitors to the area. Parking charges will deter them, it will us. We go there occasionally and spend money locally, but not if we have to pay to go there / park.

The motorist pays Road Tax / Road Fund Licence to use their vehicle on the public highway regardless if it's moving or stopped.

You should pay the motorist when they park as when parked they are NOT:

- 1.) Causing congestion.
- 2.) Not causing pollution.
- 3.) Not wearing out the road surface.
- 4.) Not making a noise.
- 5.) Not risking an accident.

And many other reasons.

Why does this Council HATE the motorist so much?"

592. I don't agree with charging tourists and local residents. The area is not good enough to charge.

593. Greedy, unjust and completely against everything Wirral stands for. You will DESTROY what we have left of the independent shops / restaurants

594. Going to the beach is one of the only free outdoor activities families can enjoy to get exercise and fresh air together. Charging for parking means poorer people will not be able to go and get the benefits of being out in the fresh air and enjoying the beach.

595. I regularly park here to walk on the beach and I will then spend £20-£30 on lunch in the local cafés or pub's. Additional charges will make me go elsewhere.

"596. Disgraceful idea - we need people

To be able to get out & use facilities - this will be another restriction & all the money that has been ploughed into here already will sit go to waste as people will stop visiting "

597. People need to access open space for the mental and physical health

598. All this is going to do is push all the traffic a few roads away and cause problems for residents parking in there own streets and I believe part of the original deal were the land was gifted to the council was it was to remain free for use for its entirety

599. Too expensive and may make houses affected becoming less desirable when selling and will no doubt impact house prices in these roads. Let's get this issue on to main media asap BBC etc. Agree it should be resident only parking in the streets but should be no more and £10.00 if anything at all.

600. People like to go here because of the free parking, and can utilise the green/open spaces. Being outside is good for mental health and wellbeing as well as keeping people fit, walking from one end of the parade to other. Introducing parking fees will deter people from making the trip, especially those travelling via the tunnel where there is also the excessive charge there as well!

601. I will never use the local shops again due to a parking charge therefore it will be detrimental to all small business owners and not great for the local economy

602. Wirral needs visitors and free parking will attract visitors

603. Why is there a need to charge at a holiday resort that has not had any parking fees in place. This is a resort that is used by locals and visitors alike. Parking fees will reduce the amount of visitors to the area and will therefore affect the local businesses that are trying to etch out a living in these times. This is clearly just another money grabbing exercise by this badly run council. Maybe they should reduce the money they payout for consultants on the many hair brain ideas that they have.

604. It discriminates people who wish to exercise or wish to walk their dogs.

605. No

"606. The coastal area should be available for all to enjoy, since the regeneration it has been notably busier especially on summer days. Businesses are on the whole staying and doing well because of that. In these days where families are struggling it is a day out that they can enjoy with minimum expense, adding £6 for a day charge for parking and it suddenly becomes less attractive and they will look elsewhere for somewhere to go. For a family using public transport is not cheaper than driving so it won't encourage them to use that, and with young children and if you are bringing bags with toys, food for the day walking & cycling would be out of the question.

I go shopping in Morrisons and I won't be able to park there if charges are introduced elsewhere, if shoppers don't use the store we could lose that which would be a loss, and eyesore if a huge shop is left empty. As the others down there may also follow. Wouldn't you lose more in business rates by those shops going than you will make in parking?

This would also impact The Floral Pavillion which is a brilliant local asset but again adding parking charges would make people think twice about going to the theatre, having free parking so close is an asset to the theatre, also council owned? So you may gain in one area but lose in another, which again would affect local restaurants as people make a night out, the business goes so do the rates etc."

607. It will encourage illegal parking and spoil the enjoyment of many who love to walk along the front.

608. I think this Extortion and highway robbery at its best . Considering what you have all ready increased I think this is totally proposterous punishing households even further . Cost to go to work and live all I creasing . Considering no proper road surfaces and parking areas . This is blatant money grab at its finest . Driving g down house prices due to cost to park outside your own house .

609. People won't go if they have to pay. This will affect local businesses. It will affect parking at Morrisons. It will have an impact on people's mental and physical health and well being by restricting their access to a good, flat walk in the fresh air and maybe having a chat with people.

610. This area is not congested and is used for enjoying the beach and green space 'the dips'. I do not agree with charging for parking in this area.

611. It will stop people visiting the area.

"612. Only last month you published a report with options regarding the Floral Pavillion, located at the end of Kings Parade, as it is losing money and you need to find ways to keep it viable. You have stated this scheme is in line with your Cool 2 Climate Change strategy, yet makes no mention of carbon capture - so must be intended as a means to reduce traffic emissions. If the intention is to reduce traffic, and as such visitation, to the area - you reduce your chances of the Floral Pavillion becoming financially viable. This impact will also affect the small business along the Marine Promenade who are already facing difficulties to reduced tourism numbers.

Further, an overnight charge does nothing to reduce carbon or heavy particulate emissions. If you are choosing to leave your vehicle overnight, you are spending an extended period of time in the area, a move that typically sees an increase in revenue to local businesses - whether it is hotels, pubs, cafe's, or corner shops. "

613. If we indeed charge people for using the car park, it will discourage people from visiting New Brighton, and thus will further damage the local shops and also Floral Pavilion as well.

614. The price is too small

615. Will lower footfall and seriously affect businesses

616. Will not help people taking exercise etc along the promenade.

617. As not only a resident of the area but also an employee in New Brighton itself this scheme will have a massive impact on myself and also businesses in the area. Businesses are struggling to survive now with the impact of cost of living and people being able to afford to pay for things. Parking charges will not just impact the businesses in New Brighton but also the residents and myself included who will have to pay charges to work in this area

618. This is a ridiculous idea which will destroy the local community and shops

619. Just going to cause chaos for local residents in side streets for parking.

620. This will drive away people who want to use the businesses

621. It will ruin local businesses

622. Negative impact to business. I regularly park here to take my young children for bike rides and walks. I will no longer do this if I have to pay for parking.

623. I have 24 hour care for my son at home. Where will his staff park?

"624. Seriously- it is a meeting place for families and the elderly

You are going to restrict gatherings of family , elderly groups , walking , keeping Wirral population mobile

We are just getting growth in these areas , you will seriously impede investment and cars will park in streets and cause congestion

I can't believe this is happening and was thought to be a good idea "

625. Will hurt business.

626. It will reduce the facility of both Wirral residents and visitors alike to access an amenity

627. I am a pensioner, live in Bromborough and regularly park for about an hour on the Coastal Drive to take exercise. If charges are introduced I will undoubtedly change my routine. I will go elsewhere - probably into Cheshire (&/or park on street) and the economy of New Brighton, which is fragile at best, will suffer. The Council needs to recognise that users have a choice & imposing charges will be counter productive.

628. The council have no legitimate right to impose any parking charges on any highway. The council is a registered business, and has no right to make rules based on erroneous climate emergency claims, and agendas driven by minority fringe groups and activists....it will also negatively impact across all age groups, and firmly...will make recreational days difficult for young families, large families, disabled, those with limited income. It will also

destroy business both large and small...as witnessed by many town centres, especially liscard.

629. Will kill local independent businesses who are thriving in the area

630. this is a leisure peninsula and we need visitors to increase the economy , not drive them away by charging for every available place on the wirral .

631. Drive more trade away than benefits

632. It will increase the congestion on side roads & I disagree with charging for residence permits

633. I feel these charges will become a deterrent to people enjoying New Brighton. The area is mixed in terms of financial situation and needing to pay every time you visit even if it's just for a quick walk will put people off visiting. Being able to visit the beach was one of the reasons I moved here and it's so important for physical and mental health that I would have thought this should be encouraged not discouraged. There are a lot of people with more limited mobility and means who would struggle if they couldn't park nearby or had to pay all the time. Could you not do the first hour free along the sea and then charge after that point. The other concern is the charging for the shops, floral pavilion parking would reduce the number of visitors at a time when people are struggling - new brighton is filled with independent shops and these will find it harder to deal with less customers. Could the parking be less in winter so it still encourages visitors at the low season

634. Will deter people coming over for the day and spending in the shops

635. It has not been thought through in enough depth to understand the implications.

636. People are being excluded from accessing the beautiful waterfront by introducing parking charges.

637. The dips is a public space for recreational use and often used by families to allow their children to use open space. You are making it difficult for families to enjoy a once free day out to now have to consider the charges. Families will suffer. Places like Blackpool charge for parking during summer months e.g. 1st July to 1st September and not all year round. How is charging someone who is exercising their dog for an hour on a cold Tuesday morning when the dips are empty justified? Its shameful. A lot of investment has been made to make New Brighton a nice space again and you are going to destroy that. Shops will close, businesses will shut down and it will become a run down space like most places when you have implemented parking charges. I OBJECT

638. Should be free to enjoy green space without having to pay for parking. It is punishing people for getting down to the sea front and exercising.

639. What the point

640. How can you encourage tourism when's substantial amount of money the tourists bring in will be parking charges?

641. As a Volunteer at the Floral I commit my valuable time, fund my own travel expenses (13mils return trip fuel) and to pay an additional sum to park would make it costly for me and cause me to relinquish my role. This would also impact those attending a production/entertainment in additional expense. It is not always possible to estimate the time you would need to park and if choosing to support local eating establishments would make an evening out in New Brighton costly

642. I have no opinion - this is a terrible waste of time when someone might only want to comment on a very local carpark.

643. I feel it will limit my access to weekly walking to support my mental health due to the cost i will incur. It will also damage local businesses and they may end up going under because of this.

644. As an Ambassador at the Floral Pavilion I object most strongly. I give my time free to help keep the Floral going as I believe it is a big asset to our area. I would not do this if I had also to pay for parking and it would impact the whole of the businesses in New Brighton. This is an area which fills the needs of a lot of local people who do not have the funds to travel and gives much pleasure to children who would be deprived of a special place for them

645. Will Adversely affect businesses in this area and people who live in this area who need to park their cars on streets outside there homes

646. Yes, it's down right ridiculous ! This will ruin the local trade & visiting tourist trade. A terrible decision. Shame on you.

647. Does the whole of Kings Parade need to be chargeable, or would charging for the sections closest to the floral pavilion which are currently surrounded by residents parking zones encourage a distribution of parking along the Kings Parade, with the spaces closer to the pavilion available for short stays and disabled parking. Otherwise this is likely to result in displacement of parking to residential areas unless new residential controlled parking zones are introduced to envelop the whole of Kings Parade.

648. A nasty vindictive proposal. Wallasey residents pay to park on something that has been free for nearly 90 years. A nasty and legally questionable idea

649. What about the residence with no drives where will they park.

650. New Brighton has developed into a very pleasant place after years of neglect. It gets on its feet and the Manchester consultants have taken advantage of this as a money maker. This will damage the business's and will deny, in many cases, peoples ability to enjoy their own coastline. The free parking has been instrumental in the development of the area, something your consultants appear not to give a fig about. The council appear to need to raise money regardless of the damage it will do and I am sure that is what the Consultants have been instructed to do, with no genuine thoughts or care about the many objections

this will bring. The Council need to be working for the people efficiently, charging for parking is lazy and damaging to our beautiful Wirral.

651. Yes disgusting charging families to park in areas which have always been free, this will stop most people from going to new Brighton, we regularly go but won't anymore once charges come in, everybody is already hard pressed without charging for parking, very short sighted, the government don't want you going anywhere or doing anything

652. These parking charges will discourage public access to natural spaces, limit enjoyment of free, open areas, and unfairly penalise local residents and visitors. These fees may harm local businesses that rely on tourism, while creating unnecessary barriers to outdoor recreation and relaxation.

653. We need to encourage all to get out and be more active. Parking charges will have a negative impact on this.

654. We need to encourage people to visit

655. No

656. Car parks should be free. You will be charging people to go sit on beaches and swim soon

657. You want residents to get out in the open air and disabled people very often need to drive there and its bad enough running a car without paying to park.

658. It would degrade the quality of life and deter visitors

659. This proposal will put people visiting New Brighton

660. It is important to encourage people to take exercise. Most people who Park at this location are going for walks. Charging for parking here will have a major effect on their ability to take daily exercise. Especially if they have dogs, are elderly or have restricted mobility, as they are far less able to take public transport. This is effectively a tax on outdoor activities.

661. This will affect local businesses as visitors will not come to new Brighton. This proposal will ruin the Wirral. You are hitting people once again in their pockets at a time when many people are struggling to survive. Many local people use free parking as a means of exercising This proposal needs to be scrapped.

662. I think visitors should pay for parking but local people who use these areas in the summer will be badly affected also, it's a tourist area and the businesses in that area need the incomes to survive

663. It will prevent a lot of people nipping to local shops for items they can get from larger supermarkets if they have to pay to park. This will have a massive detrimental effect on small local businesses

664. See point 12.

665. Are the council making money from the motorist

666. Council should be encouraging people to get out in the fresh air, charging for parking may be off putting especially in the current economic situation!

667. Punishing dog walkers family's for enjoying green spaces. Punishing small businesses who rely on free parking to bring customers into already dying high streets.

668. It should be an open free public space

669. You say you want better health and then you take away our freedom to enjoy without charge our beautiful area. You say you want nicer areas and yet you litter our areas with your virtue-signalling-nudge signage everywhere. You say you want to improve business opportunities and then you deter people from going to areas which desperately need customers by your excessive parking charges. You have already killed Birkenhead with your excessive parking charges. We the people of Wirral do not want your parking charges. We already pay enough in taxes etc to local and national government. We have little enough money now. These roads and car parking spaces belong to us, not you. You are public servants who take money from the public purse to implement what should be our will but you do not listen to what we want. You, as a public servant, can also be held liable in your personal capacity if you do not act in the best interests of those you claim to represent (the public). Is this the route we now have to go down or will you listen? How many times do we have to say NO NO NO to more council parking charges in Wirral. I will not pay your parking charges. We are sick of government overreach. Your fines (without conviction) are illegitimate, unlawful and fraudulent under the Bill of Rights 1688. I will park elsewhere and walk - outside someone's house if necessary - others with less health will not have this option - and it's not my preferred option as I do care about others. But I will not pay your council parking charges to park on our land. Will you listen?

670. This will significantly impact those on low incomes who visit the area for their mental wellbeing and will also impact on tourism numbers and local businesses as visitors will just elsewhere outside of the Wirral. It appears Wirral Council is very short-sighted and is doing its best to kill local businesses and Wirral's beautiful tourist spots

671. Yes it will affect the local economy people will go elsewhere free parking and cheaper parking outside of borough. This proposal will not reduce congestion it will encourage more congestion as people drive around longer resulting in increase emissions to find free alternative parking.

672. It is clear from previous announcements by the Council/councillors that they acknowledge that purpose of the increase in parking charges and extension of payment required car parks is to increase revenue for the Council above and beyond that required for the running/maintenance of car parking in the Wirral. That would be unlawful. See *Barnet Council v Attfield* 2.7.2013.

673. I already pay council tax.. don't think I should be charged to park locally

674. will be the death of local businesses!

675. It will take away tourism and business

676. This is adding to the decrease in shopping options on the Wirral. Why pay when you can go to free areas at out of town precincts or buy online.

677. It is extremely noticeable that not many people come anymore to camp in their camper vans. Total waste of money putting those ugly signs up everywhere. I will not be able to get a space anywhere near my house if this plan goes ahead. The council are supposed to bring people and prosperity to the area. You are pushing them away. So much money has been wasted in this council, who is responsible and take the blame??? We won't be able to go for a coffee or use our local shops and restaurants as we have done in the past. This is a disgrace

678. Directly against nhs recommendations to take more exercise and damages local traders and businesses

679. May stop overnighters and vans like last year

680. The area is already struggling why make it worse

681. Stop people coming to the area

682. The point of charging to park is to control a situation, you need machines, manpower and maintenance, lots of these roads have no problem with parking, you say to us get out and about and walk. I walk regularly around west Kirby lake and Harrison drive regularly, We are pensioners and need a car to get to these places., as your transport. Infrastructure is not what you think it is. Think of the future when we do not visit west Kirby and new Brighton and the small shops in Pensby and when they cannot afford your rates with no customers using then as they have nowhere to park.. be very careful what you wish for? You may actually get it. .

683. Wirral Council should be doing all it can to improve the lives of residents and businesses on the Wirral. This scheme is damaging for all. The simple fact is that the council have incompetently mismanaged £millions and are now expecting hard working people to fill their black hole.

684. Its recreation, exercise, fresh air. We're encouraged to keep fit and don't want to be charged to park. Its not our fault that the council has a financial black hole.

685. It will impact on local businesses. Also local residents, including me. I regularly drive down to Harrison beach and walk my dog, I would not want to do this if I was charged to park. The beach there is lovely and used by a lot of dog walkers. It will become deserted if you charge to park.

686. This area should be freely available to local residents and visitors

687. I have five joint replacements and severe arthritis, we take our car to the Promenade so that I can walk on a flat surface without too much risk of me falling or tripping on local pavements. What am I supposed to do? We don't use banking apps so can not pay at meters.

"688. The Wirral is informally known as the "" Leasure Peninsula "" Charging to park in any leisure area is taking away our rights to free access to Leasure facilities and especially our coastal areas.

ACCESS FOR ALL, NOT FOR JUST FOR THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD IT."

689. It will deter people from using the new businesses

690. Introduction of parking charges goes against the idea of getting people to exercise and enjoy the coast line.

"691. I object, personally, as I am a volunteer at the Floral Pavilion in New Brighton and think it unfair that I would have to pay for parking whilst doing voluntary work for the council.

I also think that in trying to save the Floral Pavilion - charging to park could potentially be the 'death knell' for the 800+ seat theatre."

"692. New Brighton is a beautiful and spacious area, offering plenty of access to beaches, grassy areas and parks. The idea of making this something that is more difficult for some people to access is disgraceful. Particularly in times where people are struggling financially. I used to visit New Brighton as a child when my parents had hardly any spare money and it saddens me that this could be denied some people. There is ample parking around this area and visitors coming do not impact local residents' parking so the only reason for charges seems to be greed.

Beyond this, as a resident this would make visiting the waterfront for normal shopping purposes much more difficult. I imagine this could impact the shops and food establishments at marine point if their car parks are free. Otherwise they will likely charge, punishing people who need to visit there as part of their local amenities."

693. People enjoy coming to this area. People without money. Charging them to park will see a decrease in visitors. Do you want to see New Brighton return to its low point of the 90's / 00's?

694. This is a scheme that is detrimental to the lives of local businesses and residents and is essentially a tax to fill a budgetary hole created by the significant waste of money of failed council projects.

695. Why are you charging for people to go out, get some exercise and help our NHS with the obesity crisis that is happening, this is pure greed by the council! Stop using our money for 20 speed limit if you are so tight, don't punish people trying to enjoy the outdoors!!

696. As a regular visitor to new Brighton both for dog walking and to go to arcades eating out etc this will stop me being able to do this as often. Therefore this will have a knock on effect on local businesses. I live and work locally and feel this will have a detrimental effect on both my familys physical and mental health as we won't be able to access leisure facilities as easily and. It will effect local business

697. We should be encouraging locals and visitors to travel to our towns for our beach areas. Morrison's car park is free and will become overcrowded with leisure vehicles if the remainder of the parking is free.

698. This car park is a crucial (and the only accessible) space for people to park in order to access Wallasey beach, and has been free for as long as I can remember. As people are currently suffering from the cost of living crisis, having access to free, public spaces of leisure like the beach is vital for peoples wellbeing. With no nearby public transport options or free parking, you take away the option of a free day out for many local people, forcing people to pay to access public land.

699. Charging for parking at New Brighton is long overdue.

700. Being able to enjoy our local attractions for little cost is what makes the Wirral so great. With these parking charges you'll soon see many people opt to travel to Liverpool or Chester. Short sighted money grabbing scheme that will end up having a negative impact on businesses on the Wirral.

701. Are you trying to deter people walking on the Prom.? Health & Wellbeing is paramount which includes exercise.

702. Unfair on small businesses and people who work in the area

703. Charge overnight vans more and leave residents out of it

704. I frequent here a fair bit, if a charge was to come in I wouldn't visit anymore, driving spend and custom in our local businesses.

705. Visiting the seaside is one of the few free activities that families of limited means can do. We can no longer visit a number of public parks and open spaces due to the parking charges (eg Thurstaston, Royden Park) and now we will not be able to visit the sea either.

706. Now the vans have gone, cars can park in New Brighton- the sea front , small shops, cafes and theatre bring in many visitors, who benefit from free parking as it is.

707. It's a money making scam

708. You are putting a charge on people taking a walk and enjoying a healthy area. You will force people to park in side roads and effect local business's by discouraging people to vist New Brighton

709. It will drive people away and the money they bring to spend in local businesses, given the economic pressures on families to add another burden on people paying taxes, road tax, council tax and taxes on many other areas of their lives is abhorrent

710. This will stop families on low incomes visiting and drive others to supermarket car parks.

711. This will have a detrimental effect on businesses and users who are already struggling to afford anything extra with the cost of living

712. Are you so incompetent and incapable of managing a budget that you need to fleece the already struggling Wirral residents even more? Nobody wanted the 20mph limits*** forced on them, how much did that cost?

713. another hit on the motorist & I STRONGLY Oppose .

714. This scheme will stop people going to New Brighton and spending money. Once again the Wirral peninsula is becoming the Wirral Non Leisure peninsula

715. People need access to free of charge parking to access and support their local businesses and services. They will move to larger retailers where it is free to park or contest local roads to park in rather than a car park that starts to charge

716. Disgraceful to charge people who are already paying enough taxes - especially the elderly

717. Paying to park will reduce visitors.

718. Elderly people park to have a little walk and fresh air. You will stop this little outing .

719. What possible reason can you give that makes this right? 🙄

720. No

721. As below

722. Do not bring in parking charges it will drive away visitors - no one on the Wirral wants this - you need to listen to the people that you represent - we all say "NO" to parking charges

723. New Brighton relies on tourism

724. We already pay road tax. This is another unfair tax on people that live on the minimum wage.

725. It will stop people visiting it will ruin trade and businesses people need these areas for their mental health it should remain free and accessible to all

726. Poor decision making

"727. Charging will affect businesses and prevent people enjoying the prom and beach

As a volunteer at Floral pavilion theatre I would reconsider, if a cost of £6 per shift would stop me volunteering

There maybe be an impact on people using the theatre at "

728. Prohibitive impact (financial and mental/emotional) on visitors and residents accessing area for health exercise and leisure

729. WBC should be promoting New Brighton not smothering it's growth the introduction of parking charges will not only penalise Wirral residents who visit and enjoy the area but will drive away tourism and the fact it's being considered as a means to balance WBC books is a total over reach of council powers.

730. Will dramatically harm the local businesses there, as there are already parking charges in place in new Brighton. Will restrict access to the beach for families and dog walkers.

"731. Wirral residents are increasingly being restricted from utilising their own leisure spaces by increasing charges to do so. Rather than the claims of moving traffic on, it seems more that this merely a route to provide an income revenue through these spaces, and it may be more open and honest to publish the revenue it is expected to generate versus costs of administration alongside asking for opinion.

Meanwhile Wirral residents health, both physical and psychological, continues to rank some of the lowest in the country, so it would seem more beneficial to promote use of spaces for wellbeing for all rather than create more barriers to those who are already feeling the impact of continued financial stresses and increasing the inequality in use. "

"732. Against the wishes of the majority of the public.

Not cost effective.

Costly for residents.

Costly for employees at a time of hugely inflated costs.

Prohibitive for businesses.

No mandate to conduct this."

733. The charges will impact families in particular who wish to take their children out - especially during holiday times. This will inevitably have a negative impact upon the local businesses in New Brighton and will also cause significant congestion in the "free parking" in Morrisons supermarket and the "Bubbles" parking area as people will simply try to park there instead of on the front or in the Council's car parks. Given the current cost of living crisis and the increase in heating costs, this will really undermine those families who are currently just managing to cope with their bills and regard New Brighton as a great place to take the children without huge expense being incurred.

734. My 'objection' is how are you going to police the King's Parade scheme, with regard to those attending evening events at the Light cinema? I know people who park in the Morrisons/H&M stores in the evening rather than on the road. Are you intending to prevent

this from happening? I don't drive and live close enough to the Light cinema to walk there & get a bus back home, so it won't affect me directly.

735. It is time that the huge number of day visitors who come to to enjoy New Brighton all year round and often don't buy more than a bag of chips or an ice cream , contributed towards the local economy by paying to park. It is not a huge amount which is being proposed and it is very rare that you can visit a lovely seaside town without having to pay to park .

736. Will stop people going to New Brighton if they have to pay they won't bother coming. It will force the little business to close as they will lose customers.

737. This Area is used by people taking exercise. It should be free to walk along

"738. Introduction of car parking charges makes it less convenient for people to use their local shops and drives them to big supermarket chains.

This also negatively impacts on people's health and well being and deters people from using public transport - short sighted

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739. The introduction of car parking charges here would have a detrimental impact on people visiting the area for leisure

740. Stop creating more ways to get money fom the general public.

741. It will impact on the tourists who visit New Brighton. This area needs investment putting parking charges will have a negative affect.

742. Introducing car parking charges will people will not have free access to the coast and exercising (without charge) along the coastal prom and paths.

743. Nobody will visit there is plenty of parking already

744. I have been a resident in New Brighton for over 20 years, and have raised my family there. As the increasing cost of living and expense within our home and decreased income. To be charged another £50 a year to park our car outside the property but still on a public road is a travesty. It is exceptionally busy behind the Floral Pavilion Theater on on Virginia Road and we are not always guaranteed a place to park. It causes myself and my family great distress for just going about daily tasks. I am already worried about the energy cost increase and we already haven't turned the oven on for over a year, we will not be putting heating on until November to keep costs down. So to have to pay another £50 to park outside our home is devastating. Im sure Im not the only resident to have great angst over this and I would request that this large price increase be reconsidered.

745. Parking charges will force people on to surrounding residential streets to park making it difficult for residents to park outside their own home. Also this will impact local business who benefit from visitors who come because they can park for free.

746. A further tax on the motorist which will also deflate tourist trade and healthy living discourse

747. Some of these car parks will put small businesses out of business

748. It will affect people on low incomes and tourism

749. It's crazy! Parking for residents will disappear as visitors move up into residential areas. The impact on the Floral and local businesses will be detrimental and create issues for tourism in the town. The proposals will provide short term financial gain for long term misery for the people who pay council tax and councillors allowances

750. It is a seaside town which relies on visitors. You will kill the town if you bring in charges.

751. no

752. It should be free !

753. Will harm businesses /unfair on residents enjoying the outdoors

754. You are creating a disadvantage for businesses in the area

755. I do not believe the council should be charging at this location. Parking charges should only be applied as a means of congestion relief and not to increase revenue. The vehicles parking at this location are not causing congestion, infact most of the day there are very few cars and, overnight there are barely any. All this action will do is force parking onto side streets where the parking is already limited.

756. We pay enough in tax. Charging for parking will destroy local businesses & visitor numbers

757. Will discourage people from taking exercise and walking their dogs. Overnight charges may be acceptable.

758. The council is just trying to stop people from driving anywhere and charging us to go to places that are free, disgusting when we have an awful expensive public transport service

759. Money grubbing and short sighted.

760. I believe part of the attraction of New Brighton is the free parking. You may get some income but a lot less people will stop/stay and I believe this will have an effect on the local economy. Also many people will park away from the promenade and clog up the local streets.

761. This doesn't benefit local residents if there was a local parking permit or even if there was free car parking from 5pm - 8pm. This just dampens the coast that we live here for as it now is at a daily cost.

762. I feel it will make people park in surrounding residential areas and also will not encourage people to go to these areas

763. Busy if weather good in summer otherwise policing huge areas a waste of time and money. Locals only using area and then infrequently!

"764.

This is a popular place people and families visit and tourist visit, charging for parking will affect this and local area and businesses

People will not want to visit this area anymore "

765. As soon as you start enforcing parking charges in this area you will then see a decline in numbers visiting as they will go to places without car parking charges, which will then lead to businesses closing and the decline of New Brighton seen in the 1990s/2000s prior to regeneration

"766. If I have to pay for parking, I would decide to go out less, which would then affect my well-being.

Cutting back on outings can definitely impact my mood and overall well-being. "

767. Charges for parking will lead to more businesses failing thru less footfall, also drivers will choose to park in side road rather than pay to park.

768. No

769. Keep parking free

770. It's going to kill off any business left. Tourism will drop

771. The potential damage to the local economy and knock on effect of visitors parking in nearby residential streets will be devastating.

772. This will hurt businesses and give families less opportunity to go out for fresh air. Leading to more time stuck indoors.

773. A cost of living crisis is not the time to be introducing parking charges when our local economies are fighting to survive as it is.

774. Local Councils are NOT just a business. They are supposed to have a duty to represent the community, provide facilities for the community and encourage their use. Wirral Borough Council seems to have completely lost sight of these things in its pursuit of increasing revenue at the expense of the community who happen to be motorists.

775. Tourism is a major "industry" for the Wirral. Please don't destroy it by introducing car parking charges as this WILL be a deciding factor for visitors and residents.

776. I think you should do a yearly pass for the coast as you do for the parks because people can not afford to visit with children or dogs every day

777. Charging for parking in this area will have no noticeable effect on Traffic Management within the area and will cause more congestion with the Morrisons car park. A more suitable approach would be time-limited free parking to prevent the extended stays beyond a number of hours (to prevent another Van Hire company abusing the system).

778. What a shame it would be if this happened. It will massively affect businesses and poorer families who want a free trip to the beach to get exercise and fresh air...so good for mental health and wellbeing...something that WBC should be promoting not charging for.

779. Bring my son here and also to go the beach and circus

780. Free parking encourages visitors who would otherwise choose to visit out of town complexes where there is free parking close by.

781. It will deter people from visiting, thus affecting local businesses and tourism income.

782. This will have an impact on visitors to the area and will affect the businesses in the area.

"783. Introducing parking charges is going to turn our small towns and villages into 'ghost towns'. For the period where businesses continue to operate, workers will be hit with having to pay to park their car, further inroads into incomes already under pressure. Businesses will close because of reduced trade as customers will go to shops offering free parking. The Council's fantasy that people will walk or travel by bus instead, is pure political posturing, thinking policies like this are 'on trend'. 20mph almost everywhere is in the same category, a total lack of rationale joined up thinking. People in Bristol walking or cycling more oh yes in our Winter!! Consulting? What a joke you've ignored the wishes of the majority on the 20mph consultation and no doubt you will do the same on parking charges- you're a socialist dictatorship not a social democracy- a disgrace.

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784. Introduction of car parking fees here could result in a reduction of attendance of the Floral Pavilion and other amenities in New Brighton. New Brighton is also a popular place for walking. Introduction of car parking fees could mean people could no longer afford to visit the area and enjoy the pleasant walks there. This could have an impact on the physical health of those people.

785. Will discourage visitors and affect local businesses such as cafes and shops. Lack of public transport from other Wirral areas will mean people will not be able to access the coast. Will not help invigorate the Floral Pavilion

786. My objection is that it will impact the economy of the area where I live. What is the use of businesses trying to develop if the council introduces parking charges. People will just go out of town. I don't accept that we should have to follow your strategy, I don't care about it.

787. Not necessary, would discourage people arriving their and going for a walk. It is a Charge on exercising and fresh air.

788. We should be trying to encourage visitors to enjoy our coast line and the commercial infrastructure around it . This is another strategy to impact the local economy and affect employment and prosperity of these coastal towns . This is a never ending downward spiral of trying to generate a few pennies of contribution when there is a much bigger opportunity , given the natural assets involved . Instead of charging for an unkempt beach visit we should maximise their offering and strongly encourage visitors and local residents to enjoy . Free facilities for all , good for mental and physical health .

789. Why do people visit New Brighton? One of the reasons will be the free parking. You start charging and people stop visiting and businesses suffer.

790. A charge will be a barrier to families visiting a much loved place. At the moment New Brighton is a great, fun , free place for families to visit whether it be to cycle, skate or just run about burning up energy.

791. I've never not been able to park here so the reasons given for the scheme do not actually apply to this area. There is never any problem getting a space. Charging will hence achieve nothing other than drive people away from the Town with the subsequent damage that will do to the area

792. New Brighton, particularly the dips and beach, are enjoyed as a space that we are lucky to enjoy on our doorstep. By introducing parking charges, not only are Wirral Borough Council likely to drive day tourism from a local beauty site, but they will also reduce the attraction of events such as the New Brighton Summer Festival as guests will have no option but to incur a charge to visit the area. Putting a small increase to the council's budget over the public being able to enjoy the landscape that we are lucky to have access to by living on a peninsula. It can only also risk that day-trippers will instead park their cars in residential areas near to New Brighton, negatively impacting the lives of local residents in Wallasey, Leasowe, etc.

"793. On several counts this proposal is both cynical and short sighted.

Yes. The councils are strapped for cash. This is not the fault of those of us who live in this area, and this is just another way of making us pay fir local authority failures.

How can you justify this ? This plan will just continue the ongoing decline of local communities which are centered on areas the provide both necessary and social activities, resulting in local retailers, cafes, and meeting places such as (in the case of Millpark Drive) The already reduced services offered by the library, St David's Church, which provides a very important social function and the overspill from the Eastham Rake Clinic.

All of these places will be adversely affected as people will give greater consideration to visiting the retail park.

One can only think that either the author of these proposals has not given this ridiculous and short sighted idea any serious thought, or that it is now the council's policy to drive the final nail into the coffin of our already dying communities.

Come on WBC Get real wake up and smell the coffee.

Yes you are short of cash, well we the public are not your personal bankers. You need to be speaking to the government about your problems and stop landing them on the doorsteps of the public, most of whom are in the same boat. ie struggling to live (in particular pensioners, most of whom have already been targeted by government having the winter fuel allowance taken away and small businesses who you continue to stifle"

"794. You are taking away a valuable asset to the local community .

And will decimate the local shops in the area resulting in loss of jobs, Council tax restricting the residents choice of where to go

Forcing people to go to big shopping areas away from their homes and will possibly make some people house bound"

795. This will drive away the regeneration that has been successful in the last few years

796. Independent businesses will suffer.

797. It will adversely affect businesses

798. It will negatively impact all businesses and people's health and wellbeing. Public transport isn't sufficient for people to rely on this.

799. I

800. The cost of the proposed parking charges will lead to a reduction in the visitor economy. This will lead to the closure of local businesses, the loss of jobs and a reduction in business rates collections.

801. You are driving people away from the area. Free parking encourages people to visit our beautiful coastline

802. You push the well being of Wirral residents but naively think that we are all hoping to get on a bus or bicycle to get to outdoor places where we can relax and walk at our leisure. You once again show your anti car agenda. I don't cycle and I don't want to get a bus. I prefer to travel in my non polluting noise free electric car.

803. Cost to implement and cost to people. As a government you engage people and children to exercise, you go to one of these to walk run with family then you hit them with cost ££ . You promote Wirral as leisure place know you send them else where with parking charge , as then local trader lose out to and shut up shop and then you lose there rates etc

804. Parking should remain free

805. In the busy months there is going to be congestion, people parking in unsuitable places and general chaos. New Brighton has started to thrive and businesses are investing money, unfortunately with the start of charges these businesses will suffer if not have to close. At the moment the promenade is very accessible to the elderly and disabled this will no longer be the case.

"806. I object to charging visitors to our coastal and leisure areas.

In the document ""Wirral Public Health Annual Report 2023/24"", all 5 of the priorities to help improve the health of the residents of the Wirral are at loggerheads with these parking proposals.

We should be actively encouraging our population to use these leisure areas, to allow them to walk safely and exercise and help increase the basic activity levels of the local public. To say people should cycle to these areas does not take into account how far people may live from these areas, nor does it take into account their current health needs. It is probably impractical for an elderly overweight person to cycle from Bebington to New Brighton. Sometimes this might be the only exercise that person gets, maybe walking a dog etc and seeing other people. To then start charging these people to park will have a major impact in public health."

807. It's disgusting

808. I think the charges for Brighton should not be more than £2. People already have to pay a toll to drive across and although mersey tunnel is a separate company it still makes it expensive to visit Wirral and we do not want to deter people from coming.

809. This is not encouraging tourists to come to Wirral!!

810. Charging for parking will cause people to park in residential roads & cause problems for residents

811. I understand the revenue opportunity that the dips provide, especially during the school holidays, when visitors would expect to pay to park. However introducing a charge after 6pm seems to be aimed at local people wanting to use an important outdoor recreational area. A seasonal daytime charge only would seem a more palatable compromise and it was disappointing that this option was not offered by the Council as an alternative.

812. I am a Wallasey resident and take my dogs to the beach at 5 am for their morning walk . I am in my 70 th year and object to paying £50 per month for the privelege . Wirral Borough council is killing Wallasey , Kings parade is now a collection of warning posts and yellow lines. Wirral was promoted as" the leisure preinsular" tell that to the camper vans ,surfers, dog walkers and anglers who fish the tides at night.Wallasey is the poor man of Wirral, pier gone ,outdoor pools gone, there isn't even a job center left now .

"813. The introduction of charges in this area will effectively privatise the beaches for the wealthy.

Local businesses in the area will also be impacted adversely by these changes. This will hinder redevelopment and ongoing business activity across the seafront. You can already see how damaging introducing parking charges has been for many parks on the peninsula. The council is repeating the same mistakes with these charges. If people do visit the beach they are likely to park in residential areas causing problems for homeowners in the surrounding areas. No doubt those owners will at some point end up having to pay for expensive residential parking pass schemes to address a problem the Council will introduce with this change. I have no doubt people will point to public transport as an option. However services remain expensive, infrequent, do not run across a wide enough window, both within a day and across the whole week, take too long to get from one destination to another and often involve having to travel in uncomfortable conditions (dirty conduct of other passengers etc...). There have been investments in trains but they remain expensive and travelling at peak times is still standing room only. There continues to be a cost of living crisis for many residents in Wirral and these charges will not incentivise people to visit the area - quite the opposite. Many families cannot afford luxuries like holidays at the moment yet a cheap day out at the beach is achievable / it won't be with this policy. I understand the council is short of funding but this is a very short sighted policy that will drive another wedge between the public and the council. I really do wonder if the council proposing this policy have any sort of grasp on the problems facing residents.

This will be a very unpopular policy. Car owners already pay unreasonable and unfair taxes in many direct and indirect ways - this is just another attempt to treat them as cash cows. "

814. The scheme is frankly a stupid idea. Not only does it make the promenade not accessible to local people. With the cost of living a trip to the beach is a fun and affordable day out, parking charges could deter use of the beech and decrease visitor numbers which would in turn effect local businesses

"815. I think this scheme around here will deter visitors, people aren't going to want to pay to go for a little walk or take the dog out when most people are struggling financially as it is. I don't think the council will be collecting the amount of money that they're hoping.

The installation of the scheme and management won't be economically viable.

When they implemented the motor home scheme, I haven't seen one motor home staying over night. So, another scheme that hasn't paid for the original installation of all the signage and management of it. "

816. All you will do is force vehicles into the side roads for those who still want to visit. I suspect you want to discourage visitors to the Wirral.

817. The council has for many years now consistently broadcast about how they are in a financially perilous position - however with all the regeneration schemes, cycle lanes plus the very controversial 20mph scheme (which was implemented without asking council taxpayers if they agree to it) leaves a sour taste in the mouth and make people wonder if the council are really as fiscally troubled as they make out. Congestion is not an issue at New Brighton, and the only reason I can theorise why these charges are being implemented are to raise revenue for the council, which would be in violation of the Road Traffic Regulation act. Charging for their use will drive people away from the area and may lead to businesses closing, reducing business rates for the council.

818. WBC is ruining Wirral .Town centre is a disgrace. Bike lanes which no body uses most bike riders ride on the pavements. Now your going to ruin a thriving hub in New Brighton as well as all coastal areas on the Wirral

819. Will damage business and reduce number of people exercising in area

820. How ridiculous to have parking charges along the promenades. Destroying tourism! who will police this? Just another money making project. I live on North Parade. My family will have to pay to visit me.

821. Cost of living..! We want people to be able to go to places and use the facilities there and not go because of having to pay to park. You're putting businesses at risk if you charge. People are put off by being charged to park their cars. Another tax.

822. This is a terrible idea as it will massively harm the local area. The majority of people WILL NOT GO somewhere that they cannot park, which not only negatively impacts tourism but footfall in town centres and shops.

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"824. Free parking in Birkenhead can significantly boost the local economy by attracting more visitors and shoppers to the area. When people know they can park without incurring extra costs, they are more likely to choose Birkenhead over other shopping destinations. This increased foot traffic can lead to higher sales for local businesses, fostering a thriving community and creating more job opportunities.

Moreover, free parking can reduce congestion on residential streets. When parking is free and readily available in designated areas, drivers are less likely to park in front of homes, improving the quality of life for residents. It also encourages the use of local amenities, such as parks and community centers, as people can access these facilities more conveniently.

Additionally, free parking can enhance the overall appeal of Birkenhead as a destination. It sends a welcoming message to visitors, making the area more attractive for events, tourism, and new businesses. This can lead to a more vibrant and dynamic community, benefiting everyone who lives and works in Birkenhead."

825. Good seating. Ideal for elderly visiting. Revenue for new Brighton businesses. Holiday visitors. All penalised by scheme.

826. As a local resident who takes my young children to the front allot, it will make me change my mind and go elsewhere. It doesn't matter what the charges are, I simply won't bother.

827. I visit daily to walk my dog and enjoy the fresh air. I am self employed and do not have a pension nor will I until I reach 66 in a year's time. My income varies greatly. Yesterday there were 6 parked cars at lunchtime, on a sunny autumn day. This will impact the locals and gain no benefit from visitors outside of the peak holiday season.

828. There is absolutely no need to force people to pay to park here.

829. You will stop people from visiting and it will hurt the businesses on the front

830. Car parking charges will isolate the poor and vulnerable

831. This will kill local business.

832. This will discourage people visiting the Wirral and hit small businesses .

833. My disabled elderly mother would be penalised by this

834. Why start charging for parking in places that are already struggling, likelihood of implementing this will result in less people visiting these areas due to costs!

"835. Charges for parking will just stop people from visiting the area

We are in a time when obesity is a problem especially in our area , New Brighton has a higher proportion of family who use the promenade to get out of the car and exercise "

836. I currently volunteer at The Floral Pavilion in New Brighton, which I love doing. However, if parking charges were to be introduced, I might think twice about the time I give to Wirral Council. Listening to people who visit the theatre, one of the things commented on is the free parking when attending performances and what a pleasure it is visiting the

area, knowing there are no parking charges. If parking charges were introduced, not only would the theatre lose revenue but also business in New Brighton as a whole.

837. This is a vast promenade area with plenty of space to park. There is NO requirement to restrict access with parking charges for people just wanting to take a leisurely walk etc.

838. It's unfair and will be detrimental to businesses

839. This will Seriously impact on businesses who have worked so hard to stay afloat after the damage of covid... businesses lost thousands and still havent recovered and now you are hitting them with this...this is also an area for exercise which is important for mental health... if this is brought in the impact will be huge!

840. N/A

841. Yes - its absurd because it will mean less people will visit - and local businesses will be affected.

"842. Fewer Customers, Less Footfall: The introduction of parking fees, particularly in areas that have traditionally been free, could deter visitors. Many potential theatre-goers or event attendees may simply opt to stay home or visit alternative venues where parking remains free. The Floral Pavilion could see a significant drop in foot traffic, especially for evening performances when the £1 overnight charge kicks in.

“Parking Anxiety” for Theatre Patrons: The additional cost of parking, especially when attending longer events, may leave customers preoccupied with their parking meters rather than enjoying the show. We don’t want patrons spending more time worrying about parking fines than watching the climax of the performance!

The Curse of Unplanned Costs: For visitors unfamiliar with parking charges, this could feel like an unexpected financial burden. Imagine a visitor excited for an evening out at the Floral Pavilion, only to discover they need to pay extra to park, and now they’re late to the show! The frustration could reflect negatively on the venue, even though it’s not responsible for the charges.

Competing with Venues Offering Free Parking: Other theatres or entertainment venues that have free parking might become more attractive to customers, especially those traveling from outside the Wirral area. The Floral Pavilion could face the brunt of this competition, leading to a dip in local tourism and visitor numbers.

Impact on Special Events: Weddings, conferences, and larger events held at the Floral Pavilion could be negatively affected. Organizers might worry about the extra cost to their guests, especially if parking isn't easily accessible or there’s confusion over new tariffs.

Eco-Friendly, but Not Wallet-Friendly: While aligning with the Cool 2 Climate Strategy sounds great in theory, increased parking charges might just shift the problem elsewhere, with people parking in residential areas or at other nearby free locations, clogging up local streets and inconveniencing residents.

Barrier to Accessibility for Families: Families visiting for kid-friendly shows or activities are often on a budget, and additional parking costs could be a deterrent. Families may opt for alternatives where they don't have to worry about juggling parking fees on top of ticket prices, snacks, and everything else that comes with a family outing.

Nightmare for Staff and Performers: Not only patrons, but also staff and performers at the Floral Pavilion could face difficulties. Regular parking charges might make working at or performing at the venue less attractive, leading to potential staffing or talent issues.

Parking Confusion: With overnight charges, inflationary increases, and new permits, the whole system might cause more stress than it's worth. What if someone accidentally overstays their time and leaves the venue after a performance to find a parking ticket waiting? It could lead to a public relations nightmare for the Pavilion if guests associate their night out with costly parking fines.

Higher Costs, Lower Spending at the Venue: If visitors are forking out more for parking, that's less money they'll have to spend inside the venue on refreshments, merchandise, or future event tickets. Over time, this could hit the Pavilion's bottom line."

843. Work within the Floral full time. Also frequent the NB front with my family. Would not pay charges on leisure basis and would require pay revisions as not within agreement of employment.

844. The population has been encouraged especially since COVID to exercise in the open air and charging to park in New Brighton will push the local population away from the area or park in local streets/roads causing congestion. WHAT about MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL BEING?

845. It will drive much needed visitors away and get them parking in front of peoples homes

846. Everyone should be able to enjoy the space for free. Charges will only cause people to park in residential streets and exacerbate the parking issues.

847. the scheme will undoubtedly put pressures on all businesses surely it's bad enough that people don't come because you can't park in the first place but to charge is ridiculous why would people pay to go where last month it was free surely that's not the way to encourage people to visit it will undoubtedly start the demise of a great coastal area well done

848. Not required. People will not visit the area. Take a cut in pay at Wirral Borough Council.

849. It will merely increase car parking in side streets going directly from the promenade, my road. Being one of them. Then you'll bring in residents permits and parking charges in side streets. Car parking charges should only be imposed if traffic parking is causing problemsand it blatantly DOES NOT.

850. This will effect local businesses, I also park at Fort perch for walking my dogs early in the morning to go along the beach, I help keep area clean and tidy by picking up left rubbish from beach

"851. Pathetic, greedy, hair brained idea. A visit to the prom is often the only way a family can get some fresh air and exercise for free.

Supposed to be the leisure peninsula."

852. This will kill tourism.

853. The fact that car parking is so abundant and free is the reason why New Brighton is regenerating and enjoys lots of visitors. I think the town will suffer significantly if parking charges are brought in where they weren't before. I personally am less like to travel to new Brighton if I have to pay to park when I get there. It's part of the appeal to come

854. All schemes require careful thought from users . I don't know this area

855. I think it will put people off being healthy, going for exercises and ultimately cause more mental health issues. Then who are you going to target for cash!

856. I volunteer at Floral Pavilion and should not be expected to pay to give my valuable free time and service for Wirral Councils benefit this is outrageous?

"857. Has a full cost analysis on the local business impact been done and using companies house P&L determined the relative impact that this will have. I.e. how many business may stop trading due to loss of income

What could the expected reduction in footfall be approximated to be

What would the consequential increase in alternative parking locations in other areas to avoid charges"

858. A clueless council, trying to extort more money from motorists, with no regard for the impact on local businesses.

"859. I expect that the majority of people who are parking here will be there to enjoy leisure time, fresh air, nature and exercise. The introduction of charges would likely make them reconsider their visit which could be detrimental to health.

If charges are introduced I think there should be a lower tariff so that it doesn't become expensive to walk your dog (cheaper for up to 2hrs say) and i would particularly encourage the annual permit being extended to include the coastal locations so that locals aren't penalised too much. it's not easy to take your dog for a walk by bike!!"

"860. During quieter times of the year , there is absolutely no need to apply charges , spaces are empty and as a local in Wallasey often drive 5 minutes to walk the dog with kids grab a ice cream , so much local business is dependent on local people popping down , we often also pop to the light cinema , which I prefer and don't mind paying the little extra for a seat to again support the local area.

If charges where added I would consider driving to the Vue Cheshire oaks or odeon bromborough where tickets are usually cheaper ,also without the extra cost of parking."

861. You try this every few years, which is very annoying! I have dogs and need free access to open space, charging my family in this way would make impossible do! Why must everything have a cost attached to it. Its just disgusting!

862. This will discourage local commerce and hamper any future regeneration. The businesses at Fort Perch Rock will cease to operate and create more vacant commercial property in New Brighton at a time when the council should be supporting and encouraging business and commerce.

863. Shoukd cover admin charges but not to make a profit, people should kd not be seen as a cash cow to park on the street where they live.

864. I walk dogs and this would be financially devastating

865. Should encourage people to get out the house, use local shops rather than internets and take walks. This proposal will have the opposite effect and be negative for the community.

866. New Brighton was let to run down and a lot of money has been spent attracting visitors back. It's now a lovely place to visit and parking charges will deter people from visiting making it a ghost town again. We need to maje Wirral more attractive not ruin it

867. As a volunteer at the Floral Pavillion I don't want have to pay for parking

868. People should be able to enjoy these areas for free. With high costs of living some families will not be able to visit. A lot of new businesses have set up in New Brighton , surely she should be protecting them from job losses and closure

869. On street parking charges drive visitors into residential streets or otherwise put them off visiting all together.

"870. Parking is difficult enough without adding in charging at this time of austerity.

You will impact greatly on mental healt as people will be forced not to leave there homes."

"871. There is no congestion on the wirral. It's a peninsular and deserted in many places for various reasons.

You should be encouraging tourism.

Is this for money or to deter motorists from driving such as the waste of money Rd improvement causing chaos at Charing Cross "

872. It will have an extremely detrimental affect on local business and on the thousands of people who visit regularly for exercise, fresh air, dog walking and opportunities for children to play. Groups meet in this area for exercise, dog runs etc. and these provide social opportunities for people to meet with other like-minded people

873. Essential to local business. Will adversely impact

874. Will reduce my visits to New Brighton

875. If the council is skint get rid of councillors not hammer the public

876. I live in New Brighton near the front. Since developments parking on my road has become more difficult and if you start charging it will be nigh on impossible to park anywhere near my home. On top of that. You'll kill the thriving businesses on Victoria Rd. I can't believe that nobody has thought about these effects. Free parking brings more people to New Brighton and enables new starts ups.

877. New Brighton has vastly improved its amenities. People will not be visiting if they have to pay for parking.

878. Charging to park in a popular area for walking will deter people and will affect nearby businesses in New Brighton.

879. Local business and social activities affected.

"880. I understand the budget difficulties for Wirral Council (& many other local authorities), and while the proposal will raise some revenue, I believe the imposition of parking charges at the level Wirral is suggesting, together with chargeable hours parameters the Council wish to see, that the detrimental impacts will outweigh the sole positive that the Council foresees, i.e. revenue raising.

After many years, much effort, & considerable investment New Brighton is 'on the up'. A place popular with local residents, residents from other parts of Wirral, and visitors from the wider region, the imposition of charges as proposed for Kings Parade / Coastal Drive will at worst simply deter visitors, and at best reduce the time spend in the town, and logically, the spend per visit that contributes to the New Brighton economy. The reduction in spend at local businesses is a potentially catastrophic for those businesses. Businesses closing down due to reduced spend - because of the deterrent effect of parking charges) - directly impacts Council income from business rates. Do we want to return to the days of New Brighton being full of empty shops? Furthermore, this location is a very popular with Wirral residents as a place for exercise - whether that is walking, dog walking, running, cycling. All these things are, say Wirral Council, very important to the health and wellbeing of the whole community. Parking charges that price people out of those routines surely will have a detrimental impact of the very health & wellbeing of residents that other departments of the Council are busy trying to promote. As with all schemes that impose parking charges, another impact is displacement of parking into residential streets, where residents find their roads used for parking and rendered more dangerous for themselves and their children.

New parking schemes require financial outlay for infrastructure such as parking charge machines, connectivity for card payment, signage, maintenance, and enforcement. There must be a better solution to the issue."

881. Impact on business, enjoyment of local communities , seaside walk's detrimental to all . No perceived benefit. Not even council when people no longer visit these places

882. Crazy I'll thought through money grab. By the time you have installed the infrastructure to accept payments it will take years to payback the admin and physical costs to implement a system in these areas. You can't even coordinate a quality road resurfacing so I expect your team wouldn't get this to any standard either. You seem to be trying to clutch at straws to get some funds. Why not reduce the 66 paid councilors to 44 and save an average £250 per hour for them (bare minimum attendance rate). This would save over 200k per year without any coat increase. Certainly wouldn't go upsetting the local residents if you did. Could share the savings over all the areas and not have to apply any new charges and continue to attract shoppers and visitors instead of driving people to out of town or online venues.

883. The parking charge would restrict already cash strapped residents families and visitors from enjoying the coast of Wirral and all the health benefits this brings. I object.

884. Disgraceful that the council and MP's , voted in by the people, choose to ignore what the people want. This will affect everyone with parking spaces in adjacent areas being used instead of paying for permits.

"885. There is so much parking here, I don't understand the need to charge for it. The local businesses have expressed a concern that charging will stop people visiting which can only have a detrimental affect.

The local residents already pay enough in council tax, it's utterly unfair to charge them to park outside their own homes."

886. Around this area many cycle paths gave been created at great cost. Hardly ever used. You've wasted money and once again expect the car drivers to bail you out. Also feel this would have a detrimental affect on the businesses, in particular the already struggling Floral.

887. The redevelopment money that has been spent over last few years has attracted people & visitors to the area. Ripping them off to park (which is what this is) will be to the detriment of the area, the residents & Wirral generally. Local businesses will not get any passing trade. Appalling & wrong Wirral Council. Think again as you'll be after our votes soon. Disgrace.

888. Will reduce the number of people coming to New Brighton and put numerous businesses at risk

889. I would have preferred to abstain from selecting a yes or no option as I'm not familiar with the area.

890. You are going to destroy our towns

891. New Brighton is clearly a destination for many local families on lower incomes. It seems unfair to introduce tariffs that would leave our coastal areas only to those who can afford to park in them.

892. The parking charge places the heaviest burden on people local to the area all of whom pay Council Tax. This is what Council Tax is intended to do - provide local amenities. The cost benefit never includes the improvement in health and well-being of the local community pushing the additional costs out onto the health service. Take a look at the empty charged-for car parks in Liscard, you have driven the people away thus losing the shops, a self fulfilling mechanism.

"893.

I would like to voice my major concerns as a resident of Pier House and a business owner on Victoria Parade.

The introduction of parking charges in New Brighton will be detrimental to mine and my husband businesses on Victoria Parade.

I fear people visiting New Brighton will avoid paying parking charges by parking on nearby Victoria Parade, Tollemache Street and Egerton Street.

This will have a massive impact on our customers, especially those with mobility problems visiting either my cafe or my husbands model shop.

Parking is already a huge problem on Victoria Parade, especially in the warmer months.

If the parking charges go ahead, we the residents of the aforementioned streets would need resident parking with say a 2 hour parking with 2 hour no return for visitors. Allowing us preference parking and scope for our customers to park and enjoy breakfast or lunch at The Waiting Room Cafe or The Driftwood Cafe.

No parking charges whatsoever is wholly preferred and I hope you understand the stress and worry hanging over many small businesses and the cost that could be incurred by residents if they have to park in costly parking bays if visitors are parked near

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894. Charging for parking will stop people visiting New Brighton and the shops. When there is a drive to get people to exercise more, charging for parking will discourage this.

895. This will kill the local tourism and economy

896. For so many people a walk along the prom is about all they can afford after paying high council taxes. We should not have to pay to park on a public road.

897. Charging will put off locals from visiting , exercising, using local businesses. It will also lead to an increase in using local residents areas for parking instead

898. It will not raise enough revenue to cover costs of operating the scheme and will be detrimental to businesses in the area as parking charges reduce visitor numbers

899. This unnecessary restriction is significantly hindering local businesses and adding yet another obstacle for customers to overcome. It's crucial for the community to have easy and affordable access to parking near our amenities, especially during these challenging times. Let's work together to ensure that everyone can enjoy our local businesses without unnecessary cost and disruption.

"900. I strongly disagree with parking charges, we've already had this debate.

Parking at New Brighton should be free for Wirral residents, we live on a peninsula and we should be allowed to enjoy our coastal areas for free. Elderly people go every day to enjoy the beautiful views and they won't be able to afford this any more. Young families who struggle to make ends meet should be able to take their children for a day out without having to pay for parking which they can't afford. "

901. Needs to be unrestricted to encourage visitors

902. Unfriendly for family days out

903. Impact on the town's redevelopment, businesses and Wirral residents who visit the area for exercise.

904. Our coast should be free to park for the people who live on the Wirral. It's unacceptable to charge us to enjoy our beaches. We already pay council tax

905. We are already paying a lot for parking / road tax fuel tax/ and we are the most heavily tolled area as we cant go to Liverpool for free as some of us have T-flow and other account it still cost us to get to work and back home at least 2.80 / day also many of us work in industrial areas in Liverpool that are out of city centre. This is a full failure of the council spending due to the lack of understanding how things work and uneducated people sitting in those seat with a wrong-headed mind..

906. People should be free to take in the view

907. Residents of Wirral pay enough taxes and should be able to enjoy the area free from further charges.

908. fed up with council over reach and killing businesses

909. This will have a detrimental effect on the future of New Brighton as the flourishing seaside town it is now becoming. It brings many visitors in from outside the area, boosting the economy and Wirral's profile as a whole. Parking restrictions can only halt this progress in its tracks.

"910. The objection is based on the detrimental impact this will have on local traders, it pushes people to the major supermarkets with free parking.

It stops local people using the facilities to exercise and enjoy the amenities available in our beautiful borough. We regularly go for a walk round the marine lake but i will not pay for parking to do so, this will clog up local streets for local residents.

The financial cost of implementing and servicing these schemes is a waste of money.

For me in particular the charges applying to certain carparks mean far more congestion on School lane putting the children at Dawpool at increased risk, which you as a council do very little about."

"911. As pensioners my husband (80) and I (75) often park at New Brighton and go for a walk, visit a cafe, sit by the sea and enjoy being part of the community - chatting with other folk and passing the time of day. We visit all the coastal areas at least once or twice a week. We take coffee and read in the car when the weather is inclement but it gets us out and enjoying nature.

My husband got a folding bike for his 80th birthday specifically for riding along the costal path where it is much safer - this gives him much needed exercise and time to switch off. If we had to pay to park this would probably be a game-changer. We don't have big pensions and both worked 7 years past retirement age so we're very careful on how we spend our pensions. (We're just over the limit for Pension Credit).

So our twice weekly trips to the sea mean we get out more and also mean we don't have to put the heating on at home. I take a blanket with me and hand warmers.

Because we have lost our £500 heating allowance it's important to us to get out as we sit at home with blankets and hot water bottles. We never thought being pensioners we'd be having to keep our heating off - SO it's important we can get out and about without now having to pay to park."

912. Adverse affect on local businesses and discourage visitors to local attractions in New Brighton.

913. Revenue generating scheme, harmful to local businesses

914. Will put people off visiting the area. Local businesses will suffer as a result.

915. Think about residents of the area having to have visitors parking in the roads they live in :-{

916. Parking charges will stop people visiting the area

917. I work in New Brighton for the council for the floral pavilion. Although they have a car park there is not enough space for all staff

918. This will have a detrimental effect on local residents and tourism

919. The only open space in Wallasey for families will be out of bounds to many. Free parking for residents should be considered.

920. This will lead to cars parking in other roads in the area where residents already have a problem getting a space to park near their house e.g. I know a disabled person who lives in Wellington Road and cannot walk more than a few yards.

"921. The Introduction of charges in on-street parking bays and introduction of a £1 charge to park overnight (between 6.30pm and 8am) at the named location: is very ill thought out as 6.30pm is when people come to New Brighton for the evening. So if the plan is to kill evening visitors to New Brighton cafes, restaurants etc, this will kill it stone dead. And of course, once in place it will then become subject to: Inflationary increases of all charges at all council-owned car parks where fees already apply (including trader and country park parking permits)

Increase in charges for permits in resident parking schemes"

922. ridiculous the council only want more money

923. Silly

924. Charging for parking will stop visitors and the area will suffer economically

925. This is a leisure area and does not have much parking problems. You are supposed to be supporting people's health and fitness.

926. Parking charges will deter visitors to the area, resulting in reduced footfall for local businesses. Furthermore, it is well-documented that mental and physical wellbeing is enhanced through spending time outdoors and in natural spaces (eg beaches, country parks) - charging people to visit these places will impede promotion of wellbeing.

927. Think it will deter visitors

928. What a ludicrous scheme that will kill the chance for locals to enjoy a walk and some exercise which will ultimately contribute to their overall positive health and thereby decrease the strain on the NHS etc. In addition reducing the likelihood of locals visiting local amenities and spending money in the local region thereby reducing overall revenue.

929. Car parking charges will deter people from visiting the area and supporting the local economy

930. This is such a popular walking area for families and elderly to exercise and enjoy the views and fresh air, raising a parking charge on this pleasurable experience will target people with limited income and mean that a previously free outing will have to be factored into their strained restricted resources.

931. Local business will not thrive

"932. You are taxing an amenity and making it it more difficult for people to access the sea and fresh air. Not everyone can use public transport , particularly if they have mobility

issues, and the cost of travelling on public transport can also be prohibitive for families. It is not a case of 'subsidising' people parking, but rather a case of taking more and providing still less in return. If this then leads to on-street resident parking charges, that will be a further cynical cash grab.

It is also likely that people will, simply avoid parking in charging areas, therefore bringing in less revenue than you expect. You are also likely to put local businesses at risk as footfall will reduce. You run the risk of reducing rateable income and increasing the number of people requiring unemployment and other social support. Overall this may not be in any net increase in income.

This means there is an increased likelihood of parking congestion on my and other roads near the charging area. I am a cyclist and this will significantly increase the danger of cycling on these roads. On Meols Parade, parking is currently predictable and safe and cycling is equally safe. This will inevitably change this. You are likely to be responsible for further cycling injuries and deaths if this and other on-street charges are imposed."

933. People will just try to park in residential streets to avoid charges. Or they will not visit at all.

934. Other than traditional freedoms, it impacts on poorer people disproportionately, reduces visiting, thence impacts local businesses and employment. Ultimately this reduces Council income, NOT enhancing it. It also increases local street parking problems as some people seek to avoid payment by parking in side roads.

"935. Charging for parking in this area will surely make the free retail parking more congested.

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936. This is a popular location and families can't afford parking, this reduced money to spend on a visit.

937. You will be killing off any chance people have to enjoy our beautiful coastline. Many people use this area for many reasons - health, mental health, exercise etc. Not everyone can afford parking charges especially if they are regular visitors.

938. The effect on local businesses, along with other cost of living impacts (energy/wider economic issues caused by lower footfall).will just create another push for shoppers and visitors to go elsewhere without parking issues/costs

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"940. I do not see why Wirral residents should be forced to pay to park where charges have not previously been payable, the council has made more than enough money from road users and to be expected to pay to park in previously uncharged areas is absolutely disgusting.

The council has on occasion said they intend to charge camper vans to park but I can certainly say that nobody who parks in the proposed locations down at New Brighton has ever seen anybody paying to park overnight, the camper vans are actually using the Morrisons car park for overnight parking to avoid the scandalous charges Wirral Council wants to introduce.

Perhaps if Wirral Council didn't waste the residents' money that we get ripped off from in council tax and other ridiculously high charges on useless projects such as the pointless cycle lanes which are NOT being used and should be removed, the council might be able to afford to put the money into more important stuff like improving current infrastructure such as the Pyramids car park as well as the car park above the former Argos branch by the bus station instead of saying to residents "You're going to pay this money whether you like it or not" because that is the disgusting attitude of Wirral Council where money is taken off the residents but there are NO improvements from the spending of that money, it just goes into council members' pockets and we don't see anything from it.

Lately, Wirral Council has become the biggest waste of space in Merseyside and as far as the residents are, it should be completely disbanded and NOT reformed and I say that because the council is always saying it's short of money, well in that case STOP giving the money to other councils and / or wasting it on useless rubbish and do something more practical with it like repairing or fully resurfacing the roads as quite a lot of the roads are in need of work."

941. £1 sounds too low for overnight. Given the expense to install meters etc, I wonder if it should be higher, eg £5.

942. Discouraging motorists and visitors from attending New Brighton with a knock-on effect to the profitability of local businesses.

943. As a resident I find this scheme an underhand taxation on local people. As a key worker and essential car user, working in a hospital sometimes shift work. I find this scheme particularly penalises people like me. Another cut to my income would be devastating and would have to consider changing jobs or moving to be affordable.

944. I agree with the overnight parking charge, but putting parking charges during the day will deter locals from days out in the area. Tourists expect parking charges, locals have used this for regular days out. I will go somewhere else where there are no parking charges.

945. This is an ill considered business and community destroying proposal. You are taking away what makes Wirral attractive and a “pleasant place to grow” or is that in the bin now?

946. This seems a reasonable proposal to me, since it is targeting parking for leisure purposes, and is unlikely to have any significant impact on local businesses, although the impact of the any such charges, in terms of leading to an increase in parking in local residential roads, to the significant inconvenience of local residents, should be kept under review for the

947. Ridiculous! Utter waste of money. The only people you serve is yourselves.

948. Wirral should be encouraging visitors and not be trying to take their money as soon as they arrive to visit the area.

949. As per 1.....I strongly object to this. It is absolutely outrageous. To pop down to the prom in the car to look out at the view for a short time ... Pay for this? Awful. This will stop local elderly people having independence .. also to walk our dog on the beach once or twice a day should not mean we have to pay for this privilege. I pay council tax and road tax already.

950. If you are currently making a £400,000+ per year loss for the arrangements that are in place now how can you begin to justify increasing the quantity of areas you charge for? Also do you not think that this sort of additional charge will put people off visiting the area? Surely your ideas should be in the best interests of the residents and local businesses and therefore should be supported by them rather than enforced upon them, I thought ideas put forward should help revive and improve our borough, I believe such charges will have the opposite effects, most of the ideas I hear being put forward/proposed by WBC aren't supported by residents as the residents don't trust your ability to represent them and do what is best for the area. All I can see is total incompetence and lack of foresight leading to contempt from residents

951. People visit, bring business to area. Social and health benefits. People won't be able to afford to park.

952. We go to this area often to enjoy the sea air and watch the world go by. We wouldn't go if there was a charge, we couldn't afford it and I'm sure there are many families In the same position as us. We need to encourage more people to this area not discourage them. New Brighton is a fun place for everyone especially for young.families.

953. As per my last objection- taking away one of the only things that is left for FREE! The views and outdoors are vital for people's good health. People with financial difficulties will be excluded from these places.

954. See comments below.

955. Damage local business and increase parking congestion in residential areas

956. This will increase parking in local streets and decrease visitors to the local shops and, therefore, likely cause the closure of some shops / cafes

957. It will have a negative impact on local businesses, penalise local people, cause parking problems for the surrounding roads & stop people from using the local area.

"958. So when you arrive after maybe a long drive at the bleak dips and looking at a 30 minute walk to the centre of New Brighton there are no public toilets. People might come once but not bother again. The centre of New Brighton is not bad and some of the parade perhaps could be pay and display but the whole length is excessive - there is literally nothing there.. Just the spooky flocks of corvids - what are they pecking at? Is it the worms feasting on the corpses of dead sailors from this wrecking beach?

This scheme will kill New Brighton for sure."

959. See below

960. Please see last comment box

961. Blatant money making from drivers who have already paid road tax or whatever you decide to call it. It is theft.

"962. Negative effect on the local economy in New Brighton.

We need to be growing the economy, investing in the town, not driving people away."

963. My husband and I work extremely hard and run a very successful and well established business in our local area. It is a home improvements company and we supply and install products to improve and enhance local people's properties. Our customers in Hoylake, Meols and West Kirby work and save hard to live where they live and spend their hard earned money on making their houses look nice. What is the point of striving to better one's property which in turn improves the look of the area where we live and thereby making it a more desirable district to reside and visit, when Wirral Council detract from all of this by imposing ugly and gaudy bright yellow lines and parking meters to our beautiful area. Along with the wreck that now is the beach at Hoylake and Meols, Wirral Council seem to be hell bent on making the Wirral scruffy, unkempt and undesirable. What are they doing to our beautiful peninsular? A place where throngs of people would visit and frequent, who ploughed money into our bustling local economy are becoming and soon will be a thing of the past. They are driving people away and Hoylake, Meols and West Kirby will become ghost towns. Businesses will suffer and more shops will close. We wholeheartedly oppose this plan and would urge the Council to rethink this very drastic scheme before it is too late.

"964. people will stop coming to place like this .

we should be encouraging people to cum and spend money in shops and any other business
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965. This will affect people from wirral immensely. It will also affect local businesses which rely on the area for income. New brighton is a popular tourist attraction for families,

pensioners and people who just stop to visit for a cup of coffee or a sandwich or an ice cream. People on Wirral are already feeling the pinch of ever increasing cost of living, energy and fuel prices. Some can only afford to buy a coffee or a sandwich or an ice cream and these charges will double the price of what they visit for taking away any chance of them socialising and businesses will feel the pinch also with loss of trade.

966. Affects local business and no need

967. You are going to literally kill the local economy.

968. This is going to restrict visitors from Wirral and beyond

969. The start time is too early as people who may want to go to New Brighton shops, restaurants or the Theatre will be charged. This should be an overnight charge only, and clearly identified as such.

970. I object to parking charges I know so many people who will not be coming to new brighton because of the charges. ive lived in new brighton for over 30 years and am furious about the £50 increase to residents permits. i feel the local people are being punished because the council is in debt.

971. Locals need to use the parking to access the outdoors and walk for their mental wellbeing

972. Bad idea. Will impact local businesses and mental health. People should have free parking for our own spaces.

973. Do you really expect anyone to say its a good idea other than the person who suggested it who I might add may need some new crayons to pass the day

974. It's utterly disgusting that you're trying to charge even more to Wirral residents.

975. It is unnecessary and damaging to our reputation as a tourist peninsula

"976. Yes I object on the following grounds:

1. It is illegal for the Council to introduce parking fees for money raising purposes.
2. The council has not done an impact study on introducing this scheme at this location
3. If it is implemented, it will drive what cars do park on the the promenade away from New Brighton and businesses will suffer
4. Cars will then park on nearby roads and cause parking and congestion issues and great inconvenience, especially on sunny days
5. The scheme cannot be cost effective, as the council is already making a loss on its parking contract.
6. The scheme will not bring in enough money to cover the cost of its parking contract

7. Attracting people to New Brighton is important to the local economy. Introducing parking charges will detrimentally affect the local economy which is just starting to recover after the construction of the Morrisons/Cinema/Restaurant scheme.

8. You are planning an assault on all the coastal facing roads on Wirral - greatly impacting the mental health of the Wirral population. This is unacceptable.

9. King's Parade/Coastal Drive are accessible to many residents of Wallasey only by road. It is also valuable to people's mental health. You should be doing everything you can to support Wallasey residents in their mental health - initiating parking charges will mean for many people they cannot access one of the best parts of the Wirral"

977. Detrimental to business and Locals and visitors

978. It is needed for visitors to keep local buisness going

979. I think it's an additional road tax, I work in the nhs, I pay to park when I see patients, I already pay to park in hospitals ,now on the road

980. This is a strategic attempt to discriminate against people who drive and actively discourage those who rely on cars from accessing public spaces, without financial penalty. We have a right to access spaces to walk and enjoy exercises without financial discrimination. The local authority actively promote healthy lifestyles and enjoying our beautiful area, however, this is yet another attempt to make it difficult and inaccessible. Shame on you.

981. This is a money making scheme and tax by stealth. It is an unfair charge that penalises residents and businesses alike especially in the current economic climate/cost of living crisis.

982. This will surely discourage tourism in the area .

983. well done ever y forn of transport needs to be for that uses fossil fuel or electric power on 4 or more wheels

984. Access to the coast should be encouraged. It seems unnecessarily restrictive to introduce parking charges.

985. It is overbearing and does not consider visitors and carers to residents

986. will stop tourists and visitors if charges are too high. local residents should have some sort of concessionary pass

"987. Absolutely scandalous Wirral are bringing in these charges, people visit New Brighton to walk along the promenade and the beach.

This is vital for people's health and well being.

Bringing in these parking charges will deter people from visiting the area.

This will effect the local economy of the area.

Are the Council trying to deliberately kill off the businesses in New Brighton as that's what will happen."

988. Yes, stop trying to take more money out of the hands of hardworking people.

989. When we travel to other parts of the uk we need to pay to park don't have an issue with charging at beauty spots

990. Parking charges will see a reduction in footfall at a time New Brighton can afford this to happen. Given the volume of people attending New Brighton on a good day will more than compensate the council. WBC cannot afford to lose local businesses and the business rates which they will lose when businesses close due to the loss of business

991. As living local and using this area to park for the past 30 years, this is now restricting my freedom of movement , also myt mental health, I find the restrictions unhelpful to myself local people and people wanting to visit this beautiful part of the country , I completely object to this.

992. Impact on local business and tourism

993. It will deter visitors to the area .

994. It will force people to parking in the residential areas which affects local rssidents

995. No

"996. I strongly disagree with the proposed charges to parking sites across the Wirral, especially Roslin Road in Irby. I run a business here and employ members of staff from across the Wirral. All of us travel into work by car, these proposed charges will mean it will cost us an extra £126 every month. That's £1,506 a year! I'm also confident I'm not the only business owner here in Irby that feels this way. We all employ staff and it's a huge added expense. Without our businesses here what would the town look like? Rows of empty shops, a lack of community and without any shops here your car parks would end up empty anyway. I strongly recommend you reconsider, or at the very least, consider the workers and provide permits for those working in the areas you're imposing these parking charges on.

The alternative is that we end up moving our businesses to areas where it's easier for our staff, free parking, away from the heart of communities. "

997. It will discourage visitors.

998. It restricts how able the local community are able to access local outside spaces. Not everyone is able to walk and use public transport. People with children also need to be able to park closely to amenities. This would be an awful impact to our leisure and wellbeing activities.

999. This is an existing resource that has been available to all for decades, they are not car parks. As residents we regularly make use of the road side parking in order to go for walks and obtain exercise. I believe that the councils actions in imposing charges in these areas will be detrimental to people obtaining simple exercise and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Is it not part of the Councils remit to ensure the health and well being of it's local community? The premise that the Council is "subsidising" parking to the tune of £300,000 has been shown to be false. Car owners are NOT the seemingly endless source of revenue that the council appears to think we are, we already pay Vat on the car purchase, fuel duty and vat on the fuel duty, Road tax. Public transport is not readily available to access this area. I have no objection to paying to park in actual car parks that may be convenient for local shops and facilities however I would ask the council to reconsider it's proposals in respect of the on road charges.

1000. Detrimental to local economy

1001. I use the area to exercise myself and my dog every day to keep healthy as I am 68 and trying to keep active in my latter years

1002. STOP! robbing the public,

1003. It will deter many from visit at a time when the area needs support and people using cafes, the theatre and cinema, the funfair, pubs etc. A reduction in visitors will see business closures.

1004. parking should be free

1005. stop charging the public

1006. I don't necessarily object to this scheme, but there isn't a not applicable option

1007. Charging for parking will reduce how many people visit this in turn will have an effect on the local economy

1008. Good idea - overnight charging is required - should it be more for overnight?

1009. It will drive people away from the area and means less money spent.

1010. It may affect local businesses and also stop local people visiting . The coast is an important place on the Wirral and great place to unwind and refresh . If people who use cars to access these areas no longer use them it may be detrimental to physical and mental health and but a stronger burden on health services .

1011. People will not visit and the area will lose money.

1012. You really ought to provide facilities for campavans, as a new income source.

1013. Will have a detrimental impact on visitor numbers and also local people using the area

1014. If this was introduced it would discourage, people from visiting New Brighton. A place for leisure jogging, dog walking, elderly walking and it would affect business, while causing traffic jams in the resort.

"1015. The scheme will reduce the number of the community using the prom for keeping fit and for mental health benefits will be lost

Cars will just be displaced "

1016. It will deter people visiting and see parking in residential areas .

1017. Fine, if the revenue goes to other council services.

1018. Will push traffic to neighbouring roads.

1019. This will cause parking to move to tight residential roads and actually will negatively put me off from visiting anymore

1020. If you start charging to park in an area where businesses are already struggling to attract customers then you really are putting the final nail in the coffin.

1021. Absolutely a disgrace screwing the motorists again and again. Organise your own council first

1022. I understand the need for councils to make more money but this is going to negatively effect access to our fantastic coastline especially,it's one of our greatest assets and a free day out in many ways for local residents,taking that away whilst the country is going through a mental health epidemic is not only cruel but disappointing to even be tabled

1023. Stop proposing things and focus on fulfilling your constituent demands; on what people who you should be serving really need and want. If you like to make car parks changed, then you firsts have to make sure that there are reliable, frequent, cheap and convenient transportation options night and day.

1024. We travel into the area a lot to shop got to events and walk , we wont be doing that in future if charges are made and this loss of trade will effect the area greatly .

1025. This will destroy the tourism in the town and have a devastating effect on the local economy.

1026. I volunteer at Floral and we will lose half the workforce if they have to pay to park to be able to volunteer

1027. To introduce parking charges to this area will damage the footfall to local businesses in a cost of living crisis. People will instead visit local shopping centres where shopping is provided for free, these shopping centres only feature large chain businesses rather than local independent business that feature in towns like New Brighton.

1028. It is very important to manage car use. I support parking fees a means of encouraging people to think twice about using cars for leisure activities.

"1029. This will have a significant effect on visitors who would like to come to New Brighton. People use this to walk along for health and mental wellbeing, surely better than visiting a GP.

All local businesses will also affected too"

1030. Affects local businesses negatively. Persons driving to coast for leisure or exercise dissuaded due to costs. Road users costs already too high.

1031. It will deter trippers especially if you have to use one of the "phone apps" to pay. Older people will just not come and they are the most likely to come and sit on the prom.

1032. It will have a detrimental affect on local businesses and reduce visitor numbers from out of area.

1033. Wirral residents do not have a cash tree, putting charges in place will not encourage visitors to the area. Stop using residents of wirral as cash cows

1034. Destroy business and make it harder for people to exercise.

1035. There is never a problem parking on Coastal Drive or Kings Parade. People should be encouraged to use the promenades for leisure, walking, exercise. Given to location there are no side roads that can be used for parking so people will be forced to abandon a visit to these locations.

1036. The council needs to raise much needed money. Hopefully to increase spending on social care

1037. No parking should be charged outside the hours mentioned on the proposal

1038. Wirral council using local people as their personal.cash cows yet again. This will destroy local.towns and businesses. Wirral.council.need to leave the free parking alone, lower the rates to their empty shops etc to get them.full again I stead of hiring rates and driving more independent businesses out. Surely this is obvious to all the people in the council.getting paid 100k+ per year???

1039. Charging to park in this area will discourage people from visiting and enjoying walks.

1040. Will reduce people visiting new Brighton which will affect already struggling businesses.

1041. This is a space used by many people. Spacious and perhaps the best green space with something for everyone on Wirral. Introduce parking charges at this particular location would add a barrier to people to come to the beach and have outdoor time. This is not a space where people are already coming to spend money. People on lower incomes may not have an outdoor option when charges are added here.

1042. It will only rise in costs as a way to fund the councillors own interests.

1043. It would make a walk and a cup of coffee unaffordable for many.

1044. As an older couple, my wife and I often park here to allow us to walk on a flat route along the coast. Having to pay to park will restrict our opportunity to do this, which in turn will impact our mental well being. We find the walk along the coast close to the sea invigorating and be

1045. New Brighton and Wirral are struggling for lack of tourists, you will drive them away found this and it will effect everyone in the area and detrimental effect on all businesses, myself I go fishing 3 times a week at new Brighton and do my shopping and use cafe in Morrisons, I wint be able to afford it, will go somewhere else

1046. I am not a resident of this area and therefore if I go I am a visitor so do not object to parking fees.

1047. We need encourage visitor from near and far

"1048. I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed implementation of car parking charges in these areas. This plan appears to be poorly thought out and will likely have significant negative consequences for both the local environment and the community.

By introducing parking charges, you risk discouraging visitors from coming to the area altogether. Those who do still come will likely seek alternative parking in nearby residential areas, shifting traffic congestion and creating additional strain on the local environment. This increased pressure on residential areas will not only contribute to pollution and noise but also diminish the quality of life for local residents.

Furthermore, many local businesses, which rely on a steady flow of visitors, will undoubtedly suffer from the drop in foot traffic. The reduction in visitors will have a detrimental impact on the local economy, harming both small businesses and the overall vibrancy of the area.

If Wirral Council is in need of additional funding, I would urge you to reconsider your approach. Instead of burdening residents and visitors with parking fees, focus on addressing the inefficiencies in council spending. For instance, the wasteful and poorly conceived consultations that often lead to misguided decisions should be reassessed.

A recent example is the situation in New Brighton, where Wetherspoons was allowed to expand its business, only to abandon the location when it became too costly to maintain. Not only has this left an unsightly and hazardous empty space, but it also raises questions about why such poor planning was allowed to happen in the first place.

I urge you to reconsider these parking charges and focus on making improvements that will genuinely benefit the local community and environment."

1049. Will discourage people from visiting the area and Floral Pavillion.

1050. Many people cannot afford parking charges

1051. Forcing motorists to park in residential streets as they will not pay to park
1052. We often park here when visiting New Brighton
1053. Rediculous idea not good for businesses or leisure
1054. Stop discouraging people from enjoying our coastline!
1055. Why do we have to pay to walk around our seafront
1056. I think it's fair to charge for parking in the main car park but not on Coastal Drive.
1057. The beach is one of the naturally free things people of all ages can go to, charging people will reduce the opportunity people have for fresh air and exercise here.
1058. People should not be charged to walk and get fresh air. This could impact on people's health and wellbeing as a charge would be expensive for regular walkers/runners etc
1059. Why punish the public further? You've increased the council tax and other taxes, so please stop imposing more costs as it's very difficult to live with all these payments at the moment.
1060. People of Wirral and visitors should not have to pay to park to enjoy the Wirral
1061. Although I live in Parkgate, most of my shopping and leisure time is spent in the Council area. It seems excessive to increase the number of paid parking sites at a time when many people are finding it difficult to make ends meet.
1062. Wrong
1063. It's tax for tax sake and it's stopping people from enjoying the waterfront..its outrageous
1064. Areas around the beach should be free to encourage exercise and visitors
1065. Will drastically reduce visitors to area, affecting local businesses. Introducing payment will increase parking in residential roads.
1066. Scheme will drive people away from local area,
1067. People can't afford these charges
1068. Council want people to be more active then become more excessable to the coastal areas will mean more people to stop and enjoy the areas.
1069. Will increase parking in other areas
1070. This is putting an extra financial strain on people.This is OUR land and we should not be expected to pay parking charges when WBC are already getting enough money from the taxpayers.
1071. Costal parking should remain free
1072. It is hard enough making ends meet without having to pay to park everywhere.. the cost of living is extortionate and what exactly would we be paying for? The beaches,

promenades and surrounding areas aren't maintained anywhere, with weeds, unmowed grass areas, mud, rubbish and just plain grubby everywhere. There are very few if any usable public toilets, and poor street lighting. Council tax should cover parking fees as you get little or nothing for paying it as it is. Shocking that tax payers and pensioners pockets are being hit heavily yet again!

1073. It is a rip off

1074. Stop ripping people off.

1075. There is no need to charge for parking here the road is very rarely congested and charging would make it more difficult for people with limited resources to access the area for exercise and dog walking as having to pay every day becomes an unaffordable expense and could affect people's mental well being

1076. It's disgusting to charge people to use what should be free. People have nothing else and now you want to charge shame on you. Greedy

1077. You are pricing us out of a life.

1078. I feel I pay enough council tax to have to pay even more to enjoy the area in which I live.

1079. Hair brained. Honestly who thought it was a good idea? They need to be sacked

1080. It will affect businesses and people visiting the area for pleasure.

1081. I think that introducing parking charges here is short term thinking. Charges will negatively affect New Brighton as a day out destination and local businesses will suffer and close. In addition, parking charges will force visitors to try and park for free on residential streets which will eventually force a parking permit scheme.

1082. Absolute joke to charge people to visit a beauty spot and to kill off tourists in the area.

1083. Will deter visitors and less able bodied people

1084. Parking should remain free

1085. It is disgusting that residents of Wirral and visitors have to pay to park, we are supposed to be a leisure peninsula and you will drive people away

"1086. The greatest use of this area is for exercise and recreation. The introduction of parking charges seems to completely contradict other policies promoting an "Active Wirral" and the obvious mental and physical well being exercise provides.

The surrounding area includes many deprived areas, the coastline being the greatest open space available for them.

I imagine a lot of people will park legally in surrounding residential areas and view it as a bit of extra exercise, at the inconvenience of local residents that no doubt in a few years will be expected to pay for a resident only parking scheme."

"1087. Am totally against parking charges at New Brighton it's not good for business residents and visitors

a lot of local people can't afford holidays in the sun and don't have access to villas in the sun They rely on the local coast for holidays and leisure time fishing walking charging to park at these venues is a tax on sea air what's next a parking meter on your driveway

Wirral council disappointing we pay you a fortune in council tax "

1088. You will drive visitors away from New Brighton if you introduce these charges, absolute nonsense...

1089. You will kill the number of people visiting and getting exercise, fresh air, mental wellbeing. Big up. Ditch the idea.....again 🙏🙏

1090. Introducing parking charges will deter families from enjoying the benefits of walking along the prom. Money is tight, don't squeeze the motorist.

1091. Outside warm summer weekends, there will be insufficient revenue generated to pay the costs of the scheme and wages of enough people to enforce it. On a sunny Friday noon recently, I counted 55 vehicles along the entire length of Kings Parade, Coastal Drive, and the connecting roads, 2 miles long, so 4 miles of kerb edge. Several had drivers in, so technically not parked, some were illegally parked/stopped on yellow lines. No reasonable charge will cover the cost of wages, on this level of parking. Any meters/paypoints will exist in one of the harshest environments for metallic/electronic equipment, a seafront regularly swept by spray, occasionally by large waves. Charging there will result in visitors parking on nearby roads, Sea Road, Sandcliffe Road, the Smugglers Way and Mockbeggar estates, Grove Road, Harrison Drive, to the discomfort of residents and locals taking families to Harrison Park. The Marine Point shopping car park will be overwhelmed by visitor parking, to the detriment of businesses and shoppers. See my comments on the charging proposal at Perch Rock.

1092. It's a cost of living crisis, mental health crisis and NHS crisis and your taxing the one amenity that gets people through life by having a walk by the beach or going to see show, disgrace

1093. I think it's necessary to allow for people with limited mobility to be able to park closer to the main areas, and for more visitors to the prom to find parking. Currently there are lots of employees and motorhomes taking up prime spots for extended time periods. Paid parking will displace them and allow more people to enjoy the prom and facilities. I sincerely hope it includes the parking near the pumping station opposite Victoria Road as that has been taken over by Motorhomes and before they took it over, it was a prime spot with a good turnover people would park for an hour or so then leave now the motorhomes especially in summer, block it off from the public and set it up like their own campsite, it ruins the view and stops people with limited mobility enjoyment of the beach from the car. PLEASE include that area in the paid for parking.

1094. Adding parking charges will deter people from visiting the area. People are financially already struggling.

"1095. Wirral Residents could be given a permit and all visitors to Wallasey/New Brighton charged. If we go anywhere in UK on holiday we have to and expect to pay to park.

My husband saves the NHS money because he pushes himself to walk the dog , even though he has mobility issues. He parks in of the Wallasey Beach locations where the dog can be off-lead. He would struggle to walk from further away with the dog on-lead."

1096. You will prevent local residents from visiting the area. You call Wirral a leisure peninsular but by charging parking fees you put a steep cost on leisure activities, cycling, fishing and walking

1097. It will destroy local commerce. I realise that left wing politicians don't appear to understand how incredibly important that is to the local community because the public purse funds their lives but without our taxes, your lifestyle goes away.

1098. I feel that leaving parade open for visit without charge will allow more people to enter area to contribute to local business . It is wrong to just charge for parking

1099. Pensioners are already worse off because of the Labour government's policies. This will directly impact people who want to enjoy the local area in their free time. It will also mean that motorists will park away from the sea front and inconvenience local residents.

"1100. I use the dips every day walking my dog & unless there is an event or very hot weather the amount of cars parked around the Dips would not in my opinion cover the cost of installing, maintaining & parking wardens wages.

Our prom is beautiful with spectacular views enjoyed by walkers, cyclists,runners & families please don't ruin it with more posts & signs!!

It would cost me & other regular users nearly£10pw to stay for abhor if charges were brought in"

1101. This will deter people from going and using our lovely coastal area.

1102. Will drive parking into the side streets which are already crowded with no driveways. People who live there will have to pay to park outside their own house

1103. Damaging to local business residents and tourism

1104. It discourages people from wanted to go for walks etc so helping people health and mind.

1105. Paid Parking is going to affect local businesses and this will be the decline of New Brighton.

1106. Paying to park will detract visitors, who bring income into the economy

1107. Perhaps locals could have a free pass

1108. This is unnecessary, anti tourism and a council money grab

1109. Coast should be free to all! Will cause visitors to park outside residents houses and other visitors to not bother in visiting the area at all!

1110. People will stop going to West Kirby/New Brighton ect.

1111. Charges will drive people away from our area which in turn will in the long run affect businesses. When will councilors who we pay to work for us the people do what we request if the majority say NO? They have not listened to the people in the past so why would they listen to us now?

1112. If i have to pay for parking, i want more bins provided round the Wirral area & the reopening & further provision of toilets. What are the extra funds bring spent on. This is meant to be the Leisure peninsular & you will drive people away.

1113. This will have a negative effect on visitors to New Brighton and will affect local businesses.

1114. Ridiculous

1115. The Wirral is called the leisure peninsula. By charging people to park, it will stop people coming to enjoy our beautiful seaside coast and kill off people visiting the shops, cinema and restaurants.

1116. As a regular walker on the Wirral way and former dog walker. I suspect the council is doing to cash in on the millions of pounds of parking fines it will raise.

1117. NB is such a brilliant place to take grandchildren to particularly in the summer and I also love going there to walk my dog. Even a small charge would make me think twice.

1118. It's disgusting, all you're going to do is stop people going there and instead they'll visit the big retail parks instead. If you want to save money then cut the number of local councillors by two thirds and cut the wages of the council chief executives.

1119. This will make the area a no go area I certainly don't want to go to any of these places we need to park for free

1120. Motorists are already taxed to death. Parking charges inhibit travel to local businesses.

1121. These places depend on people visiting the charges will impact businesses

1122. It's a greedy money grab and will only be detrimental to the area, less people will visit and overall local businesses will be negatively impacted, therefore community negatively impacted. It is cruel when people are already struggling to pay bills.

1123. Parking charges on any of the north and west Wirral promenades will drive people to park on the side streets rather than pay. This will have the inevitable effect of increasing traffic unnecessarily on those streets. Making it unnecessarily more difficult for residents

and local businesses. Parking charges are not spread evenly, some area's pay more than others

1124. Non residential roads, with some congestion problems, so no issue.

1125. Parking fees will only make people avoid the area like they have done in town centres and other charged areas which will result in even more business closing or moving. It will also deter out of area visitors to come to the peninsular.

1126. It is a Natural amenity and site of visual merit that should be free to access

1127. All parking should be free

1128. Instead of adding parking charges to places which will cause parking elsewhere on residential roads and also cause people not to come to those places at all meaning another ghost town like Liscard, why doesnt the council sort out their spending and focus on some of their own staff and who are overpaid for the little work they actually do.

1129. It will stop visitors coming to the area which then will have a negative impact on the businesses in the area

1130. Parking should be free for outdoor leisure pursuits which benefit a healthy lifestyle, walking along our coastline should be free for everyone to enjoy.

1131. I think free parking is vital in this area to support local businesses and the health of the Wirral population.

1132. People need to access nature and live healthy lifestyles this is a barrier to this

1133. Why are Wirral residents being asked to pay car park fees in recreational areas? Particularly given that we pay very high council tax, car parking should be free.

1134. Wirral has high levels of obesity and poor health due to inactivity and people need to be encouraged to get out in the outdoors.

1135. The costs could have a big effect on visitors to that area & local people suffer yet again!

1136. The Wallasey Prom was gifted to the people of Wallasey by the Harrison family not for the poorly run council to make money.

1137. No issue in applying charges within the tourist parking areas/coastal road - standard practice across other Authorities and areas - in effect a tourist tax - supports local services.

1138. This will have a detrimental effect upon the local businesses.

1139. Agree with parking charges for those vehicles/camper vans which are being parked for over 24 hours but we believe we should be encouraging people to the outdoors for their health and wellness.

1140. You've created more road rage and agtessive driving with 20 mph blanket speeds, you've also created more pollution with this and your traffic jamming cycle lanes and now

you want to charge us just to stop in a nice place? STOP IT YOU INCOMPETENT CLOWNS!
this is a objection just incase I need to spell it out.

1141. I think it will effect the tourist trade

1142. I don't think we need to be charging... we pay enough in council tax and all these business will suffer ... they are struggling enough as it isvery disappointed this is happening

1143. Imposition of parking charges on streets aggravates residents and pushes genuine users to avoid local businesses

1144. Parking charges will discourage people from exercising with beach walks which can be very good for the increasing amount of people with physical and mental health.

1145. No

1146. People will not visit, causing small businesses to close

"1147. New Brighton will return to a ghost town

People use the prom for exercise that the government is telling us to do to fight obesity and help the NHS and will be put off using the area if they have to pay

Stupid idea "

1148. It will adversely affect tourism.

1149. Will cause congestion

1150. The Public should have access to the natural environment without having to pay parking fees , shores, woodland areas, commons for mental health and physical health. The proposed charges are damaging to the above as not everyone could afford these charges. These places are vital for people to spend time in .

1151. Parking should be free. We need more people using the coast for walking and exercise. The shops need the trade . It is bad enough for families with children cost wise at present and you will no doubt put the council tax up again.

1152. Rather than have paid parking. Would make sense to have time limit parking. Also the overnight parking charge would have an effect on businesses as customers would have to leave earlier if they are unable to leave cars overnight for free and collect next day.

"1153. As a resident I believe this area should be covered by my council tax. Visitors to the area should be made to pay.

Suggest if there was more effort put into stopping illegal parking across the whole of the Wirral the fines imposed would cover any shortfall."

"1154. I used to shop and use cafes all the time in liscard.

If i needed a birthday card i would use a card shop. Now i go to asda or tesco for it due to free parking.

Parking charges have killed liscard shopping. By charging to park in more areas it means the public will park in the streets more. "

1155. By all means pay to park all day but not for a couple of hours

1156. will effect local business, force people away from the area

1157. The free parking attracts visitors to the local area and helps local businesses. It's also very important that people can visit these areas to enjoy the environment, keep fit, meet others and help avoid any mental health issues.

1158. It will be detrimental to local businesses and the area as people will think twice about going to the area

1159. This would stop so many people visiting for a free day out with kids!

"1160. We pay a lot to live in this area and local residents should be able to enjoy the local area without additional charges.

This will have a negative effect on local businesses.

The council is cashing in on the residents and not providing any facilities in recompense.

The amount of money is being unfairly distributed across the region (mainly in the type of repairs done in wealthy areas of the towns against the poorer areas of the towns - right down to the tarmac if of roads)

Wirral residents do not get adequate local services like public transport and this includes the transport over to Liverpool - charges are extreme and services are not in place for safe travel at peak evening times ie trains stopping at 11:30 for one

Leading to charges of £40-60 upwards for residents to taxi home.

We pay our fair share but don't see the benefits "

1161. Charges will affect businesses, families ability to enjoy quality time and people's mental heath

1162. wirralcouncil are extremely greedy doing this. There are bins overflowing, almost every drain blocked in surrounding areas, they're flying tipping bin bags every week on the side of the roads feeding the rats and yet they spent £30M on a restaurant and wall of which both have failed in their purpose and in turn they now want to charge for parking all along the coast which is predominantly used by local residents.

1163. I pay road tax, as a community asset it should be free. As a person who is retired and has some mobility issues but not enough to warrant a blue badge I feel this penalises me for trying to enjoy my local surroundings.

"1164. It has taken 30 odd years to rejuvenate New Brighton which is now thriving. Introducing hefty parking charges will dissuade visitors and easily turn New Brighton back to the dump it once was.

It was recently in the news that Brighton had to REDUCE parking charges as it was found that visitors were considerably down with revenue consequently reduced.

This could also affect the Floral Pavilion which is already struggling."

"1165. I feel that charging for parking will adversely impact local businesses by driving people towards locations with no parking charges which tend to be out of town with large corporations.

The mental health and fitness of residents will also be impacted, people go to these locations for fresh air and exercise and will be discouraged from doing so if yet another charge is levied on car owners who seem to be an 'easy target' and treated as a cash cow. "

1166. Local businesses are struggling enough. Foot fall to these areas is Important. Also the mental health of Wirral residents having a place to go for free is so important. We pay a lot in taxes let's not take away our access to the coast

1167. Charging people to park will discourage people from using these spaces and will inhibit the growth of small businesses in the area.

1168. This scheme will stop business for local businesses and put people off going there.

"1169. Overnight £1 charge okay

Charging for parking in the day, not okay. This is a communal outside space for the community. Will affect local businesses "

1170. If implemented it will drive people away from New Brighton !

1171. Going to the coast to walk, exercise should remain a free activity. Imposing charges on activities that improve mental and physical health if wirral residents and visitors is not acceptable

1172. Charging to park is detrimental to the economy of the area.

1173. I am concerned that introduction of blanket charges on Kings Parade and Coastal Drive will encourage drivers to seek nearby free parking and thereby cause issues for residents in nearby streets, for instance, the streets in New Brighton that lead down to the river or promenade.

1174. Here we go again!! Greedy council looking to make a buck off hard working ppl! Why don't you sort out the flooding issues first instead of wasting tax payers money on projects that no one wants. You should be ashamed of yourselves.

1175. I think it can be difficult to find a space to park at New Brighton, this might make a difference.

1176. Think it will ruin small business

1177. Wirral residents should be able to access our own beauty spots free of charge. It's also bad for local businesses and discriminatory against those with mobility or other issues that make walking or using public transport more difficult. This proposed policy is very short sighted. As a council you should be encouraging local businesses and exercise in fresh air.

1178. Will stop people exercising and enjoying the seaside

1179. This is my one haven. My one free thing to do when I feel low, or down. I can come for a drive, stay as long as I need and breathe in the fresh air. Or just sit in the car. Please don't start charging!

1180. Don't need to pay for parking

1181. Need excellent public transport and active travel to precede charges. Need cargo bikes to become the norm in advance of restrictions to cars and parking

1182. no

1183. Financial charges should not be put in place as they will discourage the local population using the area for exercise, which is important for the population's well being. Charges will discourage people using the area.

1184. This is an area where people come to exercise and improve health. Charging will reduce the amount of people and in turn their health.

1185. disgusting to charge for parking at these places

1186. As above, I'm ok with a £1 overnight charge, in principle. I am completely against daytime parking charges though. This strikes me as a tax (which we already pay in abundance) on those who just wish to enjoy the natural surroundings of the peninsula, or embark on a shopping trip.

1187. Really? This penalises local people to use local facilities. It's not a national attraction. This isn't creating jobs either because it'll all be electronic and through a bit multicorp who'll keep adding a few pennies here and it'll be them making the profit. You're penalising independents on already failing high streets.

1188. People will stop coming to the area, or will start parking in residential streets which will leave people with children like me not being able to park anywhere near my home which happens. Please leave the parking free it's one of the best things about new Brighton

1189. It will stop people from visiting

1190. Yes- find other ways to take money out of people instead of bringing the only positive thing about coming to the Wirral

1191. I am objecting to parking charges

"1192. Why introduce something that isn't needed.

You are going to have a negative impact on local businesses and families already struggling.
"

1193. Stop putting up parking meters

1194. Just another way to take money, there is hardly any parking as it is, make bigger car parks before trying to charge so we can go up the local town and shop to support our communities.

1195. I don't agree with parking charges

1196. The joy of living in this area, is if you are having a bad and need to get out and clear your head you can do this without wondering if you can afford it. I walk my dog for my mental health and will soon be penalised for it.

1197. We pay high council tax yet you spend as little as possible on highways and byways. Over pay senior management. Cost of living is hard enough and more cost in enjoying the coastal areas will stop people who can not afford to pay from helping with mental health and wellbeing.

1198. Money grabbing evil individuals

1199. It's immoral to raise funds in a way that will damage local businesses and make open spaces inaccessible to many

1200. I disagree with the implementation of car parking charges as it will deter people from visiting the site and have a negative effect on the local economy.

1201. Parking charges are unnecessary and will put people off visiting. There is plenty of space for parking and no need for it to be paid.

1202. It will Kill already struggling local businesses and will force people to park in the side roads sftrr the residents parking , this will directly affect us as a family as it is already difficult to park in our roads by our home. Cars park dangerously on corners as it is.

1203. This is one of the chief assets of Wallasey..and there are far too few!! To be able to park near the sea for a walk, some fresh air or to walk a dog is something essential to the health and well being of your population. We are constantly exhorted to save the Health Service money by keeping healthy, and you start charging for fresh air. Elderly people especially dont use phones often, dont have apps and find using modern parking machines very stressful. Please put such concerns before spurious references to climate change. If you are bent on this, please consider passes for local residents, or at the very least for pensioners. Where is the money coming from? If it is money granted specifically for this purpose, would you kill or injure yourself just because someone was paying you? This is precisely what you are doing in this case.

1204. Why drive away tourism and local people more money made by bringing in people to area

1205. It will cause a detrimental effect on local businesses in the area
1206. New Brighton relies on visitors and truly believe it will effect this. Also many of those areas are places where local community groups use to help people with mental health and loneliness issues. . In creating activity's where anyone can join with no judgment. Also many locals use these places for dog walks.
1207. This is an amazing place to spend time with the family, to exercise by walking along the front and visit the local shops and businesses to boost their trade
1208. Just outrageous that we will have to pay in order to get decent fresh air from the coast. It will put a lot of people off therefore you are denying people good physical and mental health practices
1209. Parking charges will Deter people from enjoying what's good about the Wirral, and result in decline in local business
1210. The motorist is always the easy target. Most people who park in Irby are usually in the village for a short time. The first hour should be free with charges then being applied after that.
1211. It would restrict visitors and residents considerably.
1212. Charging to pay for parking without any benefits is ridiculous. It isn't a secure car park, there are no services provided this is a disgusting attempt to squeeze more money out of people during a cost of living crisis.
1213. No
1214. We need to encourage people to the area not put them off. They bring money into local facilities so we don't end up everywhere being a ghost town
1215. countryside and public areas should be free to easily access for all with no monetary gain. stop nickel diming everything or free to those in wirral paying council tax
1216. It'll deter visitors&area will become more desolate
1217. Implementing charges will have a detrimental effect on the area specifically local small businesses
1218. Parking charges are likely to reduce people attending shops etc in the area
1219. Discourages people, especially poorer people, from the area parking up and getting fresh air and healthy exercise. Will have a negative impact on public health and mental well being.
1220. People park here too walk and ride bikes which have many health benefits. If car parking charges are bought in people less likely to take part in healthy activities which in turn will increase burden on NHS and social care. Will end up costing more money. So short sighted

1221. We already pay enough council tax and road tax

1222. It will kill the local residents who 'drop-in' for a coffee as it represents a 25% increase in their costs. One person this morning who goes to meet friends 3 times a week & stays almost 3 hours will be paying £18/week & says will go elsewhere.

1223. As this is a coastal recreational area, the price must be kept simple and low to not discourage outdoor activities.

1224. Appalling decision. Lazy option from Council that needs to review savings elsewhere. Beaches are open spaces are public resources that should not charge visitors. Supports community wellbeing and why people want to live in Wirral.

1225. New Brighton/Wallasey is already run down enough without deterring visitors, especially during winter. Just an other excuse for a badly run council to milk money from drivers who already pay road tax.

1226. It will stop people coming to New Brighton

1227. Yes. I object strongly to this. Wirral used to be called "The Leisure Peninsula". The NHS is crumbling under nationwide levels of obesity. The Council should be encouraging families to use the coastal leisure areas for exercise, rather than discouraging them by imposing parking charges.

1228. Unnecessary money making , will deter visitors and deprive people of the right to enjoy the area and take exercise

1229. No need to charge

1230. It'll stop local families & visitors visiting the area & will cause stress amongst all who go there now

1231. I do not object to inflationary increases where charges currently apply. I believe expanding the list of streets where charges apply should each be considered on their individual merit, rather in a block. Overnight charges must be backed up by enforcement, in which case it may not always be cost effective to do this. Overnight charges must serve a purpose other than just revenue raising.

1232. Think Charges for parking there will have a detrimental affect on visiting

1233. By introducing charges you will drive away people from spending their money in the local community and this will result in closed shops and unappealing areas.

"1234. The charge time of 6.30 is too early for overnight parking. Businesses such as Floral Pavillion theatre would be seriously adversely affected. as would restaurant type businesses.

Overnight should surely not start until 11pm."

1235. The introduction of charges will discourage people from visiting the area. This will have an effect on local businesses. It will also mean that visitors will miss the opportunity to walk along the promenade as part of their well-being regime.

1236. It's a busy spot with tourists. We struggle to park which shows that there is demand so parking charges could help manage traffic. Ideally we'd like to use public transport more so perhaps the money raised could help improve the buses?

1237. This will impact visitors to the area at a time when people are struggling to afford days out it will add to the expense

1238. Wirral is called the Leisure Peninsula. By introducing parking charges here the local people will travel to and park less on the coastal roads and will therefore not exercise along these promenades increasing the burden on NHS services. Also people from outside area will visit this area of Wirral less to avoid charges or they will be driven to park on congested side roads.

1239. Think it is unfair to charge for parking in an area where families and individuals have previously been able to go for a free day out. Lots of people walk or just sit in this area which is good for their physical and mental health. Putting a charge on parking will discourage many from visiting.

1240. I am a daily dog walker at this location and could not afford these daily charges. Also people are encouraged to go to these places to help with mental health and well being and should not come at a cost ,people should be abled to drive ,park and enjoy open spaces for free .

1241. I will drive to new brighton and leave my car overnight so I can enjoy use theatre and restaurants,, I live in prenton no decent bus or train service so need to get a taxi home, can't afford both ways,,, yes it would stop me going

1242. I visit New Brighton for R&R and fresh air. At times I will purchase a meal. The bus stop is too far away for me to walk so a car is needed. The cost of parking for sufficient time to do this means I won't be going, thereby isolating myself even further.

1243. There is not an excessive demand for parking which would warrant charging here. This could also be potential harmful to local businesses.

1244. Wirral council never seem to consider local residents before implementing their short sighted schemes. Their obsession with raising money for them to waste on schemes that don't benefit the general public or don't come to fruition is endless. This scheme will kill what is an improving area by deterring visits to the area. If the bars, restaurants and shops get reduced visitors they will fail so no one will visit anyway so no parking fees will be paid anyway.

1245. Your short term financial gain will kill local business and cause the loss of business/employment/tourism. Look at other councils where this has been implemented-

the numbers are shockingly clear. Don't kill the Wirral's small businesses just to balance the books short-term!

1246. Car Parking charges May affect usage of this area by visitors with consequences for local business

1247. I, myself family friends, acquaintances and many locals I know. And visitors to the area. Regularly visit this area with family, children, partners. They use it regularly as a form of exercise and to help mental health, and socialising ,walking around the area. And to use the local amenities within the area. To charge for parking will be detrimental to the local area as this will have a negative effect.

1248. It will have a detrimental impact to local businesses and mental health and wellbeing of the people that come into New Brighton

"1249. Cost of installing infrastructure and policing the car parks will make the proposal a burden, whilst worsening the financial position of the council... the scheme will see more people parking on adjacent roads, inconveniencing local residents and potentially creating more dangerous conditions for people using local amenities due to poor driving and parking behaviours. Rather than being a financial benefit you will be creating unsafe village centres with frustrated residents. Finally, this could have an impact on local businesses if people decide the new parking arrangements are too much hassle, at which point they may choose to take their business elsewhere... this could reduce occupancy of commercial spaces and see further revenue loss for the council as businesses choose to vacate premises and are no longer paying rates.

This is not the quick buck you think it is. Don't cause more frustration and challenges for those who are living through the cost of living crisis."

1250. It is ill conceived and will discourage visitors to the area. There are already too few free parking areas within the vicinity. The free parking is one of the reasons many people choose to come and it encourages visits to New Brighton. This is likely to have a negative effect on all the local businesses to some extent. To justify this proposal as a means of traffic management and reduction of congestion is disingenuous. The council have approved and we are now stuck with, 20mph speed limits in totally inappropriate areas and miles of cycle lanes that are woefully under used. These measures which were generally universally opposed, will have contributed significantly to causing traffic congestion. I fail to see how charging for parking is intended to be any kind of solution other than a financial one. Yet again, penalising and marginalising people who have no other option than to use a car. I am appalled that the council are even considering this option.

1251. This will discourage people visiting and affect tourism

1252. We pay enough now more charges . Wants you start charging this will just increase yearly

1253. Discourages people from visiting after work or school . It is so beneficial for wellbeing we should encourage this.

1254. We should be making it easier for residents to go to local areas and support local businesses, not bringing in charges that make this more difficult. New Brighton has plenty of open green spaces that residents should be able to enjoy, not be put off from.

1255. This community has been neglected for so many years with next to no investment from a council that has gravely mismanaged the funds set aside to improve our community. The idea of charging locals to visit the only places worth visiting in this, quite frankly, abandoned peninsula is insulting!

1256. Mental health is important and being able to visit huge area of parking and having to pay seems not conducive for local residents who pay council tax to live in beautiful place.

1257. I object in principle to parking charges at beauty spots because we should be encouraging enjoyment of our beautiful environment.

1258. Would make us much less likely to visit the area which would be a shame as a regular visitor to the arcades, theatre and seafront

1259. Unnecessary and divisive.

1260. General comments detailed below at Q12 apply to all Wirral car parks where charges are currently being considered. Thinking specifically about these car parks it does seem that charges could prevent families without easy access to public transport, or with limited funds, from enjoying a day out at the seaside or an evening at the cinema or theatre, not just because of the cost but also having to rely on public transport. Apart from the increased social isolation that could result, fewer visitors will have a significant effect on trade for the businesses that are key to New Brighton's survival and a further negative impact on the staging of cultural and community activities that are central to its vibrancy.

"1261. According to Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489), and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA), particularly Section 122, a 'Statement of Reasons' must be provided to explain the purpose of the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) in question. The 'Statement of Reasons' is a key part of ensuring that stakeholders can make informed responses to any proposed changes.

In the current consultation, this critical document has not been made available for public viewing through this consultation portal With the consultation deadline of 23/10/24 fast approaching, it is clear that this essential document will not be made available in sufficient time for meaningful public engagement.

The omission of the 'Statement of Reasons' renders the consultation non-compliant with the statutory requirements of transparency and public participation. This failure prevents stakeholders from understanding the rationale behind each TRO, and as such, the consultation cannot be considered legally valid.

I strongly object to the scheme on these grounds and request that the consultation be voided or extended until such time as the 'Statement of Reasons' is properly published, allowing for a full and informed public response."

1262. Stop making our coastal areas pay & display. You get enough money. People pay so much council tax in these areas to ask for pay & display is beyond a joke.

1263. I am an unpaid volunteer working unsocial hours covering shifts ranging from 3 hours to double shifts covering up to 9 hours during panto season. I live in Upton, 4 miles away from New Brighton, and am not on a direct bus or train route to get there. I need to park my car near to the theatre for my own safety after working an evening shift. If car parking charges are introduced, I would expect to be offered either an exemption badge or my charges to be recompensed. Without volunteers, the Floral Pavilion is unlikely to survive. Most of the shops will also be likely to not survive parking charges as people will go elsewhere. People who currently come to walk along the promenade will no longer be passing trade for coffee shops, ice cream parlours, snack bars etc and New Brighton, once again, will become a decaying seaside town. I urge you to use common sense in this matter.

1264. I do not object to paying to park, however I believe that Wirral Council should encourage visitors to our Borough by permitting campervans and motorhomes to park in all areas where other vehicles are permitted to park. As a campervan owner I travel to other parts of the UK and feel welcomed as a visitor when the Local Authority has considered that the majority of campervan and motorhome drivers are responsible adults and respectful towards the areas they choose to visit. Whilst in these areas, campervan and motorhome drivers put money into the local economy, whether that be daytime activities on offer (e.g. minigolf, arcades, funfair, museums, etc), or hospitality businesses which desperately need more support to survive, let alone thrive. I recognise that a very small minority of campervan and motorhome drivers 'may' not treat all areas with the respect they should, however this is just the same as any car driver who doesn't respect an area they are visiting i.e. litter is litter, mess is mess. I think it is a shame that the message from Wirral Council is basically, "You're not welcome here". Introduction of an overnight charge should be levelled at all vehicles based upon the size of the space they take up, and I believe this would increase the number of visitors to Wirral, which in turn would increase the revenue from parking charges.

1265. Don't agree with adding parking charges

1266. Should not impose further cost on visitors to the area. Should maintain an environment where people can come to enjoy the seaside and of course then provide revenue to businesses in the area.

1267. Charging for parking in an area where people exclusively use the facilities for exercise or recreation, as well as retail will drive consumers and users away to other sites. Parking overnight represents a different demographic, one I do not in principle have an objection to.

"1268. Are you trying to kill visitor numbers, which add to our economy?"

People will park illegally to avoid charges.

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1269. Greed. There's no need for it.

1270. We are supposed to be a 'leisure peninsula' you have already lost possible revenue regarding camper vans you could have put in minimum facilities & brought money to the area now with the planned payment for parking you again will reduce visitors & locals alike in enforcing payment

1271. Think it should be kept free parking

1272. It is a place for Wirral residents to enjoy and relax in our beautiful outdoors, and local businesses will suffer

1273. Lots of people, especially those who are disabled or are only able to walk a short distance take exercise along the promenade. Families with young children use the dips. We should not be charging for healthy activities which will help put less strain on other services. The cost of implementing the scheme will probably be more than any revenue and just provide profit for a private company.

1274. Going to kill off the whole area.

1275. I object to visitors having to pay to park when visiting local attractions e.g. the beach and promenade

1276. It will prevent people visiting and affect local businesses. We already pay road tax and parking on roads means we have to pay twice.

1277. Will have a negative impact on local residents and local businesses

1278. no

"1279. This is a tax on coastal leisure and watersports

The beach and coastline should be free to access !"

1280. If parking is 'pay by card only', it will prevent many cash-only users from using it.

"1281. There are very few activities where families, who are hard pressed financially, can get together and enjoy the outdoors. Charging for parking here would take yet another possibility away. Kids will start hanging around in towns and causing chaos.

Also the local business will suffer from the drop in footfall. I believe the negatives far outweigh the benefits to the Council and the local community. "

1282. This is a most popular place for people & families to visit, with all the cost of living & heating costs rising along with Council tax, United Utilities etc etc Please allow people to enjoy the Wirral without paying further parking charges, this has got to stop.

1283. This would reduce footfall in new brighton, and would result in displacement of cars to local side streets. This would cause issues for the local community and businesses alike.

"1284. Thus may determine families spending a long time in New Brighton, thus affecting businesses.

Family budgets are tight due to the cost of living, and there are limited free activities for children."

"1285. This will act as a barrier to peoples health and well being, people use this area to park there cars and go for a walk - the spaces are welcoming to tourists who will bring in revenues for our local area.

This is a false economy from a financial perspective - the loss of travelling in spend, will be far greater than any income generated from parking - simple equation, £2 income from parking or £20 spend coffee, cakes and treats!"

1286. By removing what limited parking which is not outside residential homes, it means it is going to lead to more congested side streets and residents struggling for parking. Fewer parking places means fewer visitors and more empty shops. It is as if the Council are trying to destroy the towns of Wirral. It should be encouraging by allowing free parking.

1287. I live in New Brighton, and know that day-trippers are of huge benefit to the local economy. I believe that the introduction of parking charges will have a detrimental effect on local businesses, something which local business owners also feel strongly about, at a time when it is already very hard to sustain small businesses. It will also discourage people from being able to take up the health benefits of walking in the open air along the promenade. New Brighton has so much to offer as a seaside destination, but it needs vision, investment and nurturing from the council, not the quick win of parking charges that will have no long-term benefit to the area.

1288. People will stop going to New brighton

1289. Unnecessary, damaging to local businesses and tourism and also to health of people who park there to have a nice walk and charges will put people off meaning they will no longer enjoy health benefits

1290. This is used by local residents to enjoy their daily walk and to visit local businesses and they should not be made to pay for this

1291. It's an unfair financial grab from residents and visitors.

1292. Detrimental to our area

1293. Displacing cars to park in front of houses. You should be encouraging families to walk, cycle, use facilities, beach etc not adding to the cost of everyday living. You will be doing to WK, NB and Hoylake what you have done to Birkenhead, which is almost a ghost town. We visited Macclesfield recently, there you get two hours free, ensuring everyone had an opportunity to visit shops, park etc. The town was buzzing.

1294. This is a popular area for walkers, especially in summer and parking charges will simply displace parking elsewhere and almost certainly to residential streets in the area

"1295. It may deter people from going to New Brighton and if there are charges for parking in this area it may push people to the free car park meant for Morrisons and the other businesses there.

It may also push people to park for free in nearby residential areas."

1296. By introducing these ridiculous plans the Council will put people off visiting.

"1297. Local businesses will feel the impact more than the council will benefit from it ,

it should be more geared up and welcoming to out of area visitors and locals there's so much potential which could be done with the area but charges to visit is like a tax on the day trippers

, could see a charge maybe helping for a overnight stay at a nominal fee for campers etc if they provided power and toilet access "

"1298. This will be so detrimental to the community and especially local businesses.

Life is hard enough at present for many people and to take away free parking is shameful."

"1299. We should be proud of the fact that Wirral is one of the few areas in the country that allows people free access to open, natural spaces. We should be encouraging people to get out in nature, not putting obstacles in their way.

Additionally, adding parking charges will (as has often been the case) push people into the densely populated side streets, exacerbating the congestion already there.

I have lived here for over 30 years quite frankly, I am tired of having this debate every few years. "

1300. New Brighton is a popular resort which will be detrimentally affected by people having to pay to park just to walk along the promenade. My understanding is that parking

charges should be applied where congestion is possible. The prom is a huge and rarely congested, so I don't understand the need for these charges.

1301. We are already a struggling area and it is hard to go anywhere where there isn't antisocial behaviour and going to someplace where public transport doesn't go to is fabulous for us with elderly disabled parents and young children. Charging here will remove this valuable safe area from not just us but the Wirral and visitors as a whole. Additionally charging to go shopping forces us to travel further to find somewhere where we can park.

1302. My husband has parked up there for over 25 years to go fishing.

1303. People are already struggling financially and charging to pay in this area will reduce the number of people who will be able to afford to park to take exercise or visit the amenities or shops.

1304. This scheme will discourage visitors and residents from coming to New Brighton. It will directly affect local businesses in a negative way, and will also negatively impact on people's ability to visit the beach and open spaces of the area such as the Dips. Many residents depend on their cars to get to this area (cars are a necessity, not a luxury) for their mental and physical wellbeing, and introducing parking charges will discourage people from coming, and therefore have a negative affect on both mental and physical wellbeing. It is a short-sighted scheme, which may plug holes in the Council's finances in the short term, but will have long-term detrimental effects. At a time when other councils are backtracking on their parking charges (see Brighton), it beggars belief that Wirral is planning to introduce them. Free parking is one of the reasons why many people are attracted to come here and spend money in our local economy. Why the Council would actively try to threaten this is mystifying. It penalises residents even more, when we already pay enough money via our Council Tax. Our open spaces belong to us all, and we should not have to pay to park there (when car owners already pay out so much).

1305. New Brighton is a great family attraction that people can enjoy quite inexpensively if you so want this is partly due to the great parking facilities here. This is what makes The Wirral such a great tourist attraction.

1306. Unnecessary

1307. At a time of rising prices parking charges will restrict access to these public spaces to those who can least afford it. Many elderly people come to these open spaces to enjoy the views and fresh air, as do you young families. This is good for people's mental and physical wellbeing.

1308. I have no issues with the overnight parking charges, in fact I feel that they should/could be higher, however I do object to the introduction of charges at sites that allow people to enjoy the benefits of the Leisure Peninsula.

"1309. It will have an affect on local business as it will deter customers coming to the business.

It will also have an impact on residential streets as people will park there causing problems for local residents"

1310. It's a busy coastal area. Parking charges will help to manage traffic and stop people staying all day. We often struggle to park here at a weekend. It could/should encourage local people to walk or cycle, freeing up space for those that need to drive

"1311. The money that might be raised will just go on maintaining the scheme - what a waste of effort and inconvenience for visitors and residents who want to invite visitors to New Brighton. If you charge people for parking the Council should at least provide public toilets

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"1312. Yes, the beach should be a free space for people to park up and enjoy.

Also people travel 2-3 hours for watersports at wallasey beach. These people will travel to other spots that are free and have a potential to close the businesses of Northern Kites and Wallasey Beach CIC

Wallasey Beach CIC is run by volunteers who are old and rely on cars to come to the club. They will stop coming if they have to pay for parking and the club will close

Wallasey Beach CIC is build around providing a space for those who are poor and have a safe space they can socialise with other people from single occupancy homes and may have recently lost love ones. Our membership is cheap and our coffees etc are cheap. We provide a heated and friendly atmosphere for these people

Over night parking should be free for tourists coming in vans to support the area. "

1313. Short sighted. Less people will come to the area so local businesses will suffer, some may close so empty premises leading to less income from rates etc. New Brighton becomes run down again.

1314. Taking money out of people's pockets to justify there own jobs well done us look we have killed new brighton

1315. Absolutely ridiculous idea to change people to park up and enjoy the Wirral peninsula it will have a huge impact on businesses etc shame on you.

1316. It should be free and accesible to everyone.

1317. Another council cash grab, Stop making the Wirral a worse place to live & stop wasting our money on rubbish like cycle lanes & unnecessary street furniture. This will kill already struggling businesses in New Brighton.

1318. As an avid sailor and beach user I'm constantly around our peninsula's beaches, I walk my dog around the area and spend most of my time on the beach's during the summer period, this scheme will damage the area's popularity, affect the local businesses, moreover the locals whom already pay enough through PAYE and Council tax.

1319. Parking charges will deeply affect our community

1320. Thousands of local residents use this area for their daily healthy walk and they should not be charged for the privilege

1321. I think it will damage the local businesses in the winter months. And cause residents to suffer from congested side roads as day trippers park further up residential roads to avoid charges.

1322. All public highways are owned by the public and tax payers... authority and consent is not given to any corporation for charges to land and highways.. additionally this is unlawful and detrimental for the area...

1323. This is our promenade, where people with kids, dogs come to enjoy nature for our mental health and wellbeing. I strongly disagree with this greedy scheme

1324. No issues with people being able to park free on this premises

1325. It's going to destroy tourism, leisure activities and severely impact local businesses. I'm a member of Wallasey beach CIC a club that is trying to grow and expand the community through leisure activities and social events and this will drastically affect the small scale CIC.

1326. We need to encourage people to use the beach not put them off

1327. This is a very bad idea for the local community and businesses alike. People/families will not be able to afford the simple pleasures of a day out in the fresh air, and it will affect local small businesses.

1328. Excessive parking fees are ransing people when the cost of living crisis is insane. Let people park at the beach for free, people need the beach for their mental health. Stop being money grabbers.

1329. Keep charges away from our free seaside as this will backfire and reduce tourism and local visitors to the amenities resulting in a downward decline in business and the potential decline of the resort

1330. It will impact local residents and visitors who regularly use and visit our amazing seaside town. I see this as a barrier to access and takes away the few free and wonderful advantages we have locally. It will also impact the local sailing club and its members, many of who travel to take advantage of the facilities.

1331. Parking charges will put people off from parking, therefore taking their business elsewhere.

1332. Needed to make sure we have space to park cars. Other areas charge so why not ?

1333. All water enthusiast use the beach few times per day and they all are unable to walk as the gear require car to be moved.

1334. It seems that the council are only looking to gain funds from making people pay for parking at any cost. These funds from parking charges can only be used for parking outlined schemes which impact on the community and independent business within them areas. I strongly disagree with any parking charges along or coastal area as these areas should be open to all for free, which they have been for over 50+ year's. In fact I believe that in some places a covenant covers land to be open and free of costs to access for general public and could be an illegal act if implemented. The general consensus is that we don't want parking charges but the consultation process only allows those with IT knowledge to put their point forward. If this consultation was in the site of the general public ie face to face with an easy petition to sign with your relevant postcode etc etc you would have 1000s signing against. But you'll pay our budget of 1000s to agency to develop a process that intentionally puts part of our community at a loss to participate.

1335. Will deter visitors who bring revenue so the area will be greatly affected. Business will leave, how is this promoting this fantastic area and the well being of residents & tourists?

1336. It is unfair to introduce charges on any of the of the promenade after free parking has been available for everyone for so long, West Cheshire sailing club members should not have to pay to park to visit the club.

1337. I feel the council needs to encourage more visitors and tourism to this area. The free parking is one of the main reasons alot visit and add substantially to the local economy. Please don't price out day visitors as has happened in Wales with greedy parking charges.

1338. Will keep many people away and have a negative effect on local businesses

1339. This area of New Brighton is ideal for walkers to park on Kings Parade before starting to walk towards Leasowe etc. Introducing a parking charge, especially between the hours of 6am - 8am, is totally unnecessary.

1340. I am a member of the newly formed CIC on coastal drive which used to by the sailing club. The founders of this club have done a brilliant job in resurrecting the club and bringing many people with varying interests together. The club is just beginning to take off with lots of community focused events and activities. I use the club socially and as a base from which to access the beach to kitesurf. I object in the strongest terms to the policy of implementing parking charges. In particular a £6 charge for a 4hour stay (which is roughly the amount of time I would be parking there to use the beach) is a huge deterrent to anyone wanting to access the beach for physical exercise and relaxation and I object to being taxed in this way

to enable me to enjoy an open space which should be free to all. It will also certainly have a negative impact on a club which provides a much needed hub for the local community.

1341. You will kill off business down there. Why on earth would you do this!?

"1342. I am a regular visitor as I walk my dog down there. This benefits both my physical and mental wellbeing. If charges were imposed this would limit how often I visit.

This does not just impact me, being a health professional I know how important it is to others to have open spaces that can be easily accessed for same reasons I've stated."

1343. I am a frequent visitor to this area and also spend money in shops and eateries. The attraction of New Brighton is that we don't pay for car parking. These charges will put me off visiting the area.

1344. I'm a resident and have concerns of excess parking on Wellington Road

1345. The proposals will deter local residents from using the area to the detriment of local businesses. Especially given how dependent this area is on car usage to access

1346. This is a vital public open space and time here should not be limited/charged for as it will be a detriment to the health and wellbeing of local residents who use these areas for recreation.

1347. Local people should be able to use their local amenities as part of their council tax payments.

1348. Many people enjoy these areas all year round and people also belong to clubs and use the theatre. Paying for parking will jeopardise the viability of the groups.

"1349.

I oppose the implementation of parking charges. Introducing parking fees would have several negative impacts on our community, local businesses, and residents.

Firstly, such charges place an undue financial burden on individuals, especially those who rely on cars for essential travel, such as workers, the elderly, or parents with young children. Many residents may already be dealing with rising living costs, and this added expense will make daily life more challenging.

I urge you to reconsider the implementation of these charges and instead explore alternative solutions that balance the need for revenue generation with the best interests of residents, businesses, and the wider community.

Thank you for considering my objections.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address]"

1350. No parking fees in New Brighton at all, stop killing our local businesses!

1351. Any charges just harm local businesses and people will just go elsewhere. If space was an issue I could understand but it isn't. Just as New Brighton is starting to make a comeback some clown in a suit has other plans

1352. It's a place of leisure for older people who are on a low income

"1353. Parking Charges will effect New Brighton's economy. Investment has been aplenty in the last decade or so and has regenerated New Brighton from a dump to an economical part of Wirral.

Parking Charges will reduce visitors to New Brighton an so people will not shop in local businesses. and thus will mean that COuncil Plan theme 4 will not be achieved as local businesses will not be supported as they will close and new investment will not be attracted as there will be noone to purchase their goods/services.

New Brighton will be a dump again like in the 1980/1990s!

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1354. This will discourage people from travelling here to exercise and use the beach. Surely in a society where health and wellbeing are a top priority we should all offer people free parking to be able to get out and about. This will also prevent pressure on the NHS.

1355. This is my local area I go to when I need fresh air & to clear my head. Met so many nice people I now call friends.

1356. A £1 charge for overnight parking is reasonable. My concern is how long it will stay at that price. Once you have the go ahead the charges will increase dramatically

1357. It will deter people from visiting the area. The scheme is ill-advised and seems to be aimed at limiting the activities of those from certain areas of society.

1358. People will stay away , bad enough that you have created 'no parking' double yellows and restricted parking with lines!

"1359. Bringing in these schemes will not help support local businesses, because why would people pay to visit these shops when you can just go to a retail park or supermarket with free parking or buy the goods online for cheaper and more convenience.

Removing the free parking all over Bebington is ridiculous, the car parks are never full. All this does is discourage people from visiting local shops and will result in more people driving over to Liverpool for work rather than take the train as it will be too expensive paying for parking and the train.

This scheme seems like nothing other than a pathetic cash grab by the council, and is blatantly against the public interest.

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1361. This is just a money grabbing scheme for the council. This is not based on what is good or right for the people who live in these impacted communities or use these facilities

1362. Will ruin enjoyment of the beach for kitesurfers and other watersports enthusiasts.

"1363. Charging here will have a massive impact on north shore who is a small business.

Also people who swim here many of them do for their mental health and charging them may put them

Off and that's will have a detrimental effect in many people's well-being, "

1364. This will badly affect the use of the Wallasey Beach Club in the old West Cheshire Sailing Club premises on Coastal Drive. We have already seen a massive reduction in use of the beach due to the total unnecessary parking restriction on the A554 Kings Parade. Along with the Derby pools and Gunshots charges this will be another nail in the coffin of beach life on the Wirral

1365. Seems needless given the other possible income streams that could and should be explored. The reasons given for introducing the charges do not seem applicable in lots of the locations.

"1366. Bringing in these schemes will not help support local businesses, because why would people pay to visit these shops when you can just go to a retail park or supermarket with free parking or buy the goods online for cheaper and more convenience.

Removing the free parking all over Bebington is ridiculous, the car parks are never full. All this does is discourage people from visiting local shops and will result in more people driving over to Liverpool for work rather than take the train as it will be too expensive paying for parking and the train.

This scheme seems like nothing other than a pathetic cash grab by the council, and is blatantly against the public interest.

If the council were genuinely concerned about the availability of parking then they would invest in decent, affordable and reliable public transport as a way to discourage driving. Or they would make more parking spaces/areas.

Trying to force the public into paying to see the area that they live in or to visit their local shops is truly abhorrent. This would also discourage visitors from further afield and therefore local businesses would lose out on additional income.

At the moment the ability to park a car overnight for free and collect it the next day allows you to go out and enjoy the local nightlife. Removing these options will discourage people from going out in the first place, or encourage them to drive after drinking."

1367. All people have a right to free access to enjoy this natural coastal recreational area. It is essential for the health and wellbeing of Wirral Residents and visitors alike. The importance of fresh air and exercise was highlighted during the COVID epidemic. The proposed charges amount to nothing more than yet another tax on motorists. Many motorists will simply park in nearby residential areas in order to avoid having to pay which will cause greater congestion and parking issues in those areas for local residents. The Council will respond with more yellow lines, further reducing parking availability for everyone and causing more aggravation for all concerned. Wirral tries to promote itself as the "Leisure Peninsula" and then subsequently does its best to tax anyone who tries to enjoy it. If the Council see this as a method of raising revenue from tourism, then it should provide free parking permits to Wirral Residents for all of these locations.

1368. Local people like to use this road to park & walk or run or take the dogs & kids out.

1369. The beach area should be free for everyone to enjoy.

1370. It will be prohibitive to people wanting to use the beach & prom and the dips, be that people walking their dogs, exercising for mental & physical health & socializing. Everything is so expensive now, if exercise in the great outdoors starts having a coat attached we will soon become a very unhealthy community. It will also put off visitors leading to less money being brought into our local community. Parking charges are so short sighted.

1371. All people have a right to free access to enjoy this natural coastal recreational area. Many motorists will simply park in nearby residential areas in order to avoid having to pay which will cause greater congestion and parking issues in those areas for local residents. If the Council see this as a method of raising revenue from tourism, then it should provide free parking permits to Wirral Residents for all of these locations.

1372. People are struggling for money as it is, local businesses in small towns around Wirral are struggling for customers. I believe these charges will push people too far.

1373. This is a disincentive for visiting and will negatively effect the economy. Mirrors the disastrous motorhome policy in New Brighton. No significant traffic issue present at the location and will not support traffic issues.

1374. It will have an adverse affect on visitors to New Brighton

1375. It has always been busy along the front. Charging will put people off attending and push those that do into higher side/residential roads causing issues for residents. Less visitors also means less revenue for local business.

1376. Just feels like another way for the council to obtain more money to waste as there is never anything to show for the extra monies received.

1377. No benefits for residents or visitors.

1378. Kings Parade/Coastal Drive is an area where people should be encouraged to go and relax, or take exercise, indulge in sporting activities, exercise with their dogs and generally enjoy the seaside and the Council should actively be encouraging this and not introducing punitive charges for people wanting to avail themselves of the 'leisure peninsula'

1379. It will affect local businesses and cause parking issues in residential streets for wirral residents

1380. It would severely impact families and other tourists guests deciding to visit Wirral coastal for the day. It would be a deterrence not a positive change

1381. We pay enough Taxes

1382. It will effect local business

1383. It could destroy the viability of the attraction to visitors of New Brighton.

1384. Charges will harm the economy

1385. Should be free so all elderly and young can enjoy the beach without being charged...it would be devastating 😞 if charges are applied for example dog walkers....people exercising all sorts of people enjoying themselves..

1386. Ridiculous money grasping project that will disrupt everyday life

"1387. This disproportionately impacts on the lowest paid in society- which are often, disproportionaty disabled people.

Have you completed a DPIA in line with the Public Sector Equality Duty?

This will impact on local businesses too. I'm completely appalled. Can you actually invest in New Brighton rather than do your level best to ruin the area?

Many people come here and bring their children for a day out. This may prevent some of them from doing so. What could be a cheap day out for people on lower incomes will essentially be ruined by you! The council!

Impact on local businesses will be severe. People who may have visited New Brighton/Wallasey 3 or 4 times over the summer will likely not come at all now. The parking is extremely expensive! "

1388. People need to be able to access the countryside and open spaces. There will be nowhere left for people to go for free any more, and some of these places are not accessible by foot. Public transport is a joke on the Wirral and doesn't allow for access to these places either. If the council is going to introduce charging then the public will expect more maintenance and facilities at these locations.

1389. The traffic here runs smoothly and I have never experienced an issue. The road is wide and people can park in the designated areas without causing an issue. The only issue I would have is the increased amount of camper vans that use this stretch/ Maybe they could be moved to a different stretch more out of the way

"1390. The local businesses would lose my custom especially the coffee shops as it would be cheaper to park the car at Birkenhead North and jump the train to Liverpool.

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"1391. It will result in people parking in nearby residential
It will affect use by people for health and well being purposes
It will affect visitor numbers and local business "

"1392. This comment applies to all seaside locations and parks:

The removal of free parking in all seaside locations and parks will act as a deterrent (which I realise is the intention) to all people, not just day trippers. That means local people who rely heavily on these locations for outdoor recreation of all kinds, and go there weekly, daily or more than once per day, and need to get there by car even though they're not blue badge holders. I'm thinking of people with young families, dog walkers, cold water swimmers with their bulky equipment, paddle boarders, surfers etc.

These people all rely on these recreational spaces for their health and well-being.

Ultimately, a decreased use of our beautiful spaces would bring about an increase in mental health problems, physical health problems, and possibly antisocial behaviours.

Which would cost more money to society.

It is also morally and from an accountancy point of view wrong to introduce a parking charge to plug holes elsewhere in the Wirral budget. Be upfront and increase Council Tax if you must."

"1393. Its crazy, this will not help small business or the local people of the Wirral.

Irby Car park for example for me, doing the nursely drop off and pick up (10min max parking each time) as not enough spaces at peak times in nursery car park. I will have to pay to drop off and pick up my child? child care is costly enough already.

Same applies for people using local cafes, businesses etc they will choose to park in the out of town shopping funding the big multi national chains not small business. Its happened time and time again across the country. Learn from their mistakes "

1394. Free parking please

"1395. Charges will reduce the amount of people getting out to the coast to enjoy the fresh air and the scenery.

Charges will impact mental health, physical health and local business"

1396. Access to the coast enables people (irrespective of income) to exercise. This is vital for mental and physical health. Families in particular benefit from the lack of parking charges and can bring their kids to the dips and beach for affordable day out throughout the school.holidays. Introducing parking charges also risks the success of regeneration and economic development of New Brighton.

1397. This will kill the small businesses already struggling to survive . It will also deter people from parking for long periods in order to enjoy what we have to offer here at new Brighton . Including the much loved dips !

1398. Need to promote access to beach areas good for personal health and well being.

1399. We pay an enormous amount to live near new brighton in rates as it is

1400. It's disgusting to think that we have to pay extra on top of road tax because the council can't manage their finances.

"1401. This will result in a net loss of the coastal amenity to a huge number of people because:-

- People will not be able to afford the parking fees
- older people do not have smart phones or the ability to pay online.
- It will cause more congestion in the side streets as people use those for parking instead
- people will not get out of the car for that quick 10 minute walk or picnic on the benches

This will result in a reduction in physical and mental well being of residents and visitors."

1402. The council should be encouraging everyone to visit our coastline, for the many benefits which have been well documented since these Victorian towns were built.

1403. As a local resident I feel it's unfair. Although I live local I'm unable to walk back due to health problems. I rely on parking there to help when my mental health issues. It's becoming too expensive to leave the house.

1404. Will reduce visitors to the area including small businesses

1405. It will stop people from using the prom

1406. It will be hugely damaging to local businesses and will probably end up cash negative for the council in the long term. People should not be discouraged from exercising out of working hours.

1407. The parking charges are illegal as they are principally designed to raise revenue. There is legal precedent for this and the council WILL be challenged. Law is clear under the RTRA 1984. The proposal is short sighted, will impact small local businesses and individuals using the carpark for voluntary work (litter picking etc). Coming to enjoy Wirrals wonderful coastline should not be taxed.

1408. I like to enjoy are beach club .and will not be able to spend time there if u charge for parking

1409. Nowhere else for locals in terraced roads to park

1410. It is already disgusting that parking is not allowed at The Dips now without a charge.

"1411. I think this scheme to charge people to park on the promenade & will stop many people visiting the area, especially families, disabled & elderly who drive & cannot afford charges who just want to park & sit on the promenade to enjoy the view for a couple of hours.

I also think it will have a detrimental affect on local businesses in the area, including the Wallasey sailing club & their members."

"1412. I prefer it would be kept low fee or no fee.

I use this place for my free activities.

I leave my car and I go walking around and looking waters.

I also bring my camping chair.

If I live close I wouldn't drive. I live in Seacombe.

Sometimes I arrive after shopping just to watch waters and boats. I recently moved from Birmingham and I loved this place. It was for free to park here."

1413. I would not be able to afford to take my children out to enjoy the fresh air...I am deeply concerned we can't afford it....

1414. Encourage people to walk and exercise here

"1415. Yes it will take business away from the area and won't have as much footfall for leisure and business activities.

It will hugely impact local businesses who need all the support they can get. "

1416. This will massively decrease footfall and impact local businesses. We walk the dog here because the parking is convenient and free, if it wasn't we would park elsewhere affecting local residents or go elsewhere. We always support a local business by getting a coffee or something. But this would not happen now and we would take the business to somewhere else, Chester, North Wales, or Liverpool.

1417. You say it will encourage more people to visit the area. I completely disagree. There's a fantastic local community in New Brighton who swim and support the local area, cleaning up the Lake. We do this free of charge, weekly, with bigger volunteering activities happening monthly. You are now going to charge us to park, to be able to SAVE YOU MONEY. You say the permits for volunteers are limited so would be impossible for a small group like ourselves to obtain.

"1418. I think that walsley vans parking there was very bad and broke the system. There's plenty of parking space available and no need for charges. Also 1£ per vehicle won't generate any income for council coffers after costs and will hinder Wirral public access to the site

Public transport cannot fill the void either"

1419. New Brighton has been trying so hard to grow over the last few years. Small independent businesses, restaurants, etc are injecting the town with life and a vibrancy again. This is still in its infancy. The introduction of parking charges will hinder how often I visit with my family and impact how much money I have free to spend with those businesses. A small monetary gain will result in a greater overall loss, businesses will close and you will lose the revenue currently made from those businesses. People visit for exercise and to improve mental health, less visits will impact significantly on this too and with greater costs being incurred elsewhere (strain on local GPs, NHS, etc.)

1420. You are taking away more freedom from the local community and also pushing people away from visiting your wonderful coastline. I get that you have to pay for resources to keep these areas clean and maintain your coastline, but surely there's another way to keep people coming to the area, especially when the Welsh coastline is a stone's throw away. I visit the coastline regularly and I'm a member of the yacht club, but these actions will now make me reconsider visiting other places and I'm sure others will feel the same. I feel for the yacht club who's members have worked tirelessly to bring happiness to a lot of people and allowed people to make friends and have somewhere to come and share stories, ideas and businesses. I really hope you do reconsider your actions, as I also feel small businesses in the area will feel the effect of your actions.

1421. This is absolutely appalling & will deter so many people from accessing outdoor spaces. We need free parking to access these spaces for our mental health. I have a daughter with autism and we visit almost daily and this would stop us doing so.

1422. This scheme takes away any free access to our coastline in order to use it for exercise or mental health and self care issues

"1423. Parking here isn't an issue, and is regularly used by dog-walkers and local communities involved in beach activities (yoga, swimmers, kite-surfers and sailors)

I don't think the current parking is over-crowded or is causing an issue.

By charging for parking here, it's likely to reduce the use of this area and seriously impact the local businesses that rely on these communities to survive."

1424. Stop this stupid proposal now, local residents and businesses will suffer.

"1425. Will dissuade people who don't live in Wallasey/New Brighton from being able to come and exercise if parking charges in place

Also add extra charges to people getting out and supporting local theatre "

1426. Absolutely shocking that the council would even consider these restrictions & charges across the Wirral

1427. No

1428. I live in New Brighton, and know that day-trippers are of huge benefit to the local economy. I believe that the introduction of parking charges will put many people off from coming, which will impact local business owners at a time when it is already very hard to sustain small businesses. It will also discourage people from being able to take up the health benefits of walking in the open air along the promenade. New Brighton has so much to offer as a seaside destination, but it needs vision, investment and nurturing from the council, not the quick win of parking charges that will have no long-term benefit to the area.

1429. People will stop using the parking if they have to pay. Working people are paying enough taxes and open spaces should not be taxed.

1430. The free parking brings much needed business to the area which will suffer if paid parking begins. People simply will decide not to go. Likewise people's health will suffer as the ability to exercise in our fantastic coastal environments will be drastically cut as they won't be able to afford to go daily.

1431. Businesses have it tough enough, don't make it harder for them to thrive by discouraging visitors to the area

1432. New Brighton is arguably the only seaside town on the Wirral. Unlike Birkenhead, which is designated as deprived and therefore able to attract investment funding, New Brighton cannot. The New Brighton masterplan is likely to come to fruition in the distant

future. In the meantime the town has to fight hard to survive, it relies on daytrippers, particularly during peak season, for its economy. Parking charges would affect the footfall and likely cause more businesses to fail. Morrisons car park would end up chaotic as people seek to park there instead.

1433. It will affect people coming to visit New Brighton and the surrounding areas which will impact local businesses negatively.

1434. This will have an adverse impact on individual voluntary work (eg beach cleaning) and a negative impact on family health, leisure, tourism and community support (domestic abuse support group)

1435. We shouldn't have to pay to park when we already pay a lot for council tax

1436. I am disabled and use the sailing club in New Brighton for rehabilitation, paying to park would stop me from going and going to New Brighton to have a lovely walk

1437. It will stop me from coming to the area.

1438. Parking charges is taking customers away from New Brighton businesses

1439. This scheme will have a dire effect on the financial stability of local businesses and community organisations. Not only due to deterring customers and tourism but also highly likely causing staffing issues due to staff having to pay for parking.

1440. Unfair to charge local people

1441. Will drive away visitors. You have already restricted parking along the front and now want to charge? How many more blows can New Brighton be expected to take? The local businesses are already struggling to keep afloat and this will again knock the local trade. You should be encouraging visitors to local areas.

1442. I visit regularly and this will affect me and my families free time and dog walks

"1443. This scheme will deter visitors to New Brighton, negatively impacting local business"

Additionally my wife is immobile and needs a car to get anywhere

This increase is a tax against the disabled since we have no choice but to have a car and a visitor pass so that friends and family can park locally "

1444. These areas were created and are meant for the pleasure and benefit to health of the public, not a money grabbing opportunity for a wasteful and ridiculous local authority. The public should always have somewhere in the fresh air they can visit free of charge

1445. Parking at local beauty spots eg Derby Pool should be free. I understand the need to tax motorhome/ camper vans who abuse the system overnight but the general public who

want to enjoy the sea air or take their dogs for walks should not be charged. Typical council who use the motorist as a cash cow!

1446. I am uninformed on this matter therefore can't give an opinion.

1447. Parking should be free for prom and local business users

1448. Desirable visit at present because no time limits on parking - can stay as little or as long without having to make a definite decision and causing anxiety.

1449. These coastal areas provide opportunities for families and older people to enjoy walks as well as a variety of cultural events. Pensioners have already list the winter fuel allowance. These parking charges will hit some of the most vulnerable members of our community and will potentially have a serious effect on the cultural and economic life of the area.

1450. As a regular visitor to the area, it would deter me from visiting.

1451. This has never been an issue. It is so important for people to be out in the fresh air. They should be encouraged.

1452. Local businesses are working hard to keep going in a tough environment. Car parking charges will hinder an already struggling resort further.

1453. This will affect local grade and visitors using facilities

"1454. This was given to the public for public use

The council have no right to charge the public to park "

1455. These changes will have a significant impact on tourism in New Brighton

1456. It will be counter productive to local businesses and people's health as people are struggling enough to make ends meet and don't need an extra parking charge when going out

1457. Yes. This scheme is motivated by greed and it will be counter-productive in its outcomes. It will decimate visitors to New Brighton and the environs and will destroy the local economy, thereby reducing the amounts the council get through business rates etc. Just at a time when the economy needs a boost this is the last thing you should be doing. If you want get income from parking then place a Parking Tax on the big out of town shopping centres, but sadly I fear you are already in the pockets of organisations that inhabit such venues. You should be promoting town centres and encouraging people, businesses and investment into them, not discouraging them with measures such as this. The evidence is clear of the damage you are doing. Look at Southport and Nuneaton town centres for example. They are a shadow of their former selves and it's due to a very large extent by greedy and penny-pinches schemes like this. Please take on board what I and doubtless many others have said in their objections and don't make the same mistake. The dire consequences if you do will be felt for many years to come.

1458. We pay enough out as it is. Road tax, council tax!

1459. Detrimental to public health by deterring people from exercise and leisure. I suspect the costs of installing and maintaining payment hardware plus enforcement costs will considerably reduce the anticipated proceeds

1460. Cannot afford parking charges, love to get out and walk my dog for mental health and wellness.

1461. Access to leisure. Access to exercise areas.. Local business. Already paying significant council tax . Empty council land could be converted and utilised as i.e. caravan sites which could generate significant additional income/support for local businesses/leisure i.e. areas beneath Sea Road and railway, the area previously home to crazy golf that runs parallel to road to the Derby Pool, land beneath Red Rocks and bordering Crazy Golf - all wasted opportunities, for fairly minimal facilities each unit would pay £40+ a night in high season. Caravanning and motor homes are a hugely popular and income generation in the UK. Be more creative about how you generate income!

"1462. The imposition of parking charges on South Parade is unlawful as it has been proposed for revenue generation and not traffic management .

The Barnet case confirms that that Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 is not a revenue generation legislation."

1463. Parking should be free in order to promote and assist residents to maintain healthy lifestyles; this will in turn reduce healthcare costs and improve societal behaviours.

"1464. Parking should be free to promote a healthy lifestyle for residents and non-residents alike. The long term savings in physical, mental and elderly care clearly outweigh the short term revenue to the council.

Having a financial cost to being outside is not in the local or wider society interests."

1465. Don't agree putting people out of pocket, especially the local residents. After all it's mainly local people that park here. Also, why pay to visit a memorial bench. This is scandalous. People will stop going out. What about mental health and wellbeing - fresh air. Having to be paid for. Not impressed. No to paying for parking.

1466. Discourages healthy access to the beaches for kitesurfing and access to local clubs and shops

1467. Such a great place to encourage people to visit New Brighton.

1468. Should be free

1469. This will negatively affect the local business.

1470. Parking charges at New Brighton will drive people to abuse the private car parks at the retail park, and residential streets. I believe, they will also threaten the viability of business and services. This could be mitigated of people who pay Council Tax or Business Rates to

Wirral Council were either exempt, or could buy an affordable annual pass for all Council owned car parks.

1471. Moving visitors to residential areas to avoid charges

1472. Not good for peoples mental health when they want to go for a walk

1473. It starts with overnight charges, how long until the charges increase in price and are applied 24/7? What do we as residents pay council tax and road tax for? This a slippery slope and I have no faith that Wirral Borough Council won't take this further if we lie down and take this now.

1474. Not only do I think this will deter people from visiting, it will also encourage people to hinder local residents by using free on street parking in surrounding residential areas rather than designated car parks.

1475. Charging for parking here will move traffic into side streets.

"1476. I have no problem with charging a reasonable amount for medium term parking.

But this has to be balanced against the potential to significantly impact local businesses where people are ""popping to the shop"" or something similar as they will go elsewhere/ online.

This type of traffic is also more likely to then park outside of the car park eg on the nearby roads, annoying local residents

Therefore I would suggest that a compromise would be that parking is free for the first hour, then chargeable, targeting those who are staying for a while"

"1477. I and my family have lived in Wallasey Village all of our lives and have thrived on frequent free access to our coast for activities such as walking, swimming, fishing, dog walking, taking the air or simply parking up in that great environment for a while for picnics etc. I have limited mobility due to arthritis (not yet classed as disabled) and care for my mother who is over 90 years old and in poor health; I often take her to the Wallasey, Leasowe, Moreton sea fronts to relax and picnic in the car. We are both of low income and cannot afford to be paying parking charges to visit places we love which have always been free to us. It truly horrifies us that our wonderful coastline is about to be stolen away from us because, make no mistake, that is what this project will be doing to us and many others as we will be forced to stop going there.

Additionally, I am a member of Wallasey Beach CIC on Coastal Drive, Wallasey: a wonderful, inclusive community project which will be crippled in terms of business and membership access by parking charges and/or restrictions.

Summarising, these parking fees plans will seriously impact our quality of life as residents of the area, Wirral's more wealthy residents will be OK, poor people will suffer. Also the parking fees/restrictions will be an existential threat to the currently thriving community project of Wallasey Beach CIC. "

1478. Lifelong regular visitor, low income, can't afford parking. Will have to cease visiting altogether negatively impacting my quality of life.

1479. This land was left to the public for leisure use by Lord Harrison. It is not fair or right that charges are being made for parking on land covenanted for free public use. In my view it is illegal.

"1480. Speaking as a sailor and frequent beach walker, the new charges will be very expensive for regular users. The tariff will disproportionately hit watersports users including users based at Wallasey Beach Club/West Cheshire Sailing Club on Coastal Drive. Watersports activities include sailing, kitesurfing, open water swimming, stand up paddling and require long set up times to prepare boats and equipment as well as those who come to fish at high tide. These activities usually take longer than four hours and are carried out during favourable tides which may be every day for a week. If the tariff is £6 for more than four hours, and the beach is used for seven days this could amount to a bill of £42 . Many watersports users visit every day if they can so when the tides are favourable during the day, perhaps every two weeks - in which case, they could end up paying £84 per month or even more.

Wallasey Beach Club/WCSC has significantly contributed to the revival of economic revival and community development for physical and mental health for users of all incomes in this part of the beach. Excessive tariffs will deter the growth of this community asset. Could there not be some free parking spaces in this area. In addition, the overnight tariff will possible deter evening visitors and members using the watersports club and activities on the beach.

During the summer, families visit the beach several times a day and elderly people who are not eligible for blue badges also use the beach. There are no regular buses to this part of the beach and charges may deter visitors on low incomes and/or with accessibility needs. Not everyone who uses the beach is young, fit and healthy.

Many local residents walk on the beach or walk their dogs every day. Can they afford it?

It seems very unfair that local Wallasey and New Brighton residents who may live close to the beaches should have to pay to park at an asset that may be a short distance away, perhaps too far to walk to but accessible by car. They also pay Council taxes so why should they also pay the same as tourists, especially when the beaches are empty during the winter weather?

Could there be some free car parking for watersports users at the club and/or seasonal passes providing a prepayment discount?

Could those local residents, regular users, those on low incomes/benefits and those who are not eligible for blue badges get a seasonal pass providing a discount?

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1481. Let people enjoy the prom.

1482. You are penny pinching, show me the labour manifesto that stated the first meaningful change you are making post election is to create parking charges? It is a cost of living crisis where salaries have not even come close to inflation and you offer no financial subsidence but instead demand residents pay to park in run down car parks. There are no major attractions the car parks are near. You will close local businesses down. You need to remember that we pay car tax, council tax, massive income tax. We are already bled dry and you ask for more. It's a disgrace you are trying to push this through again and as a resident of 28 years I expect you to see sense.

1483. It will penalise people financially who want to visit the area for fresh air and exercise and have a detrimental effect of their overall health, putting extra strain on the NHS.

1484. There is no need for this nonsense, it kills the enjoyment of people enjoying our lovely peninsular

"1485. Parking charges will affect the local businesses, with potential closure.

Will affect users of the floral pavilion and fort perch rock. If the libraries are proposed to move to the floral pavilion it will mean many service users having to pay.

It's likely that if charges are introduced then the car parks at marine point will then start charging, ie Morriston and bubbles.

Although as a blue badge holder the charges won't affect me, the current accessible parking spaces are not monitored and people often park in accessible bays without using a blue badge. How will the council ensure that people are paying."

1486. Damage to businesses in New Brighton, especially in out of season time, especially given the termination of bus and train locations for less mobile visitors

1487. It will limit visitors access to the area due to the high charges -people will be charged for going for a walk!

1488. Open spaces should not be monetised... its a place for people to unwind, relax forget about the rat race and not having to pay for it

1489. This will damage trade and visitors to the area

1490. Charges will be detrimental to the area

1491. See comment below

1492. As a full watersports member I frequently use West Cheshire Sailing Club and as a seasonal beach lifeguard with the RNLI I stay over rather than travelling back and to from Widnes

Appendix 2: Do you have any comments about North Parade / Meols Parade, Hoylake and Meols. Scheme reference number TO/24/41?

1. People park along there not only to access amenities but to ease congestion on the main roads.
2. Fairer to have in all location.
3. Nothing is put back into the local area by the money generated
4. Would discourage visitores
5. Driving potential visitors away from the area
6. You cannot tell the public to get out for their mental health then charge them for the privilege. This council really is trying to kill off our economy.
7. This will damage local businesses as fewer people will visit the area. It also places a tax on people's wellbeing, for example, people who regularly walk their dogs on the beach will now have to pay or may no longer be able to do so.
- "8. Introducing charges will impact local businesses as all these charges affect small independent business.

Without the businesses, you, as a council will also lose out on businesses rates and the area will become rundown and unattractive to visitors and new businesses. Think long term impact."

- "9. Arguably the charge isn't high enough. You also need to consider introducing other TROs on surrounding streets – particularly No Stopping on Verge or Footway TROs – otherwise entitled drivers will almost certainly dump their cars on footways on surrounding streets.

You also need to provide more secure bike parking using Sheffield stands so people have an alternative way of arriving and staying at this destination other than by car."

10. No

- "11. Public transport is completely unreliable on the Wirral. Cycling is too dangerous due to a lack of cycle lanes. Buses turn up when they want, trains break down all the time, and the private companies that run these services are not held accountable.

You've built an entire peninsula which is only hospitable to drivers, and now you're planning on charging more for parking. It's disgraceful and disgusting. "

12. Beauty spot that should be free to park for all Wirral residents

"13. There is no reasonable way to get here using public transport from all parts of Wirral borough, so this will disadvantage certain residents more than others.

Businesses that rely on trade will cease and the council will lose rates accordingly."

14. The enjoyment of the sea is one of the few free pleasures there is and now you want to take that away. You should be encouraging people to get out and active, not penalising them

15. As above, beaches should be free to access. I have a dog who I walk regularly, all the places I walk him the council are proposing to introduce parking charges which is completely unfair to local residents who use the areas

16. Parking charges will push people to park on local residential roads, which are already congested by residents

17. Times are Hard and the council are making times HARDER youll be charging for us to breathe soon

"18. Driving people/tourism away with unnecessary charges. Impact on businesses. Especially impactful on those with low incomes eg families pensioners In addition this will just drove people into side roads to park. What about parents picking children up from Great Meols primary who park on prom rather than clog up roads around school.

The last time you tried to introduce this it was rejected by the community across Wirral. You never listen to the electorate"

19. We need to ensure that this stays as only overnight parking and is not a prelude to full daily payments

20. It will impact the number of visitors which will in turn impact local businesses

21. Again, do not harm local businesses, but this seems to be a trend for local authorities.

22. How much money do you think will be achieved by charging here? There is a green swamp to admire but little else.

23. As above

24. It will destroy tourism and day trippers and devastate the local economy. Once you start charging for parking the whole area starts to deteriorate. It is a terrible terrible idea . It's low hanging fruit for the Council but you are failing to consider the downstream consequences.

25. There is just no need. Hoylake beach is already less used due to the grass, we don't need to put people off any further. There is always ample parking available and plenty of space for everyone to drive past. I don't see why a charge would be needed.

26. A visit and a walk along the public walkway should be free of any charges or interference of freedom to enjoy.

27. As a single parent of 2 young children with limited finances, this is an area we and many other families visit because it is an affordable and enjoyable option that is achievable on a limited budget. By applying additional costs will remove this as an option for many people. Also, a popular area for the elderly and disabled, a lot of whom who rely on private transport to get about and this vulnerable demographic will be impacted severely by additional costs, especially in the current economic climate.

28. No charging

29. Wirral promoted as a leisure peninsular ...inflicting car parking charges in this area will just push more cars onto surrounding residential areas causing even more congestion and possibly deter visitors altogether.

30. To aid health and wellness people go for walks, meet up with friends, a price should be put on for health/mental health and how long a causal stroll takes. When so many people are struggling with mental health and cash flow this will have a negative effect on both.

31. See comments from Q2

32. Repeat earlier comments.

33. This will deter locals and in turn affect businesses in the area . Locals should be exempt or have pass to prove residency .

34. See comments in 12 below

35. If you want to get people out to enjoy the Wirral then you shouldn't penalise them, especially the old and disabled who have no other option than to use cars as they can't walk or cycle and public transport is either not available, doesn't run very often or takes a long time. At a time when there are more mental illnesses these are going to stop people getting out and there will be a further impact on people's mental wellness which will end up with more people having to go to drs and hospital putting more strain on NHS.

36. Pretty quiet anyway. Needs more visitors not less.

37. Same as above

38. As above people visit here to enjoy the coast, there is plenty of on street parking along the prom outside of peak times and charges are not necessary to reduce congestion. Visiting the beach and coast should be encouraged for local businesses and the health and wellbeing of Wirral residents.

39. This is a terrible idea. It will ruin the use of the prom and clog up the local roads, making them impossible for residents to use. You at the council will then likely waste time and money creating parking permits and other completely expensive and unnecessary schemes, ruining the parking for residents or even making them pay, as well as ruining the experience of many runners, dog walkers, and people that just want to enjoy the scenery on the prom. It is a complete waste of our taxes and will not make you any money, if that's what you're thinking about (which I imagine is all you're thinking about). I strongly object to this scheme and will do whatever I can to vote out anybody that had a say in this if it goes ahead. You will upset the entire town of Meols by doing this. It is completely unfair - there are no shops there to visit. This isn't a purpose-built car park, it's literally just a road people happen to park along. There's no toilets anymore now that you've closed them all. These people are not there to spend money, they are there to get exercise and view the beautiful scenery of the Wirral, and you're about to commercialise that? And make them pay just to enjoy the place they live? It's absolutely disgusting. I hope everyone involved in this realises that.

40. Will simply move parking into the surrounding residential roads and no doubt onto the pavements there - station overflow in Dovepoint Rd and Park Way and surrounding roads is already an issue.

41. Yes. As above in regards to the enjoyment of the coast. Along here are residents homes as well. Not only will people avoid the area because of parking charges, others will see fit to park along one of the residents roads instead. Once again, you've not thought through your proposals with consideration for all the residents.

42. Purely for the lack of parking in these areas in the first place

"43. This will just encourage car users to use residential streets as car parks when parking for residents is already a problem. What do you expect residents to do, pay for parking? If that's the case then bring in residential permits so at least we are parking to park outside our own houses!!

It will also have a huge on local businesses who are already finding it difficult."

44. NHS health and wellbeing statistics show obesity and mental health crises. People need to be able to "get outside" and enjoy nature for the health and well-being. Adding these charges could prevent people from being able to do so.

45. Once again Wirral council is out of touch with what residents want. This will decrease the amount of people coming to the area which businesses rely on and is wholly unfair on motorists. Your anti motorist agenda as well as failing to listen to the public on multiple consultations is a very bad look for the council. These charges are not wanted by locals or visitors and should not be forced on us because of the councils inability to manage its finances properly.

46. There are less and less things you can do now that don't cost anything. Lots of people enjoy watching the sun set/go for a walk around those areas. I get that the council need to

find ways to make up the shortfall but it shouldn't be at the expense of the residence who are already paying more for a lot things like food, housing and energy. The government should be increasing budgets, not cutting them.

47. It's totally unnecessary and will reduce the number of people visiting the area. With the cost of living through the roof, some families rely on free days out to maintain good mental health and general wellbeing. This will take that away from many families.

48. Will stop people wanting to go and walk along the prom and they will park in residential streets making more congestion

"49. The residents of Hoylake & Meols are already battling WBC ruining their environment with their neglect to the beach. They, as others, are suffering cost of living problems & have many relatives along this stretch who now will be unable to park outside their houses. The side roads In Hoylake & Meols are already overcrowded & this greedy proposal from WBC will just force people to park up there.

It will stop visitors to the area & affect local businesses. Many people park & walk along the front and now they won't come. If you think people will pay these charges you are delusional - they won't, they'll just park somewhere else! You are the most useless greedy council ever & this is one step too far - you should be ashamed of yourselves! The extortionate council tax residents are paying should provide an exemption for every one of us & all their visitors!!!!"

50. Stop taking money off people that are already struggling,give us a break.

51. No consideration for residential parking and the knock on effect it will cause.

52. Will put visitors off & ruin local businesses

53. This scheme was voted no a while back, not sure why we are replicating the vote. People are sick of WBC take, take, taking. Don't ruin the few perks Wirral residents have left

54. There is no issue with traffic or parking along this stretch so no need for parking charges to be introduced. If parking charges are introduced it will see an increase in cars parked along already busy residential streets in Hoylake and Meols. This will also have a negative impact upon local businesses because there will be a huge decline in footfall. People will not want to pay these charges where previously there has been no charge to park along the prom.

55. You get enough money off us. Maybe try and spend it better and not help out other councils and make people go to work instead of giving money out for free! Whilst I am at it... get cleaning the roads and weeds. The Wirral looks scruffy.

56. Don't live in area but as above can't see what you hope to achieve.

57. I strongly object to this scheme also as per the above. This is as bad as the cycling lane that was added on the Bidston flyover, an absolute waste of time and not used.

"58. Many people walk daily in this area with obvious benefits to both physical and mental health. The introduction of charges would dissuade many, including myself, from doing so as a daily walk, with charges of even £2 per stay, would incur a considerable cost of approximately £60 per month. You would thereby restrict the option of cheap, easily accessible exercise at a time when the cost of living is a major issue for many.

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59. I live on the prom, it will be a nightmare with people parking in side roads and blocking narrow roads. Also as above people need open spaces for recreational uses why charge the for it. Mental well being and a bit of exercise.

"60. As a resident I already pay towards the maintainance of the promenade. Therefore feel J would be paying twice. I accept charges would bring in a revenue but a local residents permit with a nominal annual fee would be a lot fairer.

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"61. Same as my comments above

Having to pay for parking in these areas detract people from spending time in the area. This is detrimental to local business and deters people from spending time outdoors/ exercising. This is purely a money making scheme for the council for total disregard for the health and welfare of people visiting these areas for pleasure and business"

"62. People need these areas free now more than ever. We need to protect families access to outside spaces. Life if too expensive as it is.

Charge people to park on the street outside their homes for cheap annual cost. Get more money that way and protect our spaces. "

63. It is detrimental to local business, pensioners, people who enjoy the beach but can't afford to pay for parking! It's disgusting!

64. Same as above

65. These are not high traffic or high congestion areas. introducing 24 hour parking charges is excessive, and will reduce the ability for local residents to enjoy these areas (that have already been affected by council spending cuts). It is completely unnecessary to charge for parking here and is unjustified. It certainly cannot to be justified to charge for off peak parking.

66. This will prevent people having open access to our beaches

"67. Will destroy business by sending visitors elsewhere with free parking.

Cost of living crisis - is there no such thing as a free day out?

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68. As above

69. Families and elderly need to have cheap access to open spaces where they can take in fresh air, walk and play to benefit mental and physical wellbeing.

"70. This area is not accessible by public transport and is access to important open spaces (beach, parks, basketball court). It is very popular and as a resident of a parallel street, I am concerned that people will park in the residential streets instead and cause access issues and making the residential streets significantly less safer for pedestrians.

Additionally, my children go to Great Meols. Many of the parents drive to the school (there is not enough support for working parents to manage incompatible school hours) and use the Meols Parade for parking. We are asked to park there by the school as it reduces the amount of traffic immediately around the school and limits disruptions to the residents. This will increase the amount of traffic around the school, increase the disruptions to the residents and greatly increase the danger to the children as they navigate this. Will there be funding for daily crossing patrol officers?"

71. Let's look at the implications for North Parade and Meols Parade. All that this will achieve is to move all the parking onto already busy side streets. That has already happened with the motor caravan over night parking ban. It is very unfortunate that people who live away from the coast but who enjoy visiting to enjoy the views and exercise along the promenades will be discouraged from doing so. Great Meols School encourages parents to park on Meols Parade and walk children to and from school from there to reduce traffic around the school. Clearly they will not be doing that if they have pay twice a day. I walk along Meols Parade a couple of times a day and can tell you that there are rarely more than a for or five cars parked there. The cost of introducing parking charges must out weigh the potential revenue, especially since people will park elsewhere. I would also point out that parking charges on highways can only be imposed to mitigate congestion issues and not for revenue raising purposes. There are no traffic congestion problems on North and Meols Parade.

72. There are a number of reasons why I object. I live adjacent to the prom and everyday i see people taking exercise. Very healthy exercise be it walking, running, walking the dog, yoga in the dips,etc. Many of these people have to travel to get here and they should not have to pay money in order to get some healthy exercise. Where does the council draw the line in trying to bring in more income? It never ends. Also, you will create problems because people will seek out nearby free parking in nearby side roads,etc. then residents will struggle to get parking by their homes. What then? A further cost to introduce a resident parking scheme?? I totally object to this scheme. It's a big open lovely free space and people ought not to have to pay to come and enjoy it. It will become cost prohibitive. Many of these visitors spend money in local shops too. This ill also suffer.

73. Will affect those living in the roads leading off the parade and definitely affect businesses as people will just drive to the big supermarkets

74. This will push cars into already busy side roads. There is plenty of room to part on the parade and absolutely no reason to be charging to park there - again it will deter visitors from Wirral. This area is not effected in any way by congestion so cars parking here do not cause any issues.

"75. Will reduce tourism

Will reduce putting extra money into local businesses from tourists/visitors

Will push parking into residential side streets "

"76. I am a resident of Lake Road, Hoylake which is adjacent to the North Parade in Hoylake. The proposed parking charges are going to cause a traffic nightmare in our road and surrounding roads.

1. People will use the side streets to park rather than paying for the charges on the prom - making it impossible to park outside our own homes

2. most residents have x2 cars. A local agreement is that one car parks outside each house with any additional on the prom. This will now become unachievable with residents being able to park outside their own homes and having to pay to park.

Given the above, would you provide residents of local side roads a permit for 1 household and 1 visitor car for FREE to park on the prom to ease this congestion in side roads.

In my opinion, this is a complete disregard for local residents living here who use the prom to ease traffic congestion and management in side roads. You have not consulted with us in any way before proposing these changes. It is ridiculous. "

77. Yes total disregard for people on low incomes

78. Completely unnecessary there are no parking issues here. It will effect people like me living in nearby streets

79. No

80. See previous comments

"81. People use our fabulous promenade to be part of Active Wirral(oh the irony!)

They can park their cars , families can get their prams , children's bike/scooters out safely taking in the fabulous fresh air and views. , as can elderly who may not be able to walk down to the prom so park there and get their wheelchairs/ scooters (if they use them) and take in the fresh air and views.

Charging for this, when many are struggling (heating allowance gone for many pensioners by YOU) Families struggling energy costs, food bills etc....this is just another tax on the vulnerable.

Mental Health is Important Here !!!

Car owners are not cash cows!!!!

They are not a luxury item they are a necessity!!!

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82. People come for health reasons and shouldn't be charged

"83. I strongly object to this scheme. I am a resident of Sea View and parking for residents is already difficult here- only one side of the road. If parking charges are introduced on the Parade, this will only serve to encourage visitors to park on the surrounding residential streets.

I am also strongly opposed to forcing people to pay to enjoy the beach which is a natural space of benefit to all. "

"84. I live in Meols, just off Roman road, and do not see why this is required. There is not a parking problem in this area. It is a wide road, with ample space for all users. It is not busy. It already has a cycle lane (the prom). As a frequent user of this road, I have never had a problem with people (in any vehicles- cars, campervans etc) parking here. This is purely a money grabbing scheme from the council. Local people use this road to park so they can walk their dogs, exercise, enjoy the beautiful coast, support local businesses (bean anywhere, popsys coffee shop, visiting the RNLI and supporting them, visiting the parade gardens, using the boating lake). If you introduce this charge you will seriously affect the buzz of the local area and residents in turn. Any introduction of this requires proper consultation from local residents. All neighbours I have spoken to and users of the local Facebook groups oppose this so their opinions should be listened to before this is decided upon.

Lastly, if a charge was to be introduced, any users of the prom will avoid charges by parking on the roads off this road, where the roads are more narrow, have more residents and have children playing- this would create a parking problem in the area where there currently is not."

"85. There is already limited parking in the other streets of Hoylake and Meols so this would have a detrimental affect on the surrounding areas as many people would choose to park further away rather than pay.

This would also potentially create safety problems due to many parents parking along the prom in meols to walk round to drop off and pick up their children from school to help make this more safe for the school children.

I also think it's a bit of a cheek charging in this area considering the state of how the beaches have been left. All there is to see now is marshlands and wind turbines, "

86. Local residents will be impacted by this proposal. People visiting will park in already busy nearby roads. Visiting a local area for walking and leisure activities should be supported and should not be an extra expense.

"87. The area is already in decline due to the state of the beach to tourists and day trippers which is negatively affecting local business.

I live on North Parade and will negatively impact family and friends visiting. At a time of a mental health crisis and loneliness is an epidemic changes such as this will put of friends just stopping in for visiting.

North Parade and Meols Parade are never congested and this is purely a money grab by the local council that continually waste and squander money on poorly planned projects and pointless consultations.

At a time that local business are struggling to survive and a continual cost of living crisis parking charges will just put of people of visiting the area."

88. Local Businesses and tourism will be completely affected by this charge

"89. I regularly park on Meols Parade to walk as a form of exercise. Despite the council advocating that we should remain active, they make it increasingly difficult by imposing parking charges in all the country parks and now on these additional roads.

In addition, and significantly, I and many others park on Meols Parade when dropping off and picking up children from Great Meols Primary School. If this charge goes ahead then undoubtedly this will lead to an increase in the level of parking around Elwyn Road in what is an already dangerously congested area at school run times. "

90. Locals should have exemption via some form of displayed card.

91. At a time when cost of living is so high and there is an epidemic of obesity and unhealthy children / adults, to charge people for a free, healthy day out is insane. Many families drive here, park up and take their children for a walk (possibly buying from local businesses on their way). To charge would be at a detriment to them, wanting a free healthy day out and at a detriment to their mental health.

92. Ditto

93. It's silly

94. I objected to a housing development based on the number of apartments, lack of parking provision within the development and current pressures on on street parking. The planning department responded by citing the number of free car parking spaces available in Hoylake as mitigation. If the free parking is then revoked how does this impact on the

planning for Hoylake, previous planning decisions and adverse impact on residents if this availability underpinned previous planning consent

95. The prom is used for people parking on school runs and for exercise...there is no logical reason other than money making for this scheme and it will be at the detriment to parents, children and those wanting to use the area for recreation...its not a built up area, no need to control traffic there it's just utterly disgusting for a quiet area to charge people and will only lead to side roads becoming more congested which are already a danger at school run times

96. This will deter people from being able to visit the area for social and leisure purposes, as well as hitting the local small businesses, who will lose out on trade. It will also just push parking onto the side streets, causing more congestion there.

97. Will destroy opportunities for growing businesses in the area and damage much needed tourist traffic to the region.

98. Same reasons as above . Disgusting, money grabbing council. Save money by getting rid over overpaid council workers, all of them need to be performance managed to ensure they earn their money. Why is the head of the council on more money than the PM??? !!

99. It will reduce visitor numbers and adversely affect businesses

100. The road is never busy, so there is no need to put people off from parking there and visiting Hoylake and Meols, so I just don't understand the reasoning behind this. I live on North Parade and both my wife and I are disabled and as such have frequent visitors to help us out with our children, this scheme is just going to make it more difficult for them and us. On busy days it will just fill up the side streets, most of which are small, tight, roads. This scheme will cause a problem that could have been avoided. I very strongly object.

101. I live in Strand Road and frequently have to park on the prom overnight as there is no space left in Strand Road or surrounding roads. I don't expect to have to pay to park on Hoylake prom. Additionally, we should be encouraging people to walk, exercise and play in what is a beautiful open space and parking charges will discourage this.

102. Access to our beautiful coastline should be free for all to enjoy. This will just stop people coming or push them onto residential roads

103. Again a waste of public money, people will just go elsewhere, especially those with dogs.

104. It will have an adverse affect on local businesses by discouraging visitors

105. Residents have a right to free access to the shoreline. The Council should be encouraging local residents to use the shoreline for exercise, recreation and keeping fit. Making residents pay to park at the shore, country parks and public parks will inhibit them from enjoying Wirral's wonderful open spaces and environment.

106. Will reduce visitor numbers and damage businesses in the area.

107. Meols primary advise parents to park on the parade and walk children from there to avoid congestion on Newlyn and Elwyn Road, this will force cars onto side roads

"108. North Parade/Meols Parade always has space to park, it is never full. The residential side streets are extremely busy and can be dangerous for pedestrians, footpaths blocked and people already needing to park further away from their property. Particularly bad off North Parade where the vast majority of housing do not have parking.

This will clearly exacerbate the problem, meaning residential roads will become full, with none of the current overflow to North Parade. This clearly hasn't been thought out. Ordinarily one would expect to have to pay for parking where there is a large demand, North Parade and Meols Parade are never full, but the cars that do use this, local residents/visitors will now park in the tight side streets. Meaning further difficulty for people pushing prams, people in wheelchairs (many of which resort to dangerous use of the road) and elderly/infirm having short walking access to their own home. "

109. Destroying people's leisure

110. With the cost of everything going up, we need free days out. Why would you take this away from us. We're suppose to be able to get out and enjoy nature but now you want to charge us for this.

111. No

112. The point of the charging is unclear, but overnight parking should be done to avoid daily charges.

113. As above, no restrictions when golf tournament was on

114. Same as above, already pay car tax, council tax and numerous other sundries, reduce the number of councillors and expensive consultants you use and we'd soon fill the so called 'black hole' of missing money

115. It will deter people from visiting and it will force those drivers who visit anyway, to park in nearby residential streets

116. Wirral council absolutely milking everyone dry of all their money. This will contribute to making families struggle even more that are already on a tight budget. What is the need in this! How do you propose this will be enforced it's impossible to enforce efficiently. It is a waste of money to install meters, new signs etc just like the 20mph zones that nobody follows. You just love to waste money!

117. Will reduce visitors to local shops, increase visitors parking in already congested side roads. Also many parents park on Meols parade to drop off/pick up their children from Great Meols Primary school, adding a parking charge will result in increased traffic around an already busy school potentially causing incidents and increased danger to children.

118. As above but also I have infrequently seen a large number of vehicles parked here .Will the implementation of this be cost effective?

119. Drivers will simply park in residential areas and cause problems with access for residents

120. Not enough parking in all side streets leading down to promenade

121. Same as above . People need to be able to go to our local beaches to exercise and help their mental health without having charges

122. One of the things that encourages people to visit the area is free parking

123. All traffic that currently parks on the prom- which does not in any way restrict the traffic flow- will now use and block up the side roads instead. Meols school have a policy whereby parents park on the prom rather than in the small side roads when they pick up their children in order to stop congestion. These parking charges will now cause a lot of problems as i imagine most will prefer to avoid charges and instead block up the side roads.

124. Same as above

125. No

126. The Hoylake and Meols promenades are rarely fully occupied and therefore introducing charges will have minor revenue for the Council. There council's total neglect of Hoylake's beach is responsible for the decline in visitors both local and more distant. The Council's short-sighted approach to service for its customers in West Wirral is a disgrace and will lead to increasing "third world" appearance. We have lived for 50 years and never in that time has there been resurfacing of the road or pavements where we live.

"127. Parking along Hoylake and Meols is mainly used by local residents and parents dropping children at meols primary school, if parking charges are introduced this will only move more cars to parking on residential streets, blocking roads and create dangerous parking on the small narrow roads.

It will also impact local businesses when visitors come to the area for example yog bar and normally visit the beach and park on the prom.

This is short sighted money making scheme from the council and not in the best interests of local business or residents and I completely object to this. "

"128. Parking charges can negatively impact small businesses and local communities by:

1. Reducing Foot Traffic: Fees deter customers, pushing them towards larger shopping centres with free parking or online shopping, which I and my family are an example doing so.

2. Increasing Costs for Businesses: Employees and owners face higher parking costs, burdening small businesses. Which then has an obvious knock on effect.

3. Harming the Local Economy: Declining sales due to fewer customers can lead to business closures and a less vibrant community. Which in turn drags in lower quality shops like betting shops and more charity shops which drag down an area. Then a cycle of decline starts or continues.

4. Causing Inconvenience: Residents may find it harder to access essential services, leading to frustration and a lower quality of life. Speaks for itself as public transport etc is appalling.

5. Displacing Parking: To avoid charges, people may park in residential areas, causing congestion and inconvenience for locals. I can vouch for this as I do exactly that.

These factors can make the area less appealing for both businesses and residents, ultimately harming the local economy and community."

129. WBC's greed is never full

130. As above. I quite often stop on this prom on my way between visits to friends to have a look at the changes to the beach and get a breath of sea air. If I have to pay to park when I'm only going to be there for 15 to 20 minutes this simple pleasure will have to stop.

131. People will now start parking in side streets which are already full with cars by residents who live here and pay high taxes to live here.

"132. We want people to

Come and enjoy our wonderful promenade, beaches and open spaces. I don't agree that we should charge visitors and residents to use our open spaces."

133. this is a popular area for "park and walk" so will discourage visits to the area

134. visitors will park in already very crowded side streets in order to avoid charges. Totally wrong of Council to charge people to park on the road. Council should be encouraging people to visit Wirral's outdoor spaces to walk and pursue leisure activities. Many elderly people visit and enjoy sit in their cars or on the benches to enjoy the view and get some fresh air .

135. Will stop visitors in Hoylake

136. We live on Alderley road.people will drive down from kings landing see there is paid parking take the first right and park on our road instead.we have no designated parking space and street parking is an issue already with the sainsburys overflow from the top of the street too. My children go to great meols school.i Park away from the school as per the schools advise and I can't afford to pay parking for drop offs

137. I feel like you are trying to stop people being able to exercise. A lot of people enjoy a walk on the coast because it is flat. This will discourage them

138. My partner and I love walking along the front with our dog. As such, we contribute to local businesses. These businesses will suffer as a result of people like us no longer wanting to visit the front if the parking charges come into effect.

139. Would not generate much revenue and stop people visiting

"140. I live on a side street very close to Great Meols primary school. Parking in this road around school time is already an absolute nightmare, the only thing that helps this is parents who park on the prom and walk around.

This not only helps keep the traffic down within the roads surrounding the school - which is SAFER for the children - but also encourages children to walk, see the beautiful coastline, play on the field with friends.

Applying parking charges to this part of the promenade will cause absolute carnage for those of us living around the school, and create further traffic for parents to negotiate around. School buses already struggle to get down these side roads as it is, if parking charges are applied to the prom then parents will have no choice but to park in side streets, or pay £2 a day to park for a total of 10 minutes. This totals to £10 a week, £40 a month - expecting parents to pay that just to drop their child at school is outrageous. This is incredibly unfair on them, and the local neighbours.

Having a house overlooking the prom, I often see elderly couples park up and enjoy fish and chips whilst looking at the sea. I see families enjoying riding their bikes along the prom. Applying charges will discourage people from visiting here - it's quiet enough as it is besides at school time, most people choose to visit other beaches. Please don't discourage people from visiting this beautiful part of the Wirral."

"141. I understand charging for overnight and/or CamperVan parking.

People use this space to exercise, walk pets and socialise - adding parking charges has a knock on effect to these visitors."

142. This will have a detrimental effect on the elderly who use these car parks regularly to enable them to get out in the fresh air

"143. Never congested on the Parade. This will cause increased pressure on side roads and cause issues for residents.

Side roads are already full of cars without adding further to this issue"

144. Object to charging people to access fresh air, beach, scenery, outdoor space

145. It will make cars park in other roads...and annoy the residents

"146. This charge cannot be justified. You are attempt to take away free days out for poor families while wasting millions on Birkenhead.

This area is used for excercise and dog walking for people throughout the borough who pay enough council tax and forced to drive on 20mph roads without you charging to park in public places. "

"147. If the council appropriately managed funds, the community wouldn't be required to further subsidise the council

Rather than review the councils management of funds and processes, the costs are distributed to those in the area. This will greatly impact those living near the parade, resulting in far more cars using side streets. No doubt this will offer the council and opportunity to make these permit parking offering yet another method for the council to bail out it's mismanagement.

I don't believe you've considered how busy these side streets will be. When the roads are double parked and a child runs into the road invisible until the moment they are struck by a vehicle, this will have to be the responsibility of the council."

148. Detrimental to tourism, businesses and will discourage people from taking exercise

149. This is diabolical. The local residents in this scheme have NOT been taking into consideration, and once again the council is thinking about how they can make money not just for those who will pay to park, but also those who will have to pay for parking permits, outside of their own homes, at approx £600 a year per car. Families now a days have up to 4+ members, this is an extortionate cost for no apparent reason. Why is it only now this scheme is being thought about? Because the council hasn't managed its previous funds correctly? There has been no need or requirement for paid parking now or in the history of the prom, so why now? Why suddenly change this? It is a money making scheme where if it is successful, I can assure you the council will spend the funds elsewhere, other than where it's supposed to be spent.

"150. It's a rare occasion that this part of town is full, considering the space available down the prom and around the dipped fields. With overnight charges, this keeps the area clear of unwanted parking overnight, but with additional payments throughout the day, people from local surroundings who come on a regular basis to walk their pets, meet up with friends and family etc is now going to incur an additional cost to their lives, reduce their regularity to the area and therefore footfall will reduce for local businesses.

This area is rarely busy and the special occasions it is, the public transport is enough to make up for people opting to not travel by car. Usually this isn't the fastest and therefore convenient method for every day living/walking/exercise."

151. We all need exercise and driving to walk along the prom is important for health. Lots of people can't ride bikes but enjoy a walk.

"152. it will affect people's ability to enjoy the water front & mental health benefits.

Why make it harder for people to get out into the natural environment

This is a short term gain "

153. The roads that connect to the North Parade, in particular Alderley Road struggles with parking space just for the residents especially since the Church was converted to flats. The parking charges would move cars from the promenade to parking on the side streets.

Alderley Road is particularly congested with Sainsburys at one end. The road is busy at the other by the old lifeboat station as it is the first turn off from Kings Gap. The tight corner there is difficult enough with a few cars parked there. Parking charges would result in more car parking there and additional loss of street parking for residents and further road congestion.

154. Detrimental to area. If it were to be introduced, overnight charge should start much later

155. It will kill the area with the potential and likelihood of moving parking to the residential streets.

156. It will force parking onto residential streets. Reduce the number of tourists and restrict residents from using the seafront our council tax pay for. It will restrict dog walkers and people who exercise there for free. Another waste of money by Wirral Council.

157. It will encourage parking in side roads which are already difficult for residents. There will be nowhere for residents to park!!!!

158. I believe that with the cost of living crisis - taking away people's ability to freely enjoy a nature reserve space is immoral. I also believe it will affect local businesses as it is off putting to those wanting to visit who will try to find alternatives. It is also unfair to dog walkers who rely on this space to let their pets have adequate exercise.

159. Will reduce visitors, so revenue will not be as high as forecast. Adverse impact on local business. Adverse impact on local health as will act as a barrier to improving fitness

160. We pay enough in Council tax (nearly highest in country) to cover upkeep of car parks. THE COUNCIL WILL DESTROY THE HIGH STREET.

161. This will see the end of local businesses as people are not likely to visit. Businesses have been struggling and now this is really poor

162. 1. The more responsible parents of Great Meols School pupils use the lay-by section of Meols Parade to park when delivering and collecting their children. Charging them to park here is only going to drive them into parking in the residential streets around the school, causing more obstructions and dangerous situations than we already have 2. I really

cannot understand how the few people who park in this area can produce any meaningful income to cover the costs of managing such a scheme.

163. Will affect businesses

164. Same as above

165. No

166. It will just push cars that are causing no problem at all parking along North Parade and Meols Parade to park in local side streets for free. This will make parking for local residents even harder than it is already. Why should we pay to park on this road? What facilities are you maintaining? What investment do you put into the local area. It is maintained in the main by local residents. I would never vote for a council that brought in such idiotic scheme.

"167. I feel it will have negative effects on the local businesses. It will put people off visiting the area and visiting the local businesses or it will push people to park on the residential roads which are already busy enough. Businesses are already struggling with increased costs such as energy, business rates etc. This then effects local residents jobs, which will have an effect on the employment rates in the area.

This is one of the few open areas which do not have parking charges. Introducing charges will have an effect on people's mental and physical health - as they will not pay to walk."

168. Increasing charges will just stop people from going there.

169. Many people use this for daily recreation it will stop people going for fresh air, daily walks, especially the ones in wheelchairs as it is so accessible for them

170. An already struggling seaside town is a safe haven and escape for local people. It is only busy in the summer months as is anywhere but introducing parking charges would drive people away. I use the coast to clear my head and go for a walk to improve my wellbeing every single day. If there was a parking charge I wouldn't be able to afford to do this every day. Think of your local residents that love and care for this area.

171. The cost of living is tough enough as it is. To impose parking charges will limited local use of our natural beauty and few areas that can be a "free day out". This is blatant money grabbing by a corrupt council. Not only does this affect local access to nature, it will affect local businesses and tourism during the summer. Locals deserve to park in their community for FREE. Shame on you Wirral Council.

172. We should encourage people to do physical activities and mental health charging to park will stop them exercising and damage their mental health

173. As 2

174. As above

175. Again, as a local resident i think it's a disgrace to have to pay to park everyone I want to go to this location to take a scenic walk with my family. I think Wirral residents should be exempt from these charges.

176. The numerous recreational users of the promenade will be deterred. A scheme ensuring access free of charge before 9am and after 6 pm is preferable and sufficient free spaces to enable recreational use for all. Early dog walkers/runners and swimmers will be put off and damage to health and well being will follow.

177. As above

"178. I live in warren road in hoylake which is near the beach. What I'm afraid of is people won't park on north parade they will park on the back streets and take up residence spaces. I'm a member of Hoylake lifeboat and I don't won't to go out on a shout and come back to a parking ticket "

179. Same as above

180. Will put people off visiting

181. The end of Meols parade is used as a parking point for parents dropping children at Great Meols primary. This is suggested by the school as a safe sensible place to park to keep traffic away from school and the surrounding residential streets. I also live in Firshaw Road, which runs off Meols Parade and have concerns that a parking fee will result in an increase in people parking on this residential street to avoid paying. In the summer months when Meols prom is busy this will cause issues for resident parking. This is a simple money making scheme preventing and limiting the enjoyment of one of the beauty spots of the Wirral and will discourage visitors to the area. The overnight ban on motorhomes has already done this, despite the visitors such as sand yachters/ buggiers who travel some distance to stay. I have never found any issues caused by motor homes with no litter or excessive amounts of overnighters. This is a disgraceful attitude by the council to discourage visitors to the area.

182. Charging for parking here will lead to increased parking in other already congested residential areas of Hoylake / Meols and the increase of foot traffic from these residential areas to areas near the sea front.

183. This will stop people parking here, enjoying the outdoors and taking walks. This will impact people's health and therefore have a negative impact on the NHS.

184. It was tried before and didn't get through so stop wasting money trying again

"185. My parents live here so I will now have to pay to visit my parents. People will park in the side streets instead causing more congestion there. Very few people park on Meols Parade so the reason that is cited 'to ease congestion' is not valid here. Little money would be generated due to so few cars parking here. People are also encouraged to visit the beach and get fresh air, but will no longer do that if they have to pay. Also, parents of pupils at

Great Meols Primary are encouraged to park on Meols Parade and walk to school with their children. They do not want to have to pay to take their children to school. Instead they will park in side roads and cause congestion and possible accidents.

The only people parking overnight will be visiting local residents, so you are preventing people visiting their families. "

186. Area of natural beauty that is valued by many

187. I already pay road tax, and the prom is a public space for people of all income to enjoy. Labour seem to think only the rich and wealthy should have access to public spaces. The working class are already struggling to afford food never mind parking charges. Absolute disgrace getting charged to park in a public space. The council doesn't even maintain the beach leaving it full of grass and have the audacity to charge for parking when the beach is an absolute disgrace. I can't understand labour hatred for Meols and Hoylake when they rake the sand for Crosby beach and Wallasey. The schools also encourage parking on prom for safety and walking to school.

"188. This is the worst decision made by the council to date. Whoever collaborated towards this clearly has no idea what congestion is and does not live near the local areas. As a resident of Meols Parade/the prom, this area is never congested, and I can provide images and videos to support this. This parking charge scheme is just pure greed from the council to gain extra money from the local area.

Deciding to implement these parking charges will increase congestion on side roads and small residential roads, therefore leading to residents having no where to park, and potentially putting young children in harms way due to constant parking and moving vehicles.

This matter needs to be taken seriously and the council needs to speak to the public to have their say, not making rash decisions because you clearly have no idea what you're doing.

In addition to this area in particular, we recently saw a council worker putting up these parking signs and deliberately leaving the remains of the cable ties on the floor. This is littering and should be taken seriously. The individual should be fined and we have images of the worker's car and face in the act.

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189. Will reduce visitors to the area, impact business, and discourage people to get out in the fresh air. Particularly those on low incomes

190. Shortsighted, may make a pound or 2 in the short term but it's just going to stop people and local coming to the area to spend their money. Shops restaurants and theatre will close then nobody will come at all

191. The parade is used as a safe parking place for many parents who have to drive their children to school due to great meols' large catchment area. Parking on the parade means that residential roads are kept freer and safer for commuters and children who are local enough to walk. If charging must go ahead there should either be an initial 30 mins free, or free between school run hours.

192. It will encourage those who refuse to pay to park on nearby residential streets.

193. There is no need at all to regulate the parking here as there is rarely a problem getting parked in this area. The surface of the prom is a mess, the railings and slipways are surrounded by, or covered in, weeds, and the green beach blocks access to the sands. If you add in unnecessary and unwanted parking charges, are you aiming to completely discourage visitors to Hoylake? The town keeps going because of the efforts of the residents, eg Hoylake and Meols in Bloom. Meanwhile the council has closed the library and neglected the prom and the beach. Is it the councils aim to now drive visitors away completely?

194. As this is very much a residential area with some houses without driveways this will just cause more problems in the local side roads which are already full of residents cars.

"195. Meols parade between dovepoint road and bennets lane is where many people park to walk their children up to school and back to prevent dangerous driving and parking close to great Meols primary school. If there is nowhere to park there, it will increase dangerous driving and parking in the residential streets around the school and increase the risk to the children walking to and from school. PLEASE PLEASE don't put charges at that end of the prom, it will have a huge impact on the safety of our children.

The proposed charges for the whole of hoylake north parade and meols parade will reduce visitors to the area, and reduce business to local shops etc, and increase the risk of residents and pedestrians around the residential streets. "

196. Too expensive! 😞

197. See number 2

"198. This will impact health and do nothing to combat the rising obesity levels.

Why stop or discourage people to walk along the promenade?

Not all users live close by, and public transport is expensive and inefficient."

199. Charging for people who come to these areas either to spend money in the local shops which creates revenue for the borough ,or to get exercise which helps the borough keep its health cost down.

200. As above

201. The council seems set on driving locals and visitors (motorhome owners and motorists) away from the area. They can find money for endless amounts of signage, and unused cycle paths but expect people to pay for parking and get nothing in return.

202. See above

"203. As above

Having worked in the local travel and tourism sector for over ten years there is a need for parking, particularly for motorhomes. Motorhome families and couples bring a lot of revenue into the area and should be encouraged."

204. Out of order, visiting our beauty spots should be free

205. Parking charges will have a massive impact on the local businesses and community access to open spaces. We should be encouraging people to use open spaces for their own wellbeing, which will have a positive impact on our health service

206. This was proposed before and rejected. What has changed? Why is it being proposed again. This will stop visitors coming to the resort or else they will park in residential streets and annoy the residents by leaving them nowhere to park. Hoyle's Victorian houses weren't built with drives or garages or parking spaces and many of the residential roads are already full of parked cars. You are trying to change behaviour to encourage people not to use their cars. You need to employ a psychologist to assess the impact of human behaviour. It won't work - human nature means they will find other places to visit or to park that are free

207. My reasons are the same for all proposals for charges to current parking, as a labour controlled council we pay one of the highest council taxes in the country in an area of high deprivation, yet you seek to increase and enforce charges to parking in all areas stated which financially deprives ordinary citizens who are already struggling financially with council tax increases, gas and electric increases, mortgage and rent increases with crippling charges, cost of living increases to food and essential items are crippling, now you want to charge the everyday citizen additional parking charges with no due consideration of the local communities high levels of social deprivation high nos of food banks! plus the negative impact to the local economy, many people stopped shopping in Lisgard cherry tree due to car parking fees and you show a lack of disregard of the effects to tourists and visitors who are also struggling financially, they will vote with their feet and visit places that do not charge them to park!

208. More of a question than a comment, many disabled drivers (& carers with a disabled passenger) enjoy parking on the prom to "take in the view" without actually leaving their vehicle - will displaying a Blue Badge still allow this without payment or penalty ?

209. Public transport is not good enough in the area to expect people to travel this way. There isn't a shortage of spaces to justify charging

210. No

"211. With these charges, drivers will look for a free parking space and will park on our road, Deneshey Road. We park our van on our drive and it will be more difficult for us to access our driveway with more cars parked on our road.

I also believe it is wrong for locals to have to pay to park and that it will also adversely affect local small businesses. Drivers not wanting to pay to park will go elsewhere."

212. We live nearby. There is plenty of room for parking on the coast and near the shops. The scheme will not be reducing congestion in the area because there isn't any. It will cause increased congestion on nearby roads including ours. It will reduce the enjoyment of the coastline by local residents. This scheme is of no benefit to local people.

213. Probably stopping people from enjoying the coastline where they can park and don't need to walk far to enjoy sun, fresh air.

214. The traffic on north parade is low and does not justify placing charges. The parking can be busy if the life boat is called out, are you going to offer permits to the lifeboat and residents to park outside their homes.

215. As above

216. Visitor to the coast bring money into the local communities. The council should not be predatory on these visitors.

217. Same comment same

218. This limits access available to wirral residents

"219. If I have read correctly, Councils can only apply TRO's in order to manage traffic, congestion and for people to be able to find a space to park.

To apply a TRO to this area is not necessary as there is very rarely any congestion and a space can always be found. The only time parking becomes difficult is when there is a planned event, such as by the RNLI which occur 3 times per year. There is no justification for a TRO to manage congestion at any stretch of the parade at Hoylake or Meols."

220. You will drive away visitors to the the area and struggling local businesses will go out of business. People will just park in side streets therefore causing congestion for local residents. Also charging money for parking your car to make profit is illegal as it should only be done to ease congestion and most of the places you are charging for are ghost towns

221. No comments

222. There are always plenty of parking spaces here so no need to implement charges in order to keep cars moving. The cost of putting in parking meters is simply a waste of money and would encourage people to park in nearby streets.

223. This is an attack on your wirral residents getting out and about and spending money in local businesses. It will just cause havoc and side street parking

224. Nothing has changed from 2022, when a similar scheme had been proposed. Very few cars as ever parked in this location - what a waste of time implementing parking charges would be.

225. This will penalise residents who rely on on street parking and also penalise visiting family members and friends, too. The knock on effect will be that any visitors to this location will simply park along the already busy side streets adding to traffic congestion at all times of the day and night. In addition, this will penalise parents from Great Meols School, previously advised by WBC to park on Meols promenade when dropping off and collecting children to avoid congestion in residential area around this excellent school.

"226. I run a local business in Meols, tourism is a key factor. This will put people off visiting the area, I believe the revenue raised will be minimal but the impact significant. It will put pressure on side roads with people choosing to park there instead.

The area is not congested and the only purpose of the scheme is to raise revenue. Unnecessary and counter productive.

How much will implementing and policing the scheme cost vs projected revenue? Tax payers money not well spent. Do you have serious projections of how many people will be prepared to pay. If you are using current traffic levels then the figures will be significantly off."

227. Introduce £100 permit for annual use

228. Local people, who don't reside by the shore, park here to take exercise for their physical and mental wellbeing. Some are those who partake of social activities like yoga, swimming also fishing. Whilst here they contribute to local business. Bringing in charges will cause many to go elsewhere or even stay home. I can accept implementing a charge for overnight vehicle stays 10pm to 6am.

229. Will put off visiting area and shopping in vicinity.

230. Same as above. This will only cause more cohesion around the school and will make it more dangerous for children entering and leaving school. It will also discourage people from going to the prom and going for a walk, as it has done in Royden Park. I strongly disagree that parking charges benefit anyone and can not raise a lot of revenue.

231. No one goes there anyway, it's barren leave it alone. Poole who like solitude go there stop taxing fresh air what bus or public transport go to these places. None.

232. Adding or increasing charges will price out the poorer in the area who visit.

233. Charging for parking will have a detrimental effect on the wellbeing of Wirral residents. Many elderly people rely on these open spaces for mental wellbeing. They cannot be

expected to use public transport or the unnecessary bike lanes. They also shouldn't be expected to pay for the privilege of our natural beautiful coastline!

234. Impact in residents

"235. Discourages people to come to the area and use local business. Pushes the cars to the surrounding streets so makes difficult for the residents to park. dissuades people to use outdoor areas and keep fit and healthy, creating added problems for the health service.

People who are unable to afford the charges will be disadvantaged and may become isolated if they don't go to areas they usually do and participate in activities they usually would."

236. local residents and the few businesses in the locality will be negatively affected by the proposal

237. See previous comments re. affecting dog walkers who use the areas daily.

238. See above

239. Parking charges will drive visitors away and cause businesses to suffer. It will also result in people parking more in congested residential areas, which will be even worse if cycle lanes are introduced.

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"241. Why do you do this.

We need people to come and enjoy our beautiful seafront. It's our outdoor space for everyone. The council get enough revenue out of this area.

Are they going to squeeze the life out of everything."

242. Recreation and exercise is a very important and valued part of people's life, in particular to maintain a healthy physical and mental well being. People are strapped for cash these days and taking away the ability to go and walk down the beach for those not lucky enough to live adjacent to them, without having to pay yet more money, would be detrimental to all. It would cost more in health care costs than would make in charges. It would be especially detrimental to the elderly. It feels like yet another tax on the less wealthy compared to those who can afford to live by the beach and walk there.

243. You have no reason to charge for parking here except to make money. There is plenty of space and no congestion

244. As a system we are looking to cut millions of pounds from our health care budget and spending more year on year on mental health and weight loss, launching apps and promoting a "healthy start" in life. This is ridiculous when the council proposition is to cut off people's access to natural beauty and green space, widening health inequalities for those

who does live within walking distance of these areas (or any green space in fact), for those who aren't able to use public transport.

245. Please keep this free for all and for people on low incomes who already struggle to put food on the table

246. This area has been free to park since i moved to the prom in 1977. Where are the friends and family of everyone who lives here meant to park ? we already pay council tax and road tax this extra charge is abhorrent

247. Wirral residents use this area to walk dogs, enjoy the sea air and in this cost of living crisis, free activities are rare, so adding car parking charges will diminish this

248. It will take money from local business and tradespeople.

249. There are several paid for car parks in the area, this is just a yet another money making council scheme when it's not necessary. I am often parking there for 10-15 minutes to take in the views and that would certainly stop that.

250. As a local buisness which really struggles in the winter, the ONE positive thing which we notice really helps us is free parking for our TAKE AWAY concept. Customers come to us and leave quickly. We will not have the "drop in" customers we are used to if you implement parking fees. The current system has worked absolutely fine for the past 10+ years.

Comparing to somewhere like heswall which is a nightmare to park in Hoylake is a dream and you can always find something on Charles Road or Market Street. Your obsession with making things harder and worse for the community is infuriating to watch. If it's not broken don't fix it!!

251. As someone who has mental health issues. Being able to park and go for a long walk, helps me with my anxiety and depression. Many people are struggling with finance issues and having to pay for parking seems Wirral Council once again don't care. Visitors to the area will either go elsewhere or park in the side roads.

252. Many motorists park for short times to enjoy a quick walk, break etc.....paying will drive them away

253. It will increase visitor parking onto adjacent streets which are already saturated.

254. Once again, it seems, our illustrious elected members and the officers of the Council have failed to learn anything from previous debacles of their own designing. One thinks of the multimillions of pounds wasted on the Hamilton Project which resulted, directly, from the end of Parking Discs in Birkenhead and the introduction of on-street paid parking. One can almost see the tumbleweed blowing down the deserted streets in that area of the Borough. Does anybody within the Council ACTUALLY look back at pet schemes which have failed? I am sure it is no coincidence that previous FOI requests for a P &L breakdown on net parking revenue were always refused (on spurious grounds).I despair!

255. There is no need to introduce parking along Hoylake and Meols beach - no one will visit soon unless the beach is actually returned to a beach - It just discourages visitors to our area

256. Exactly the same reasons Q1.

257. Your taking the p***

258. Paying to park here would just move more people around Great Meols Primary school around pick up and drop off times

259. The council represent the public of Wirral and they need to listen to our concerns. Parking charges will impact the poorest people and also local business's. The Council think they know best like when they wasted OUR money implementing ridiculous 20MPH zones, they can not be allowed to implement these parking ch

260. Parking by the beach should be free for all! Local businesses who have been there for years will significantly be effected by this, such as cafes and the local dance school

261. This will discourage parking on the promenade and push parking into residential streets.

262. Neutral opinion. I have no intention of going there.

263. If you want to make the wirral accessible to residents and visitors you should not charge for parking

"264. Payment at Carr Lane will drive traffic to park in Airlie Road and Drummond Road.

This will be a very bad thing for multiple reasons outlined below:

A) The councils waste disposal truck already has difficulty accessing Airlie road from Drummond road with the existing traffic. The bin men are always asking me at 19 Airlie road to move my car to allow them to pass. This will get even worse with charged parking at Carr Lane.

B) The one way system between Carr lane and Airlie Road (currently an unnamed road) and regular flooding in Drummond Road because the council no longer clears the water courses of leaves will cause chaos with more traffic parked on the adjacent roads.

C) We currently have difficulty parking our own cars outside our own home without more traffic.

Thank you for considering this appeal"

"265. The council is reputed to be keen to encourage more physical activity. Imposing these charges will deter visitors from areas where they are likely to go to be active - recreation areas, coastal areas.

Imposing parking charges was seen to be disastrous for traders in Birkenhead. Removal of the disc parking and replacement with pay stations resulted in an overnight desertion of the town centre by drivers. eg Europa Boulevard, which was always full of parked vehicles during shopping hours, became, and has remained empty. Similar results can be expected for traders in West Kirby and New Brighton.

Imposing charges on promenades will simply drive vehicles onto side streets and shift the problem onto the residents there. undoubtedly, this will result in WBC issuing permits, for which those residents will be expected to pay - a further uncalled for financial burden."

266. Proposal will deter visitors and be damaging local businesses. Parking will be displaced to local residential streets which will result in the need for residents parking schemes. Local shops, cafes and restaurants will be severely impacted by a reduction in the number of visitors which is likely to result in closures and economic decline of the area.

267. As a concerned grand parent of children attending Great Meols Primary imposing a parking charge on North Parade between Dovepoint Road and Bennetts Lane will increase the already dangerous situation when children are being taken to and collected from school. Many parents park on Meols Parade and then walk to the school, thus avoiding congestion in the roads around the school. I don't think that parents/carers should be charged over £2.00 a day for the privilege of taking their children to school safely. The roads around will become more dangerous with cars parked in the narrow roads around the school.. This policy is very poorly conceived the safety of our children should take priority over money making ventures by the council.

268. This will take away from people visiting the area if they have to pay to park & this will affect the businesses in the area. Stop being money greedy & wasting money on other pointless projects and you wouldn't need to charge people to park.

269. Restricts free use to only people who can afford to live in these areas, reducing our communities access to outdoor spaces. Especially for people who cannot afford days out.

270. Introducing these charges will mean that people park in the streets leading off Meols Parade. These roads are narrow and busy. This scheme will lead to more accidents, and residents not being able to park. Additionally Great Meols Primary School have asked parents to park on Meols Parade. The scheme will force parents to park on other streets - for example Dovepoint Rd is already busy at school drop off/pick up time - things will just get worse.

271. Bad for visitors

"272. I think it should be free to park here. Bringing in parking charges will restrict poorer people from enjoying the outdoors/a few hours of fresh air exercising with their children and/or dogs. Why not bring in voluntary charges

"If you feel you've had a great day out then please contribute if you can""

273. There are residents living on this road they need to be able to park outside their properties and have visitor parking. This proposal will be detrimental to the centre of Hoylake which relies on visitors. The retail centre is already fragile with a large number of vacancies. Parking here links with the visitor economy overall for the centre.

274. Parking should be free as this encourages people to go in local walks and shop locally which benefits surrounding areas and businesses

275. Parking overnight should not be charged for. There is no precedence on the Wirral for this.

276. My child attends Gret meols primary school and to avoid the roads around the school I park on the prom and walk to the school. Parking charges will increase congestion around the school and potentially put children at risk of injury due to poor driving

277. This scheme may bring in some income but will result in local residents being put off from using those facilities that we have enjoyed for many years and are what makes this area so good. Also it will ultimately result in an overall loss of revenue for the area as other businesses and ventures will see a loss of users. A very shortsighted approach without actually doing anything to help or benefit the residents. Shocking!

278. It will keep visitors to the area away

279. No legal justification, it's purely to raise revenue. Discriminates against elderly and disabled visitors who cannot use nearest public transport.

"280. I think this will negative affect visitors to the area and will mean visitors use residential streets that are already busy.

In addition, the area of Meols parade between Dovepoint road and bennets lane is also very close to Great Meols Primary school. This area is currently used by parents to park between 8.15am and 9.15 am and between 3.15 and 4.15pm. This is used as a 'park and walk' area to encourage parents not to park nearer the school as this is already very congested and is dangerous with all the cars trying to access school at these times. In addition, many parents help with reading groups and volunteer in school so may need to park longer. If these charges are passed then this will only mean that they will park in neighbouring streets. I live in one of these streets and we already have persistent problems with the sheer volume of traffic, drives being blocked, parents parking on corners which means it's unsafe to cross and the speed at which some parents drive here. Parking charges will only make this problem worse.

In addition we have had a problem with motor homes parking overnight. There is currently a temporary restriction in place which prohibits them parking overnight and this has greatly improved the situation here. Motorhomes were parking here for days on end and in addition to problems with littering and waste removal, it frequently meant that parents couldn't park there in the mornings for pick up and drop off. This meant that residential streets took the brunt of the parking in school times making it a much more dangerous place for the children to access school. We have really noticed an improvement since this order has been in place. I assume this order will still continue irrespective of charges for normal cars?"

281. Think of residents, they pay tax for everything why upset them with further expenses

282. Same as above. Meols and hoylake parade never gets packed as I'm there 3 times a day walking my dog

283. Shouldn't pay to visit beaches

284. This scheme will drive people to park in adjacent roads and make parking outside houses more difficult. It will also create a big problem for parents bringing children to school at HT Meols Primary School. A great many of whom park on Meols Parade to ease congestion outside school and adjacent streets in an effort to create a safer environment for children. At a time when we are trying to encourage people to take more exercise to combat obesity it seems counter productive to deter the great many people who come to exercise.

"285. As a resident there are already problems with the Great Meols Junior School. This will make things even worse with people parking on double yellow lines and blocking our drives.

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286. There is no traffic congestion on Meols parade. A lot of parents park there when taking their children to and from school. Parking fees will result in more traffic congestion on local roads, which will be a risk to children attending the local school

287. Many people park and take elderly family and children to enjoy the open space and fresh air. It's popular for people to park and walk dogs. People have stressful lives and need to have these places to park for free and not think about restrictions of timings and costs when enjoying quality out-door time. So essentially for mental wellbeing.

288. This scheme will penalise parents dropping off at the school, dog walkers, residents and people exercising. There is no congestion in this area. The beach is awful and charges will just bring further decline. Are you trying to destroy Hoylake / Meols completely?

289. I park here to take my child to and from school I couldn't afford the parking charges each day, twice per day

290. Living near to a primary school, we appreciate that many parents park on the seafront. Charges will increase traffic on the surrounding roads which are already heavily congested during school drop off and pick up times. We currently experience traffic being parked across pavements and double yellow lines. Increasing the volume will turn a difficult situation into a dangerous one. It will only be a matter of time before a child or one of our frail residents is injured or worse. If you decide to pursue this policy, it should be in conjunction with a 'residents only' zone around roads near to the primary school.

291. As in 2 above.

292. Anti tourist policy

293. This will prevent people from visiting and will be bad for the local economy

294. Coastline parking should remain free and accessible to everyone. Life is hard enough for many at the moment and access to the proms is a matter of wellbeing and health for many individuals and families.

295. There is always enough parking, and never an issue like you propose it will solve. Charging for parking and putting maximum stay times on parking areas on or off the street will only deter people from supporting local businesses as there will be no free parking around.

296. People from all over the Wirral use the promenade to exercise, social, walk their dogs. In an area such as wirral which has many residents from a poor socio economic background these charge will put people off visiting. The wirral has health issues related to obesity and type 2 diabetes and taking away areas where people can go to exercise for free is adding to the problem.

297. You have a huge amount of housing with no drive parking causing huge pressure on smaller roads.

"298. This will result in people parking on side streets.

We should be encouraging people to enjoy these natural areas and not have to pay for the privilege."

299. It will drive people away.

300. It's a leisure area, and a tourist destination that people go to walk on, they do not want to pay for parking, it would destroy what tourism there is left. And locals mental health would suffer as less likely to go for family walks.

301. As above and below

302. Overnight parking demand is very limited however this charge will deter people from taking exercise in summer months and contravenes Government policy to improve public health by preventative action.

303. I live on a small terrace street in Hoylake that leads onto the prom. The road is extremely narrow. If you start charging, people will start parking on these streets in front of people's houses.

304. There are no problems with density of traffic or parking here! Residents and visitors will not be able to park outside their houses. This is a quiet area for traffic and just not needed. No homes yes but cars NO!!

305. When I moved here it was the leisure peninsula. With this move people wont park & walk along the prom and then go into the local areas to use the shops & coffee shops etc. It will not make the money you think as people just will not pay it. You are killing the area with the weeds on a beach. I also thought it was not allowed by law to charge on public roads unless busy etc. Very bad decision and shows WBC dont have the ~Wirral people at heart. As someone said its a great way to kill the area.

306. Same

307. People come to enjoy the sea air, take a walk and relax. Parking charges ar contrary to this endeavour and would disadvantage those with low incomes.

308. As a resident for over 70 years and now a pensioner of limited resources I find it scandalous that the council feels they have the right to penalise their rate paying residents preventing them from visiting the places we already pay to be maintained etc.

"309. You are proposing to charge people to walk there dogs and exercise, which is mainly what people do.

People will not pay, but merely migrate to side roads and therefore reducing the opportunity for locals to park in their roads. "

"310. It does not need to go from Kings Gap to the bottom of Meols.

This will only push the problem into back streets.

What about residents who live there - I've seen no mention of residents permits.

There is no parking problem in Meols.

Charging in Hoylake will move a problem into the Meols part of Meols Parade, and adding charging to Meols will force more on street parking into the surrounding streets.

The parking for school drop off at great Meols primary encourage walking the last part of the journey from the parade. This will force parents to pay a parking tax to walk the last few 100m to school so instead they will park on already busy streets around the school. Any child injured on these busy streets will be due to the councils decision and they should be held accountable. It will also affect child health, fitness and obesity. "

"311. I live on Meols Parade and know that it is neither congested nor in need of traffic management therefore the proposed reason for the introduction of parking charges is not valid.

I would like to know if anyone has surveyed and recorded traffic volume here and forecast a proposed profit versus the cost of parking machines and parking officers.

As stated previously- it's never congested here and I can't see how this would be financially viable.

Furthermore- my child attends Great Meols Primary school who adopt a 'park away' scheme which encourages parents to park on Meols Parade.

This is in response to 'near misses' due to congestion in the side roads around the school- where children have almost been hit by cars. Parking charges on the prom would force people to park in side roads and increase the likelihood of children being hit by cars."

312. Object to the overnight charge.

313. Again stupid and ridiculous

314. This is a tax on health and well being and will affect the lowest paid in the community the most, people who can't afford to live there but come to enjoy the health and well being benefits making the unacceptable economic disparity between rich and poor in Wirral even worse

315. NA

316. Adding charges to every road in the Wirral is disgusting. As a local authority you're going to make it even more difficult for families struggling to have days out.

317. It's public land and I already pay road tax

318. This scheme will deter drivers from parking where they have to pay and will just create chaos in surrounding areas, i.e. in local roads. These open spaces are for people to enjoy, both physically and mentally, this will not happen if charges come into effect. Businesses in the local area will be impacted, you are, in effect, making Wirral a 'no go' area.

319. People should be allowed to access their beaches for exercise and relaxation for free

320. Wirral prides itself on being 'the leisure peninsula' but additional parking charges such as this will discourage residents from going out and getting regular exercise (with the long term consequences for their health) as well as impacting on visitors to the borough and harming local businesses

321. We park on the prom to go to Great Meols school as advised by the school to prevent blocking the residential roads around the area.

322. Parking is already difficult for residents. This will encourage visitors to park in the residential parking areas and will discourage some visitors to come to Hoylake

323. Coastal parking charges being introduced would only force more traffic in to residential side streets. This is particularly going to cause issues in Hoylake and West Kirby, where residential streets are usually at capacity for parking as well as being very narrow. It will have a damaging affect to local businesses. Some of whom have suffered so much already through COVID, cost increases and the installation of the flood wall.

324. The negative impact on local businesses and families who already struggle to provide leisure activities for children is not being taken into account.

325. I can drive to enjoy this lovely spot in eight minutes from where I live. If I try to do this by public transport, it takes ca. 35 minutes with a change of bus according to the Merseytravel journey planner. So that's 20 minutes vs over an hour travelling. Unless public transport was anywhere near as convenient or cost effective, I will not purposefully inconvenience myself even though I'm well aware of the environmental implications. Sometimes when I visit I go into the town for an ice cream or to pick up some shopping. If I don't go because I don't want to pay for parking, the local businesses will lose this trade.

"326. I live on Meols Parade, you know, one of those Privileged people that councillor Liz Gray talked about a few years ago!

Well there won't and hasn't been many tourists here now because of the state of the forest on a beach."

327. Congestion on all residential roads leading to North Parade if it's paid parking on the prom.

328. Why is the council intent on killing Trade for local businesses

"329. This is not 'an increase' as described in the justification it is an 'introduction of charges' as quoted directly from the webpage.

B. Public transport is poor in many areas of the borough. Use of a car is often the only practical option and is already very expensive. May we have realistic alternatives before adding more expense?

C. The fee high enough to put anyone off parking (the aim of the charge), but very inconvenient to end early at 8am. Many people could forget to top it up and end up being fined."

"330. In the 30 plus years I have lived in the area I have yet to see any congestion on Meols Parade nor any need to control traffic congestion.

This stretch of road from Hoyle Road to Bennetts Lane can accommodate hundreds of parked vehicles without causing congestion. The width of the road enables traffic from both directions to safely pass one another. This is purely a moneymaking exercise on behalf of the Council. I am the Secretary of Hoylake Marine Bowls Club and our members will be

adversely affected by the imposition of parking charges along this stretch of road. We rent the Bowling Green from the Council for six months of the year. Most of our members are over 75 years of age and have limited financial means. A regular bowler attends the green 3 days a week to practice and socialise, that would cost one member a minimum of £2 a day under the current proposals to park. We play competitive home matches against other bowling clubs on Mondays and Wednesdays and it would cost each member £6 to park. That is potentially £18 per week, £72 per month and potentially £432 per bowling season. That is unaffordable for most members. Non of our members have Blue Badges that would enable free parking. Potentially the Council will charge our members a combined total of £8,640 over the course of a season and that does not include the same charges made on visiting Bowls teams. It is disgraceful,

that Pensioners who like to keep active by playing our sport will be unable to do so by reason of financial inability to meet the propose charges.

Many of our members would travel to the club by alternative means other than by car if they could do so, but they cannot as their are no bus routes along the Promenade. "

331. The people of Meols and Hoylake have already had to put up with a significant amount of frustration and disappointment from the council over the past few years. Schemes such as 20 MPH, the former town hall, the Holiday Inn hotel and the lack of investment or raking of the beaches. Parking charges will only cause more anger and frustration for local residents. This will also have a significant impact on the number of visitors into the area and local businesses. Additionally this will also impact local residents as people try and find alternate parking spaces to drop their children off at the many local schools and nurseries etc - Please do not continue to take away one of the unique aspects of Hoylake and Meols by destroying the beach and now asking people to pay to visit what is already a town(s) in significant decline.

332. Do not charge people to park in these areas this will cause conjection in the side streets and stop people coming to the areas

"333. Yes - I live close to this scheme. Meols Parade is used by Great Meols Primary PURPOSEFULLY to avoid traffic issues around drop off and pick up. Every few years you ask us 'do we want pay and display parking' and we give the same response 'IT WILL BE DANGEROUS FOR OUR CHILDRENS' SAFETY'. That we have to continually remind WBC of this is a disgrace.

And as per my responses some 3 years ago - this is a pretty miserable piece of coastline - even more so now we have marshland instead of a beach - who in their right mind would pay to park here?

There is no traffic issues and no one parks overnight - I'm not sure 'who' you are catering for - invisible tourists it would seem.

Please put a pin it once and for all - these proposals are dangerous "

334. Cars will inevitably be parked in side streets. The knock on effects will be very challenging for residents.

"335. I often use this road, park up and go for a walk. I will not be going if parking charges are implemented, stopping people from getting daily exercise will be bad for their physical and mental health. This will push up NHS costs.

BAD IDEA!"

336. It's a seaside resort, we want people to visit. If you introduce parking charges, people either will not come or park in side streets off the prom.

337. Especially the evening fee

338. I often visit the area for a short walk to support my well-being. It is an additional cost to petrol costs even in the evening and would deter me from visiting the area and take away from money I might spend on local business.

"339. I can't understand why the council thinks this is a good idea, it's literally driving people to park in the already congested residential areas. If this scheme isn't revenue generation focused, I can't understand what could be gained. Meols Parade isn't congested at present, if there is slow traffic anywhere around Hoylake and Meols, this could be attributed to the ridiculous 20mph speed limits introduced by yourselves.

It's like you're not listening."

340. The proposal contradicts other Council objectives such getting people active, people drive to park and walk, meet others and socialise. They exercise their dogs, safely ride their bikes off the road with their children. It is a wonderful recreational facility, which can be a little too far to walk to, then walk there, then walk back home. You will make it too expensive for people to enjoy everyday.

341. It will affect local residents and Great Meols Primary school with parents dropping off and picking up. To keep the roads around school safe everyone is recommended to park on the prom. As local residents we should have to pay.

"342. Parking is already congested in side streets. Charging will push cars further away into these side streets plus local businesses will suffer as people will refuse to pay for parking.

My children also go to Great Meols Primary. We park away from school and walk in, charging for park will force parents to park nearer to school which is dangerous for the children. "

343. Parents who need to pick up their children are encouraged to park along the promenade, away from the school, to ensure the safety of the students. If parking fees are introduced, parents may be forced to park on the roads near the school, which could pose a serious risk to safety. In such cases, the council would be held accountable for any accidents resulting from cars parking on residential streets near the school. Given how limited the space is in Meols, situated between the beach and Birkenhead Road, there would be very few parking options, leaving parents with no choice but to park near the school, potentially causing obstructions.

344. Parents dropping off kids at Great Meols School park at Meols Parade to avoid congestion around the school. If charges here are implemented, more people will try to park on the roads around the school, increasing congestion and making the area less safe for the hundreds of kids entering and leaving school each morning and afternoon.

345. Parking here doesn't cost the council anything, it is a public highway paid for by taxpayers. This has nothing to do with the environment or traffic flow, it is just charging people - mostly locals - in order to raise more money

346. Yes, we regularly park here to safely park away from the school to avoid hazards to children during peak school hours. There is high volume of traffic already closer to the school and charges on the prom will cause more parents to park on the streets, cost free, near to the school

347. Problematic for local residents and schools

348. My son goes to Great Meols primary school and every day to reduce traffic, myself and lots of other parents park on the prom/Meols Parade to reduce the amount of traffic around the school. Some parents already park around the school on the roads next to school and this causes chaos already, with lots of near misses. If the traffic that usually parks on the prom is forced to park around the school roads, this will cause so much traffic and increase the chances of an awful accident. Parents won't want to pay for parking twice a day, just to park for 10-15 minutes whilst they walk their children to school, so it will inevitably cause more dangerous roads around the school. Of course every parent would like to be able to walk to school, but this isn't always possible with parents rushing off to work after dropping kids off. These proposals would mean putting a lot of children at risk, so really is not a good idea. It would make more sense to put parking charges (except for residents) on the roads around the school, to stop people parking so close to school.

349. As a local resident this scheme worries me, when we can't walk we park on Meols parade to collect our daughter from school rather than parking closer to the school and causing traffic issues. It seems crazy that we'd have to pay to do so in the future. Very

likely to cause more issues and risks to the children as more cars will seek to park closer to the school to avoid the charges.

350. This will severely damage local businesses

351. Your reasons for this TRO do not apply to this area. There is no congestion (except life boat day) and lots of parking spaces are always available. Parking on the Prom at Meols end is also actively encouraged by the local primary school to ease traffic problems near the school road.

352. We will discourage people from using local amenities and areas of interest by introducing parking charges.

353. We are encouraged to park on the prom away from great meols school when dropping the kids off. I park on the prom every morning and afternoon. This ensure the roads are safer close tot the school and also reduces the congestion in the smaller streets. This must cause the local residents some frustration. I want to help reduce this frustration as much as possible. I wont be parking on the prom if i need to pay twice a day. Which will mean me parking in the streets closer to schools adding to the issues mentioned .

354. This area is vital for locals and tourists alike to access fresh air and exercise, this should not be subject to unnecessary parking charges which will also impact local businesses. We have lots of lovely outdoor spaces on the Wirral and everyone should be able to enjoy them free of charge!

355. We live on North Parade Hoylake and we have 2 cars parked on the Parade

"356. Strongly object. As you are well aware from previous consultations this stretch of road is used by parents to drop and collect children from Great Meols Primary School. The school tries hard to promote a message of parking on the prom to keep access and roads around the school safer. By introducing charges here you are likely to force more cars into parking in less safe spaces and increase traffic around school which is already congested. You are also asking parents to pay to drop children off in safe environment which is unacceptable.

Added to this is general point that by charging cars to park here you will increase traffic and parking in close by residential areas. "

357. Should be no charge for parking. End wasteful spending in ineffecient processes or non-productive employees, rather than price-gouging those who the council should instead be serving.

358. Present parking doesn't cause problems and charging motorists is ridiculous

"359. This limits access to the beach and surrounding areas. This unfavourably targets lower and working class families access to blue and green space. Putting a cost on access to outdoor play spaces for children is going to limit the amount of outdoor activities children can access, again targeting those who cannot afford to pay for parking all the time. This is

going to have a long term impact on the health of children and adults and will ultimately end up costing government and council lost revenue in health costs and lost working hours.

Moreover, many parents park there to drop their children off at school (a short walk away). By removing this free access it will result in dangerous driving and parking closer to the school putting children's lives at risk. "

360. Again the permits should be free for local residents and Blue Badges. It also will stop tourism to the Wirral, compounded by the Amazonian beach, again neglected by the council.

"361. Meols Parade is used twice a day by a substantial number of parents to park to drop off and pick up from Great Meols Primary School. This has been promoted as a voluntary scheme for many years by the school as a way to keep our children safer by diverting cars away from the road outside the school and surrounding residential streets.

Why are you promoting parking away from some primary schools through your 'school streets' scheme, whilst at Great Meols Primary your proposed parking charges will mean more cars outside the school? Are our children's lungs worth less than those in other primary schools? Do our children deserve less protection from road traffic? There is an outrageous double standard here!!!!!! "

362. It is going to put visitors off coming to the Wirral

363. As above

364. Crazy to deter people from coming. We need incentives to exercise, take time with the family.

"365. Residents live along this street.

The local primary school also operate a 'Park Away' campaign encouraging carers to park on the front and walk. "

366. I am sick and tired of Wirral Borough Council mis-managing our money. Stop lending the money out to other councils.

367. I am an OAP charging for parking at any of the coastal sites is a tax on leisure and would discourage visiting parks and the beaches.

"368. People should be free to enjoy the coastal path.

Additionally great Meols primary school parents are encouraged to park on the parade to reduce the traffic in and around the school vicinity for safety of the children. Charging for this will cause parents to then fill up the roads nearer to school, this would be dangerous for the children just because you wish to make a profit."

369. I would no longer visit if I had to pay to park.

370. This scheme is not got for small businesses whose customers just need to nip in to a shop for some necessities

371. See answer to Q2

"372. Neither traffic density nor congestion on North Parade or Meols Parade (TO/21/41) are such to justify the application of charges. Such a move will only deter people from coming to use the promenade for its primary purpose, the taking of healthy exercise

The introduction of charges here will only displace traffic into the already crowded adjacent housing streets causing the kind of congestion the traffic plan is purporting to alleviate.

In particular, placing charges on the north end of Meols Parade will displace large amounts of school traffic into the already log jammed Newlyn and Elwyn Roads which, during school drop off and pick up periods, are already dangerously crowded.

Placing parking charges on North and Miles Parades is akin to building houses on a flood plain.

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373. it will make people stop going

374. I think this will damage local businesses and the community when businesses go under and people are made unemployed

375. Not good for traders

376. I think its stupid, stops people from going on walks getting exercise and meeting up with people ridiculous how want stop people from walking for hours and charging them for doing so

"377. This is a residential area .. parking is generally for residents and visitors or workmen in the area.

The only main group affected are local residents.

It is not busy and the costs of imposing parking fees will likely be more than any revenue gained. "

378. No

"379. It will stop me having visitors. As a lone occupier on north parade it's important for my mental health and whole living. As I am unable to walk much, I'm 77, it's vital to have visitors who can pop by to help my daily existence. Will residents be able to have a parking permit.

What about special events like open days at the lifeboat station. Tug of war at New year. A lot of charity money will be lost because people won't attend them. You've stopped

motorhome parking entirely, you've stopped looking after the beach, and now you want to stop anyone visiting at all. I couldn't afford to pay £7.40 a day to have a car outside my own property.

I'm really upset that you have no regard for the already financially stretched pensioners who live along north parade. "

"380. 1. Local people who walk their dogs will no longer be able to without incurring parking costs. Even in the early morning.

2. Parking fees limit access to families having time walking the prom / using the beach. This is in direct contrast to the desire to have a more active population

3. People will seek out free parking areas away from the prom but close, in residential areas. Residents will find it more difficult to park, particularly in the summer months. Will the council have a commitment to develop resident permit parking in these areas?"

381. I live 1.5 miles from Parade Gardens 5 days per week for bowling with others aged between 65 and 94. One of us quite qualify for a blue badge. The cost of parking will make too expensive to use the park daily.

382. With respect to all 'coastal charges' being introduced, the Council should be looking to attract people to visit these beauty spots, by imposing such charges it will totally deter a huge amount of people, including myself, from visiting these places. The knock on effect will be significant to local businesses

383. People use it for leisure it's costly and should be free to be able to keep fit

384. Introducing parking charges will be detrimental to local businesses and the health of residents.

385. Again it's not overly busy and people just won't visit.

386. Disgusting.

387. Only in favour if a majority of residents in a road agrees to them. £60 is a lot of money for hard pressed residents.

388. Another illegal tax grab.

389. Residents should be encouraged to enjoy open spaces to improve lifestyle, fitness and wellbeing to lessen the impact on the NHS and the introduction of parking charges will have the opposite effect, deterring many

390. As above

391. This will only push parking onto already busy residential roads.

392. As above a free open space for the young and old residents and visitors to use for mental health & wellbeing. Charges will deny a lot of people from using this and other areas on a daily basis.

393. Access to the sea should be free to all. We want people to be exercising and making people pay is just plain mean and it will stop people being healthy.

394. Absolutely ridiculous to introduce charges here. Hardly anyone parks there anyway, never any congestion, an occasional campervan over the summer. As an ex-parent of Great Meols Primary, actively involved in road safety for the children, the school encouraged parents/carers to park away from the school road (to ease congestion and promote safe crossings and visibility on the road) and walk round the corner to school. Surely you are not going to charge parents to drop their children off for 10 minutes at school drop off times - ludicrous!

395. Not lawfully presented

"396. You will just move the problem to other streets and make residents pay for parking outside their own homes!

At the moment there aren't any issues with parking just a case of bad management of the the council needing to make more money. "

397. As above

"398. There is no issue with over parking at this location , there are a number of private residential properties on this road with no off road parking.

The proposed change will cause congested side roads to become more congested.

You have had a consultation to reinstate the beach area back to a leisure area this will again cause further congestion in the side streets by introducing a charge on this stretch of road.

Parents collecting children from Great Meols Primary School park on this stretch of road to drop off and collect their children , this will cause increased parking in the side roads around the school and increased traffic flow in a high risk area around the school especially at the morning drop off when there is also rush hour traffic."

399. No

400. No

401. We should be encouraging people to get outside and stay / get healthy. Parking charges discourage this. This is also near a residential area and parking charges result in people parking nearby and restricting residences from parking by their house. The increased parking in residential areas also make it more dangerous for young children and animals

402. Personally it will deter me from visiting this area as often as I do. It will damage local business and unfairly affects older people like me.

"403. The overnight £1 proposal will not easily be policed. It is the thin end of the wedge. Parking charges in general will not encourage people to come to the region thus impacting the retail economy. I also believe that residents and their visitors should not be charged for parking.

In my opinion this survey is a tick box exercise by the Council who have already made up their minds on what will happen. As with the 20 mph scheme and the cycle paths."

404. Would put me off visiting Hoylake if parking charges were in place

405. Paying for parking will kill off the trade and put families off going to that area.

406. As above

407. A place where people should be able to exercise but will choose not to because of the charges

408. Making it less attractive to visit. Destroying business opportunities

409. Introducing Car Parking in this Leisure area will impact residents and visitors alike with a consequential reduction in those visiting which will impact upon local shops and services.

410. Charging here will stop people coming to the area all together

411. As above

412. Object to charging people to park in areas where they support their mental wellbeing, by getting exercise and fresh air.

413. Small business will suffer

"414. I don't agree with charging local residents to park their own cars on the street they live on

Charging all local car parks will drive business away from local shops / businesses"

415. It will stop our family visiting this area as if we are paying, there are other places we may as well go

416. People need areas to park and walk to exercise and enjoy the views etc

"417. It will close business

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418. This will harm businesses and prevent people being able to easily access services and walking for mental health

419. As per response above

420. The scheme will stop people going to these places which will have a negative impact on local businesses, also make parking on side streets worse for local residents

421. Ruining local businesses

422. No

423. This will deter people from enjoying a healthy environment and increase the overall long term drain on the NHS

424. You will drive away tourism and day trippers.

425. Residents of Wirral and tourists should be able to enjoy the waterfront/beach without having to pay. This should be covered in council tax. It is wrong to have to pay for something that can help with physical and mental health

426. Undermining effect on local economy and congestion on side streets from cars seeking free parking.

427. Destroys high streets, leads to unsafe parking blocking residential areas.

428. There is no need to punish people who live on the Wirral with more charges. It will affect people wanting to come to the area and local business

"429. As a local resident I feel strongly that introducing pay to park on this stretch will cost more than the revenue it will produce. During the day the promenade is only occupied by a handful of cars other than the odd sunny weekend in summer or when there is a local event such as lifeboat day. Overnight there is the occasional camper van or local residents parking. The coast should be free for all to enjoy. Introducing pay to park will deter visitors to the area and impact the lives of elderly people who drive to the front for a short walk, some fresh air, eat lunch or simply enjoy the view.

Making people pay to park will also mean that drivers will cause congestion in side streets as they attempt to avoid charges. This will also cause safety issues at the Meols end for the children of Great Meols Primary as their parents already park at the end of Meols Parade on the bend which forms the junction of Bennets Lane. Residents are against this scheme which has been proposed previously but was thankfully not approved. "

430. Do some real work

431. It's a money grasping scheme. The people of Wirral have to pay to use most of the roads out of here and now we have to pay to travel around/ park where we live

432. In a cost of living crisis, the last thing the people need are more charges for trying to survive. Less and less people are going to visit the area causing a decrease in interest/funds for the area.

433. If you put charges here you will just push people to the outskirts where they can park for free or they just won't come at all.

434. Will negatively impact local businesses and make it difficult for local families to enjoy the area

435. Disgraceful council

436. Mostly used by locals and visitors. It's not reasonable for local people to pay to visit their area for exercise, recreation, etc. We want to encourage visitors. It will impact little residential streets.

437. It will severely impact local businesses

"438. Subject: Objection to Proposed Changes Affecting Public Car Parking Across Wirral

I am writing as a resident of Wirral to formally object to the proposed changes regarding public car parking across the area. These changes will have a significant negative impact on residents, particularly in light of the ongoing cost of living crisis. Below are my key concerns:

1. Financial Impact on Families

Introducing charges for car parks and on-street parking that were previously free, along with increasing existing charges, will further strain already stretched household budgets. Many residents are grappling with rising costs of energy, food, and other essentials. Adding parking fees to this burden is not only inconsiderate but will also disproportionately affect families, especially those with lower incomes who rely on local services and community facilities.

2. Overnight Parking Charges

The proposal to introduce a £1 overnight parking fee (6:30pm - 8:00am) will negatively affect residents who may need to park overnight due to lack of off-street parking options. This charge also affects workers in hospitality, healthcare, and other sectors that operate during evening or night hours. For these workers, who often face unsociable hours, this fee is an additional tax on earning a living, effectively penalising them for circumstances outside of their control.

3. Impact on Local Businesses

Increasing parking fees will deter visitors from using town centres and local high streets, pushing them towards out-of-town shopping centres where parking is free. This risks harming small, local businesses that are already struggling to recover from the effects of the pandemic. It is crucial to support local trade rather than inadvertently encouraging people to shop elsewhere due to parking costs.

4. Increased Cost of Resident Parking Schemes

Raising the cost of resident parking permits places an unfair financial burden on households, many of whom have no other choice but to park on the street due to limited driveway or garage space. This increase is unnecessary and will particularly affect those living in more densely populated areas, where parking space is already at a premium.

5. Inflationary Pressures

The proposed inflationary increases come at a time when inflation is at historically high levels. Any attempt to link parking charges to inflation risks creating a continuous and unsustainable rise in parking costs. This will place a constant strain on residents, who are already dealing with the effects of inflation on essential goods and services.

In conclusion, the proposed parking changes place an unfair financial burden on local residents and will exacerbate the cost of living crisis. I urge the council to reconsider these proposals, taking into account the significant financial strain already felt by Wirral residents, and to explore alternative ways of generating revenue that do not disproportionately impact families, workers, and small businesses.

I hope you will take these concerns into serious consideration before proceeding with these proposals."

439. Charging people to park in an area struggling to regenerate seems to be shortsighted and irresponsible. The only time parking should be charged in any area is if it is a high volume congested parking issue. The council should not be charging for parking to create income to fund other areas of funding short fall.

440. See above

441. Will increase pressure on side roads during busy periods. No mention of what these charges will fund. Reduce tourism to area and reduce business for local businesses

442. This will stop people visiting

443. Why are we being charged?

444. You are taking away people's rights to park and enjoy the promenade area which will impact how local people enjoy this area

445. Do you want areas to become no go areas because of fees!!!

446. We should be able to enjoy our beautiful coastline for free. Many will not visit for the day if they are expected to pay £6. Businesses will be badly affected.

447. Same as above, it's a mistake! Please don't do this to people that love in Wirral and enjoy the fact we have beautiful beaches to visit without the worry of paying for parking when people are already struggling to afford increase in household prices with no disposable income.

448. Disappointed by people who are agreeing to it

449. Will stop people going to the are and impact local businesses

450. I already pay to use the road0

451. I would stop using the area due to the parking charges, this would not make me want to use the local beach's areas due to this

452. This will discourage people to get out and get fresh air/go on walks.

453. See comments in 12

"454. Wirral Council need to wake up and become a reasonable and caring council towards it residents.

Your residents keep you in business by paying their rates.

Wirral Council in fact the whole of Merseyside Council waste their residents plus I will state again the people who keep them in business hard earned money.

The council plan the most ridiculous schemes to waste our money on. Schemes constantly going above the planned cost. Basically the council bankrupts themselves.

THEN TO COVER THE COST OF THEIR RIDICULOUS PLANS THEY HIT THEIR RESIDENTS AND EVERY LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS.

THESE CAR PARKING CHARGES ARE TOTALLY SELFISH, DANGEROUS AND CRUEL.

YOU ALREADY CHARGE AT EASTHAM WOODS CAR PARK.

YOU ARE ALSO SUPPOSED TO CONSIDER THE HEALTH OF YOUR RESIDENTS. BESIDES THE MENTAL TRAUMA YOU ARE ABOUT TO INFLICT ON BUSINESS OWNERS WHAT ABOUT HEALTH FAMILIES WALKING OUTDOORS ETC.

IT ALSO RESULTS IN DANGEROUS PARKING ALONG THE PIER AREA OF EASTHAM.

YOU INTEND TO ADD PARKING FEES TO THE SMALL VILLAGE AREAS OF THE WIRRAL WHICH WILL KILL LOCAL BUSINESS AND HIT THE POCKETS OF RESIDENTS.

STOP BEING SO SELFISH.

WE THE RESIDENTS OF WIRRAL ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR RIDICULOUS AND POOR FINANCIAL PLANNING.

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455. Yes, as above, it is discriminatory to all those who try to improve their wellbeing, reduce their social isolation and improve their quality of life

456. Penalising residents who already pay large council tax bills. It will also deter visitors from spending time and money in the area, often at local businesses.

457. As above

458. As above

459. Not a lot been published about this so don't know enough but rejecting all ideas the council puts forward whilst they have homeless living out there and can't look after their own residents

460. isn't morally correct to just post letters on lampposts informing people you intend to change the rules, public consultation should be first. NOT DEMANDS. The people of Wirral are fed up with not being informed on council decisions ie 20 MPH- Cycle lanes popping up

left right and centre it's all wasted money, regenerating Birkenhead town centre it's been dead for yours it will not be bought back because nobody wants to walk the streets of Birkenhead because it's not safe or pleasant

461. There is not a problem with parking on Meols Parade therefore it would be ridiculous to restrict resident and visitor parking with ugly yellow lines. This would make residents life more difficult for no gain. No one is going to pay to park there so any money spent by WBC on lines and payment machines would be completely wasted along with the annual costs of ongoing maintenance. Please do not despoil this area, it would be unforgivable.

462. People need to be encouraged to come to places for recreation and mental wellbeing. Charging will put people off and local businesses will suffer.

463. This will have an adverse affect on other nearby roads and business

464. As a resident of Wallasey I often visit Meols Parade/ South Parade to escape the busy New Brighton coastline for somewhere more tranquil. This area feels safer and improves my mental health/active lifestyle. I could not afford to pay to park there and would lose out, why penalise a resident of the region?

465. Adding parking charges damages local businesses by reducing traffic to them. How do you intend to help these businesses out?

466. Rarely congestion on the Parade. No need to charge.

467. Many people, often elderly or with young children, take advantage of the wonderful views and gentle coast walk. Despite the green claptrap, charging for parking is just a cynical exercise in raising money and penalising those who wish to enjoy the fresh air and scenery of their local environment.

468. Busy tourist spot, will seriously reduce use of Meols as a local amenity and will affect local businesses

469. I live on North Parade and do not have a drive way. I object to paying to park outside my own home. There are no parking issues on North Parade that need solving. It is a wide road with ample parking for residents and visitors. Implementing this scheme would create problems for residents of North Parade and residents of nearby roads where there are already parking issues (limited spaces) due to visitors parking in the side streets instead. I also object to the impact of discouraging visitors to Hoylake. I've already seen a drop in foot fall over the past few years at the front (probably because of the condition of the beach) and I believe this is negative for Hoylake and the Wirral.

470. Paying to Park on the Wirral disadvantages the poor and restricts peoples freedom of movement. It also discourages people from exercise so will have a knock on increase in the cost of the NHS. Cancel this scheme.

471. As above

472. Drivers will just clog up surrounding roads

473. Why should we have to pay when we pay road tax and council tax

474. I will no longer be stopping for a walk there

475. No

"476. My thoughts are that the time frame should be 8pm to 8am instead of from 6.30pm. Day rate should apply for the lighter evenings short stay visitors.

In principal an overnight charge should be made for caravans and campervans, vans and lorries double the car parking charge for there length is twice that of a car"

477. All coastal roads should remain free and uncluttered from the eye litter of meters and or parking signs and restrictions. Hoylake promenade is a natural beauty and should remain as such. Local roads are already congested because of Hoylake has many narrow roads with Victorian houses and residents need to park sometimes on the promenade to allow large vehicles (removal, roofers etc. access to these roads. Making money off visitors to the area is both anti business and anti people. Consider the many folks who came to walk on the promenade and the the beach during the pandemic of which we are advised there will be others.

"478. As above

This is a beautiful area which Wurrilians and visitors alike should be able to enjoy free of charge"

479. The official reasoning for these charges is 'to help manage traffic, congestion and to help keep people moving so that everyone who needs to, is more likely to have access to a car parking space'. None of the above is actually applicable to the TO/24/41 application as it is an area that isn't heavily visited. In fact, since the council stopped raking Hoylake beach, the number of visitors to the promenade area has notably reduced. This scheme is nothing more than a cash generating effort and should be noted as such. Furthermore, given most of the people who visit the area only stay for short periods (walks, walking dogs - again, the vegetation growth has removed beach-goers from the area), the average parking charge will be £1.20. Has a cost-benefit analysis been performed on this scheme? The work required to add bays, install meters and employ parking attendants may never be recuperated. Lastly, this will likely lead to people parking on residential streets near to the promenade. This will then need additional monitoring and costs to enforce. Overall, it seems to be a scheme that hasn't had much thought applied to it and is just an attempt to generate cash.

480. Why discourage people to use these areas. One of the joys of being on the WIRRAL is spend time on the coast and loving the view. It is only accessible to me by car. I'm sure families would rather drive there with all the paraphernalia needed with children. Why punish us by charging us to enjoy our own peninsula.

481. People are fleeced enough by the council after paying their council tax with never ending increases. I would suggest if you want to save money reduce some of the council

bosses salaries which for their stress and workload and vastly disproportionate to that of the people they are meant to represent.

482. I visit here with my young children and sometimes we only stay for 15 minutes to get some fresh air and I don't want to pay for that

483. It's hard enough for me to park outside my house without introducing this scheme - with these parking charges introduced, all visitors to the beach will just park down the residential roads to avoid paying and it'll be impossible for me to park anywhere near my house. Please don't fix what isn't broken and just leave things as they are! I cannot stress enough the inconvenience this scheme will cause for me and my neighbours.

484. I have lived on Meols Parade for 28 years. I object on two grounds. 1) very few cars park along Meols Parade, occupation levels are seldom more than 10% of the available parking places. There is no justification for charging for traffic management or to increase the turnover of cars parking there. 2) parking round Great Meols Primary School is already quite difficult. Some parents/grandparents park on Meols Parade to avoid the scrum around the school increasing the safety of children during pick up and drop off. At £12 pw parking charge these carers will undoubtedly join the scrum around the school increasing frustration and decreasing safety.

485. No

486. Parking charges kill the area

487. About time this was done, the amount of money this council could of had by charging for parking over the years is staggering, it could of been used on regeneration projects there.

488. I am a local only going to that area to walk a dog. With mobility issues I need a car to get there. I have been refused a blue badge, despite needing a cane to walk.

489. As above makes going to do some exercise unaffordable

490. These areas should remain free to park. There is little to do in Wirral and charging for parking will deter people from enjoying one of the simple pleasures tyat Wirral does have to offer.

491. Should be free to Wirral residents

"492. I didn't vote this local council in to start hitting car owners with more finances. Start looking closer to home for your funds."

493. Visitors will stop coming and local businesses badly affected. People need to be able to visit these places without having to pay charges.

494. Dissuade visitors, impact local businesses, no pressure on parking. Therefore proposed scheme is illegal. Minimal revenue following cost of implementation, consultant fees etc.

Other savings options available. People will just park in nearby residential area annoying residents and causing potential safety problems.

495. Not necessary or wanted

496. People will park in nearby roads impacting on access for residents. Parking by the Parade Gardens is used for the Bowling Green/ Tennis etc and introducing parking may impact on use of leisure facilities

497. This will discourage tourism and local people from enjoying the coast

498. People are already financially stretched and by changing it will deter people getting out and enjoying some fresh air and exercise. Will also direct people to park in residential areas and Business public parking

499. As answer to question 2

500. It's an atrocity what you're trying to implement.

501. We should be encouraging folk to exercise and shop locally and to park responsibly in designated parking places. Charging for parking discourages people from enjoying local beauty spots and from supporting local businesses.

502. One of the places where local residents can walk, socialise, enjoy some beneficial sea air and visit relatives particularly in the Winter months- I will never visit or pay charges if these are introduced which will be detrimental to my welfare. Not much joy left for people who live on the Wirral as it is.

503. Stop charging local residents to park all over the Wirral

504. Detrimental affect on area and local businesses

505. I am a support worker and take my clients for walks along the coast. This will not be possible when the charges come into effect. Parking charges will have a detrimental effect on local area and businesses

506. We already pay road tax. In addition it will stop people visiting and exercising here which will impact the physical and mental health of thousands of people. It will also impact local businesses at a time where things are already tough. It's simply criminal.

507. Same as above. It will ruin the trade for the area, and make a trip impossible for some people to enjoy where they live. A bit of sun and fresh air is a health essential, for mind and body.

508. Ditto

509. As above

510. I like to walk for health reasons I would have to get 2 trains to travel on public transport

511. It will result in side road congestion and reduce the participation in outdoor activities beneficial to health and wellbeing

"512. Surly you want to attract visitors to the area.

The motorist pays Road Tax / Road Fund Licence to use their vehicle on the public highway regardless of if it's moving or stopped.

You should pay the motorist when they park as when parked they are NOT:

- 1.) Causing congestion.
- 2.) Not causing pollution.
- 3.) Not wearing out the road surface.
- 4.) Not making a noise.
- 5.) Not risking an accident.

And many other reasons.

Why does this Council HATE the motorist so much?"

513. I work in hoylake, I can not ad shouldn't have to pay more for work. I work enough hours as it is to be robbed of my hard earned cash.

514. Greedy, unjust and completely against everything Wirral stands for. You will DESTROY what we have left of the independent shops / restaurants

515. Going to the beach is one of the only free outdoor activities families can enjoy to get exercise and fresh air together. Charging for parking means poorer people will not be able to go and get the benefits of being out in the fresh air and enjoying the beach.

"516. Disgraceful idea - we need people

To be able to get out & use facilities - this will be another restriction & all the money that has been ploughed into here already will sit go to waste as people will stop visiting "

517. People need to access open space for the mental and physical health

518. Traffic will move back a few roads and cause conflict with residents

519. Same as above

520. Wirral needs visitors and free parking will attract visitors

521. This will again affect the local businesses and have never been needed before.

522. It discriminates people who wish to exercise or wish to walk their dogs.

523. As above similar comments, the coast is a public space to be enjoyed by all. I see lots of elderly people sat in their cars, enjoying the views, reading their paper, having a coffee. They probably can't walk any distance, and as pensioners couldn't afford regular parking

payments, they wouldn't be able to enjoy that couple of hours out, seeing people and not feeling so lonely.

524. This will kill more tourism and Business's and drive visitors away from . A already struggling g economy .

525. It will have an impact on people's mental and physical health and well being by restricting their access to a good , flat walk in the fresh air and maybe having a chat with people.

526. This area is not congested and is used for enjoying the beach

527. It will stop people visiting the area.

528. Closing the public toilets and introducing parking charges will drive people away from Hoylake.

529. Will lower footfall and affect local businesses

530. People exercise and enjoy the location also people unable to walk enjoy sitting looking at the view

531. Please see above

532. It will reduce the facility of both Wirral residents and visitors alike to access an amenity

533. As 2.

534. The council have no legitimate right to impose any parking charges on any highway. The council is a registered business, and has no right to make rules based on erroneous climate emergency claims, and agendas driven by minority fringe groups and activists....it will also negatively impact across all age groups, and firmity...will make recreational days difficult for young families, large families, disabled, those with limited income. It will also destroy business both large and small...as witnessed by many town centres, especially liscard.

535. Local businesses in Hoylake are already suffering due to the state of the beach. Adding this into the mix just creates more of a drive through like there is now. Look at the number of empty shops and this will exacerbate the problem.

536. this is a leisure peninsula and we need visitors to increase the economy , not drive them away by charging for every available place on the wirral

537. It will cause congestion in side streets and I totally disagree with residence permit charges

538. This area seems to have decreased in popularity and permanent parking charges impact on people coming to spend time in the fresh air for physical or mental health

539. Again, people won't come, or will park in roads , leading to the promenade in Meols and Hoylake clogging them up.

540. Need to stop overnight camper vans parking, or charge proper fee.

541. As above.

542. Its all the same. You are restricting families from using public spaces by unfair charges.... The dog walker who can no longer walk their dog on Wednesday afternoon as he can't afford the rip of parking charges. The local cafe will shut... I OBJECT!

543.

544. I have no opinion - this is a terrible waste of time when someone might only want to comment on a very local carpark.

545. Same as above

546. Again this is an area frequented by lots of people particularly the elderly which gives them the freedom to walk to get some exercise and fresh air. With the cost of living and pensioners being stripped of some benefits this would make life a lot harder for them

547. Will Adversely affect businesses in this area and people who live in this area who need to park their cars on streets outside there homes

548. Yes, it's down right ridiculous ! This will ruin the local trade & visiting tourist trade. A terrible decision. Shame on you.

549. I do not fundamentally oppose this scheme, but would observe that there is a potential to result in displacement of parking to residential areas unless new residential controlled parking zones are introduced to envelop the chargeable area.

550. See above

"551. My elderly widowed dad. Likes to go to the prom to sit in his car and have his lunch. He sits and chats to other people. This will isolate him he will not go if he has to pay.

What about the residence where will they park."

552. As above

553. These parking charges will discourage public access to natural spaces, limit enjoyment of free, open areas, and unfairly penalise local residents and visitors. These fees may harm local businesses that rely on tourism, while creating unnecessary barriers to outdoor recreation and relaxation.

554. We need to encourage all to get out and be more active. Parking charges will have a negative impact on this.

555. We need people to visit our villages to help small business

"556. Whilst I don't object to the overall scheme I believe that if the scheme gets committee approval this should also be taken as an opportunity to repeal the overnight parking ban that applies to Kings Parade and Coastal Drive. This was introduced early in 2024 in direct response to the actions of West Wallasey Van Hire (WWVH) and their actions of mass

parking up to 200 of their fleet along the promenade for several months, 24/7, causing much inconvenience and resentment amongst local residents. The existence of on street parking charges would negate the requirement for the continuation of this ETRO since WWVH and any other organisations are hardly likely to resort to their previous behaviour if the cost they are to incur amounts to £7/vehicle/day. Had these charges been in force at the time of their actions I estimate the costs incurred to have approached £250,000, which I am quite sure would have represented a more than adequate deterrent against their actions.

The repeal of this ETRO would also allow for extension of the £1 overnight charge, which I must say, I certainly do not support.

In addition to the above I also believe there are several oversights and flaws in this proposed scheme, namely the apparent exclusion of certain sections of road and of some of the car parks along New Brighton front. as follows:-

1. Pilots Way
2. Portland Street from Kings Parade to Wellington Rd
3. Atherton Street from Kings Parade to Wellington Rd
4. The model boating lake car park off Kings Parade, approx 100m west of Bubbles
5. The car park opposite the bottom of Victoria Parade of Marine Promenade

The above locations would inevitably attract excessive parking in the event that they were free and surrounded by roads and car parks where charges were in place. I don't know if this is an oversight on the Councils behalf but it certainly needs addressing so that parity exists if and when charges are introduced.

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557. Dont agree with parking to visit the beach and surroundin areas.

558. As above

559. It would degrade the quality of life and deter visitors

560. Most people using Meols.parade are parking to walk. As above, this is going to discourage people from taking exercise leading to deterioration in health and mental health. It is also discriminating against those who are less well off and cannot afford to live in these beautiful places.

561. What steps have been taken to mitigate the inevitable consequences of charging? namely, road users who park instead on adjacent residential roads and causing a nuisance to the residents there. Apparently none.

562. This will affect local businesses as visitors will not come to Hoylake and Meols. This proposal will ruin the Wirral. You are hitting people once again in their pockets at a time when many people are struggling to survive. Many local people use free parking as a means of exercising. This proposal needs to be scrapped.

563. This area has less amenities and the stretch of road has enough room to accommodate visitors.

564. It will prevent a lot of people nipping to local shops for items they can get from larger supermarkets if they have to pay to park. This will have a massive detrimental effect on small local businesses.

565. See point 12.

566. As above.

567. Seems you wish to stop visitors visiting Hoylake, bringing less trade to our shops. People who come to get pleasure walking and enjoying sea air. Not for the view of our beach! Another project the Council would like to ignore.

568. You say you want better health and then you take away our freedom to enjoy without charge our beautiful area. You say you want nicer areas and yet you litter our areas with your virtue-signalling-nudge signage everywhere. You say you want to improve business opportunities and then you deter people from going to areas which desperately need customers by your excessive parking charges. You have already killed Birkenhead with your excessive parking charges. We the people of Wirral do not want your parking charges. We already pay enough in taxes etc to local and national government. We have little enough money now. These roads and car parking spaces belong to us, not you. You are public servants who take money from the public purse to implement what should be our will but you do not listen to what we want. You, as a public servant, can also be held liable in your personal capacity if you do not act in the best interests of those you claim to represent (the public). Is this the route we now have to go down or will you listen? How many times do we have to say NO NO NO to more council parking charges in Wirral. I will not pay your parking charges. We are sick of government overreach. Your fines (without conviction) are illegitimate, unlawful and fraudulent under the Bill of Rights 1688. I will park elsewhere and walk - outside someone's house if necessary - others with less health will not have this option - and it's not my preferred option as I do care about others. But I will not pay your council parking charges to park on our land. Will you listen?

569. This will significantly impact those on low incomes who visit the area for their mental wellbeing and will also impact on tourism numbers and local businesses as visitors will just

visit elsewhere outside of the Wirral. It appears Wirral Council is very short-sighted and is doing its best to kill local businesses and Wirral's beautiful tourist spots

570. Same as above impact to local business and on economy increased congestion and increased emissions driving around longer to find free parking and also go out of area.

571. See 2 above

572. if you enact this, I will stop using this leisure facility (the shore line)

573. will be the death of local businesses!

574. It will take away tourism and business

575. Supposedly a tourist attraction

576. Against NHS recommendations to exercise and get out more improve mental health etc

577. Same as 1

578. Stop people coming to the area

579. These areas are our heritage, they are not WBC Money machine, you are meant to look after the area for the benefit of us the residents of WIRRAL. if you were too silly with your expenditure and have over spent budgets don't expect us to bail you out. You proved you cannot run a business with the cafe at West Kirby, what's makes you think you can manage this?

580. Wirral Council should be doing all it can to improve the lives of residents and businesses on the Wirral. This scheme is damaging for all. The simple fact is that the council have incompetently mismanaged £millions and are now expecting hard working people to fill their black hole.

581. I strongly object to paying car parking charges. Its outrageous.

582. Again because it will impact on local businesses and residents

583. SAME AS ABOVE

584. I live on government road this will make finding a place to park even harder than it is now and I don't want residential permits introduced. The council have already taken the beach from the residents of Hoylake, I will not sit back and let them inflict another misery on us.

585. It will stop people going.

"586. Parents whose children go to Meols use the promenade to park when dropping off and picking up

Children. If you start charging, the areas around the school will become even more congested and this is dangerous for hundreds of children at the school."

587. As above, the idea of parking charges does not reflect the idea to encourage people to visit the coast line.

588. This is a scheme that is detrimental to the lives of local businesses and residents and is essentially a tax to fill a budgetary hole created by the significant waste of money of failed council projects.

589. Why are you charging for people to go out, get some exercise and help our NHS with the obesity crisis that is happening, this is pure greed by the council! Stop using our money for 20 speed limit if you are so tight, don't punish people trying to enjoy the outdoors!!

590. It will push parking back into nearby residential area.

591. We should be encouraging locals and visitors to travel to our towns for our beach areas.

592. Visitors to the Wirral should be charged for parking.

593. Being able to enjoy our local attractions for little cost is what makes the Wirral so great. With these parking charges you'll soon see many people opt to travel to Liverpool or Chester. Short sighted money grabbing scheme that will end up having a negative impact on businesses on the Wirral.

594. As above

595. Unfair on small businesses and people who work in the area

596. I frequent here quite a lot. I always find a spot to park, with plenty of other space, so this jsut feels like greed rather than traffic management.

597. As above

598. Also a money making scam

599. It will drive people away and the money they bring to spend in local businesses, given the economic pressures on families to add another burden on people paying taxes, road tax, council tax and taxes on may other areas of their lives is abhorrent

600. This will drive car parking into the side streets which are already often packed. It is a fresh air tax.

601. As above

602. another hit on the motorist & I STRONGLY Oppose .

603. This scheme will stop people going to Meols and Hoylake, spending money and exercising. Once again the Wirral peninsula is becoming the Wirral Non Leisure Peninsula. People will be more sick through lack of exercise and will cost the peninsula in care costs

604. Parking at some of the purposed aeas such as Meols prom where it doesn't have a 'tourism' population is wrong. The prom here also supports the safety of children getting to

and from Great Meols school. This will push a lot of traffic into the side streets/residential roads which are already significantly busy during school hours

605. People need access to free of charge parking to access and support their local businesses and services. They will move to larger retailers where it is free to park or contest local roads to park in rather than a car park that starts to charge

606. Disgraceful to charge people who are already paying enough taxes - especially the elderly

607. Paying to park will reduce visitors

608. Why would you pay to park in a prom that has no amenities?

609. What possible reason can you give that makes this right?

610. No

611. It will discourage people to show locally or to visit the beach for exercise.

"612. My kids go to Great Meols Primary school and they've quite rightly asked parents not to park in the nearby streets for safety so we all park on North parade to pick up drop off kids. This proposal will mean everyone will park all around school putting kids at risk and antagonising local residents .

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613. As below

614. Do not bring in parking charges it will drive away visitors - no one on the Wirral wants this - you need to listen to the people that you represent - we all say "NO" to parking charges

615. This is an unfair tax on people who live on the minimum wage and pensions.

616. It will stop people visiting and ruin trade and businesses

617. As above

618. Again the Wirral is lucky to have coastal areas that we can enjoy for free in our area when the cost of a family day out is so extreme the ability to visit our coast for free is a blessing and WBC are taking advantage of this with the introduction of charges

"619. Wirral residents are increasingly being restricted from utilising their own leisure spaces by increasing charges to do so. Rather than the claims of moving traffic on, it seems more that this merely a route to provide an income revenue through these spaces, and it may be more open and honest to publish the revenue it is expected to generate versus costs of administration alongside asking for opinion.

Meanwhile Wirral residents health, both physical and psychological, continues to rank some of the lowest in the country, so it would seem more beneficial to promote use of spaces for

wellbeing for all rather than create more barriers to those who are already feeling the impact of continued financial stresses and increasing the inequality in use. "

620. Use this when my children play basketball. Basketball facilities have limited availability on the Wirral so I strongly disagree with these charges

"621. Against the wishes of the majority of the public.

Not cost effective.

Costly for residents.

Costly for employees at a time of hugely inflated costs.

Prohibitive for businesses.

No mandate to conduct this."

622. If there are parking charges on the prom, visitors will use the residential roads to park. This will cut down the number of places available for people using their cars to shop in Hoylake. Small towns/villages like Hoylake need visitors and shoppers.

623. As above. Used for exercise

"624. Introduction of car parking charges makes it less convenient for people to use their local shops and drives them to big supermarket chains.

This also negatively impacts on people's health and well being and deters people from using public transport - short sighted

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625. Absolutely object. The council has already neglected the beach which has had a horrendous impact on the local area. The introduction of car parking charges would be the final nail in the coffin for the area. People drive to the North Parade/Meols Parade to enjoy a walk for health benefits and this would deter people from visiting. Surely the revenue from this scheme would not outweigh the health benefits to the public for which you should be concerned.

626. Stop creating more ways to get money from the general public.

627. Local shops and businesses will be affected. This change will only push more shoppers to shop at large supermarkets who offer free parking.⁷

628. There is plenty of parking already.

629. Small business in the area rely on people coming to the area. Charging people for parking pushes people to shopping complexes and retail parks where parking is free.

630. As above

631. Some of these car parks will put small businesses out of business

632. As no 1

633. It is a seaside town which relies on visitors. Why not try to reduce the outstanding council tax owed to you rather than clobbering residents and visitors.

634. no

635. It should be free !

636. Will cause parking issues in surrounding roads

637. It is totally pointless, very few vehicles park here now, parking charges will simply drive them away and the council will not make any profit from the scheme, policing it will cost more than any revenue.

638. I do not believe the council should be charging at this location. Parking charges should only be applied as a means of congestion relief and not to increase revenue. The vehicles parking at this location are not causing congestion, infact most of the day there are very few cars and, overnight there are barely any. All this action will do is force parking onto side streets where the parking is already limited.

639. We pay enough in tax. Charging for parking will destroy local businesses & visitor numbers

640. Will discourage people from taking exercise and walking their dogs. Overnight charges may be acceptable. Local businesses will be affected as they are in easy walking distance and other parking is in short supply.

641. Money grubbing and short sighted.

642. This doesn't benefit local residents if there was a local parking permit or even if there was free car parking from 5pm - 8pm. This just dampens the coast that we live here for as it now is at a daily cost.

643. I feel it will make people park in surrounding residential areas and also will not encourage people to go to these areas

644. If it's put in place to stop congestion you obviously haven't done a survey on Hoylake promenade. The only vehicles parked on there are from residents that have to park due to the lack of parking in their street. Stop this madness Wirral residents have had enough of cycle lanes and 20mph put in places that don't need it . Hoylake has lost enough because of WBC and its councillors that have their own agenda.

645. I work at Red Rocks nursing home and Stanley Road parking is already congested. Dog walkers will use to avoid prom charges and it will make parking for resident's loved ones and families much more difficult.

"646.

This is a popular place people and families visit and tourist vist, charing for parking will affect this and local area and businesses

People will not want to visit this area anymore "

647. Overall, for the next 3 questions I am tired of Wirral Council imposing these changes despite public opinion. Rather than doing these surveys which the majority of Wirral residents will know nothing about, get out and talk to the public and canvas real opinion. Wirral Council have introduced ridiculous cycle lanes at great cost which no one uses, speed restrictions which everyone ignores and in fact, I have seen worse cases of driving due to the frustration of the 20mph limits and now parking charges. Do you just want to kill the trade even further in Birkenhead town centre or stop people visiting our beauty spots. We pay a huge amount in council tax which we don't see any benefit in terms of services (even closure of community facilities such as leisure centres and libraries) which can surely pay for the upkeep of the car parks and, as a resident of Wirral for over 25 years, I am constantly disappointed that the ordinary resident doesn't have a say. Get out there and read the room

648. More of the same, less footfall for businesses, side roads blocked up by parked vehicles.

649. No

650. Keep parking free

651. The potential damage to the local economy and knock on effect of visitors parking in nearby residential streets will be devastating. There is also a risk that RNLI crew responding to emergency incidents, when seconds count, will be disrupted if they need to pay for parking or otherwise risk getting ticketed if they do not have time to find a parking meter and then return to their vehicle.

652. There is no good reason for it, it's simply ripping drivers off. It's not like public transport is a cheap alternative either. Drivers pay so much for insurance, fuel and tax. Let them enjoy what Wirral has without getting ripped off again.

653. It's a place that brings relaxation to people at a time when they need to relax at a time when we are all struggling and not everybody can afford it

654. Local Councils are NOT just a business. They are supposed to have a duty to represent the community, provide facilities for the community and encourage their use. Wirral Borough Council seems to have completely lost sight of these things in its pursuit of increasing revenue at the expense of the community who happen to be motorists.

655. Tourism is a major "industry" for the Wirral. Please do not introduce parking charges and quite literally deter people from visiting our beautiful peninsula. The knock on effect to residential side roads could/will be catastrophic.

656. Yes definitely do a yearly pass so it is more affordable to families and pensioners

657. As a local resident, there are no traffic management problems on this stretch of North Parade / Meols Parade and I have not seen a traffic impact assessment of how it will affect

surrounding streets. As a resident on the surrounding streets, these are the areas that have excessive parking numbers of residents parking outside their own houses. Charging for parking on the sea front will simply move parking to adjacent residential streets and cause additional traffic issues. Parking charges on the front cannot realistically be implemented without residents parking permits on all residential streets adjacent to the Parade being implemented.

658. Same reason as above

659. Visiting family here and parking is difficult enough

"660. This impacts anyone simply wanting to go to the beach or walk along the front (things which the Council should be encouraging as access for all to fresh air and free exercise). Worse, however, is that many responsible parents park on the prom to walk the short distance to

Gt Meols Primary School at drop off and pick up times. Parking charges on the prom will worsen parking in residential streets (which is already terrible) or simply mean more parents ""drive by"" school which is extremely dangerous given the numbers of children/dogs/scooters at peak times. "

661. It will deter people from visiting, making it harder for people to enjoy local nature.

"662. Introducing parking charges is going to turn our small towns and villages into 'ghost towns'. For the period where businesses continue to operate, workers will be hit with having to pay to park their car, further inroads into incomes already under pressure. Businesses will close because of reduced trade as customers will go to shops offering free parking. The Council's fantasy that people will walk or travel by bus instead, is pure political posturing, thinking policies like this are 'on trend'. 20mph almost everywhere is in the same category, a total lack of rationale joined up thinking. People in Bristol walking or cycling more oh yes in our Winter!! Consulting? What a joke you've ignored the wishes of the majority on the 20mph consultation and no doubt you will do the same on parking charges- you're a socialist dictatorship not a social democracy- a disgrace.

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663. Parking as already congested in the local side streets so there must be overflow parking for residents and visitor so they can benefit the local community and help to keep some of the local high street open. More and more towns and dying because of multiple reasons but adding another one here cant help. Are you trying to drive away visitors to our local beauty spots

664. This is a popular area for people enjoying a walk along this delightful promenade. The cost of car parking will put people off visiting the area and enjoying the exercise. This will affect the physical and mental health of those people, causing long term social problems. It could also have an effect on the viability Popsy's cafe and also reduce attendance of the Community Centre, which could close.

665. Visitors will be discouraged affecting local businesses. When visiting local shops people will have to pay for an hours parking even for a quick visit. Residents will also be affected if local shops are forced to close

666. My objection is that it will impact the economy of the area where I live. What is the use of businesses trying to develop if the council introduces parking charges. People will just go out of town. I don't accept that we should have to follow your strategy, I don't care about it.

667. Not necessary, would discourage people arriving their and going for a walk. It is a Charge on exercising and fresh air.

668. Don't do it for the reasons given . Build on the natural assets we are fortunate to have , instead of shutting them down . Or is it only the rich who can go to our beaches !

669. Surely there are many health benefits of visiting this area. There are no bus services close.

670. In relation to Great Meols Primary School - To avoid congestion at drop off and pick up times, many parents use the parade parking spaces and then walk with their children to the school (which is encouraged by the school to manage traffic as well as relations with its neighbours). Removing free access to park along the parade will radically increase the number of people attempting to park their cars in the residential streets near the school and this will be dangerous to pedestrians and no doubt upsetting for the local residents trying to leave/access their properties at these times.

671. As above, there is never any problem parking on these roads, there are never not plenty of available spaces, so the reason given for implementing the scheme simply does not apply, there is no need for charging, all that charging will do is penalise the people wanting to walk on the sea front and residents living in roads near the sea front.

672. This change will drive typical visitors, such as dog walkers, to park on busy residential streets. Again, WBC are going to negatively impact the lives of residents and of those who live local and use Meols Parade's natural seafront and promenade.

673. It will discourage people from using our beaches

674. Will push cars into the side street or people won't bother to come and spend their money on local business'. I suggest you find the money elsewhere, like not hiring extortionate consultants to tell you how to save money

675. It will adversely affect businesses and the transport network will not be able to cope with the extra passengers

676. It will cause more issues with regards to parking for residents and more traffic congestion on side roads that have also recently been reduced to 20mph. It will have a negative impact on health and well being and people who use the community centre but sometimes cannot park in their car park as it often gets full. As well as anyone wishing to walk or cycle along the promenade

677. The cost of the proposed parking charges will lead to a reduction in the visitor economy. This will lead to the closure of local businesses, the loss of jobs and a reduction in business rates collection

678. I live in Walker Street, already hard enough to find a space to park. If you charge for people to park on the prom people will choose to park on the already congested sideroads

679. As above

680. As above

681. Charging people to park on our promenade will cause congestion in the side Rds. It will deter visitors. Small towns on this side of the Wirral need all the help we can get to survive .

682. There will be an adverse effect to parking around Great Meols school. Currently people park here and walk into school, this will encourage traffic close to school making it more unsafe. It will also encourage parking in nearby roads to avoid parking charges increasing congestion.

683. I doubt people will park on Meols prom as for Hoylake again you are restricting people's access to the facilities and local businesses yet again will suffer

684. I object for the same reasons above

685. Still disgusted

686. Charging fees will discourage people to come.

687. Charging for parking will cause people to park in residential roads & cause problems for residents

688. ditto

"689. The introduction of charges in this area will effectively privatise the beaches for the wealthy.

Local businesses in the area will also be impacted adversely by these changes. This will hinder redevelopment and ongoing business activity across the seafront. You can already see how damaging introducing parking charges has been for many parks on the peninsula. The council is repeating the same mistakes with these charges. If people do visit the beach they are likely to park in residential areas causing problems for homeowners in the surrounding areas. No doubt those owners will at some point end up having to pay for expensive residential parking pass schemes to address a problem the Council will introduce with this change. I have no doubt people will point to public transport as an option. However services remain expensive, infrequent, do not run across a wide enough window, both within a day and across the whole week, take too long to get from one destination to another and often involve having to travel in uncomfortable conditions (dirty conduct of other passengers etc...). There have been investments in trains but they remain expensive and travelling at peak times is still standing room only. There continues to be a cost of

living crisis for many residents in Wirral and these charges will not incentivise people to visit the area - quite the opposite. Many families cannot afford luxuries like holidays at the moment yet a cheap day out at the beach is achievable / it won't be with this policy. I understand the council is short of funding but this is a very short sighted policy that will drive another wedge between the public and the council. I really do wonder if the council proposing this policy have any sort of grasp on the problems facing residents.

This will be a very unpopular policy."

690. There are blocks of flats without parking on North Parade, and many houses that have very limited parking, introducing paid parking here, a relatively quiet area will only push people to park on the much smaller side roads causing congestion, when there is no need.

691. Don't understand what is trying to be achieved by this. We are the 'leisure' peninsula and I see families driving to Hoylake with young children. They then unload bikes, prams etc and use the under used space. This will only discourage them

692. The scheme is frankly a stupid idea. Not only does it make the promenade not accessible to local people it would likely cause residents to not be able to park outside their own homes due to people parking up the side roads/roads coming up from the promenade to avoid parking charges

"693. It'll deter visitors and affect businesses. Businesses will close, business rates towards the council will reduce.

If I had to pay for parking I wouldn't drive there to eat out. "

694. All you will do is force vehicles into the side roads for those who still want to visit . However I suspect you want to discourage visitors to the Wirral as this is yet another negative for the Meols area with little or no monies spent in the area for my 20 years of living here.

695. The council has for many years now consistently broadcast about how they are in a financially perilous position - however with all the regeneration schemes, cycle lanes plus the very controversial 20mph scheme (which was implemented without asking council taxpayers if they agree to it) leaves a sour taste in the mouth and make people wonder if the council are really as fiscally troubled as they make out. Congestion is not an issue along this stretch of road, as it is a wide thoroughway with limited traffic even in peak hours. The only reason I can theorise why these charges are being implemented are to raise revenue for the council, which would be in violation of the Road Traffic Regultion act. Charging for their use will drive people away from the area and may lead to businesses closing, reducing business rates for the council.

696. As above

697. I live on North Parade so you are expecting my family to have to pay parking charges to visit me. Thank you for destroying life on the Wirral.

698. Cost of living..! We want people to be able to go to places and use the facilities there and not go because of having to pay to park. You're putting businesses at risk if you charge. People are put off by being charged to park their cars. Another tax.

699. This is a terrible idea as it will massively harm the local area. The majority of people WILL NOT GO somewhere that they cannot park, which not only negatively impacts tourism but footfall in town centres and shops.

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"701. Free parking in Birkenhead can significantly boost the local economy by attracting more visitors and shoppers to the area. When people know they can park without incurring extra costs, they are more likely to choose Birkenhead over other shopping destinations. This increased foot traffic can lead to higher sales for local businesses, fostering a thriving community and creating more job opportunities.

Moreover, free parking can reduce congestion on residential streets. When parking is free and readily available in designated areas, drivers are less likely to park in front of homes, improving the quality of life for residents. It also encourages the use of local amenities, such as parks and community centers, as people can access these facilities more conveniently.

Additionally, free parking can enhance the overall appeal of Birkenhead as a destination. It sends a welcoming message to visitors, making the area more attractive for events, tourism, and new businesses. This can lead to a more vibrant and dynamic community, benefiting everyone who lives and works in Birkenhead."

702. As above

703. This will result in people seeking free parking the next set of roads back where residents already struggle to park. Residents will have to pay to park or be unable to park near to their own homes which is a struggle for the elderly, those with children, shopping etc. it will also put off people coming to West Kirby and impact local businesses.

704. For the same impact on the locals as above.

705. There is absolutely no need to force people to pay to park here.

706. Car parking charges will isolate the poor and vulnerable

707. Economically illiterate. You're ruining Wirral.

708. This will discourage people visiting the Wirral and hit small businesses

709. Will affect the use of the shops

710. Just another form of tax , hitting the poorest people and small local businesses

711. Think of the businesses in the area and the impact that parking charges would have on them.

"712. Again a vast promenade area already spoilt by the council letting the golden beach area along the prom to decay with over grown vegetation (rest of the beach away from the prom no problem)

No one can now use the beach with children etc and with parking charges on top there will be NO point going there at all."

713. It's taking away pleasure from people wanting to visit the area

"714. The proposed Parking Tariff will result in visitors having to choose a side road in which to park. This will put a strain on local residents who wish to park outside their properties. Those who know the area are already finding this difficult to do.

Additionally it will affect local businesses whose clientele like to visit the Restaurants, Cafe's and Bars in the early evening, who may stop visiting Hoylake.

Finally I very much object to having to pay Parking charges when visiting New Brighton or West Kirby, particularly when attending a performance at the Floral Pavilion Theatre.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your scheme. "

715. N(A

716. Yes - its absurd because it will mean less people will visit - and local businesses will be affected.

717. SEE ABOVE

718. It will drive much needed visitors away and get them parking in front of peoples homes

719. Very few cars seem to park down here anyway. The beach is a total mess.

720. As above

721. Not required. People will not visit the area. Take a cut in pay at Wirral Borough Council.

722. Exactly the same comment as first one.in 2.

723. Again will effect the local businesses and tourism in the area

724. As above.

725. Having to pay to park to go to this seaside spot will annoy everyone and make people go there less.

726. As above. If you want visitors don't bring in parking charges

727. I don't know this area

728. I think it will put people off being healthy, going for exercises and ultimately cause more mental health issues. Then who are you going to target for cash!

"729. Has a full cost analysis on the local business impact been done and using companies house P&L determined the relative impact that this will have. I.e. how many business may stop trading due to loss of income

What could the expected reduction in footfall be approximated to be

What would the consequential increase in alternative parking locations in other areas to avoid charges"

730. You try this every few years, which is very annoying! I have dogs and need free access to open space, charging my family in this way would make impossible do! Why must everything have a cost attached to it. Its just disgusting!

731. Let people visit and walk if they need to travel by car, let them park, but only charge £1 a visit

732. I walk dogs and this would be financially devastating

733. As a residential area, the parking charges would mean you would not be able to park outside your own home or have visitors parking without charges, completely unacceptable. Also people wanting to park and take in the view will be charged, this will adversely affect the elderly population as well as the school drop off for meols school

734. Should encourage people to get out the house, use local shops rather than internets and take walks. This proposal will have the opposite effect and be negative for the community.

735. On street parking charges drive visitors into residential streets or otherwise put them off visiting all together.

736. I live on north parade/strand road and strand road is already congested and caused neighbourhood problems. There are no facilities on this promenade and the public should be able to enjoy it freely

"737. Parking is already difficult on such narrow side roads off the prom. We live on the front and often struggle to park meaning we utilise the prom. There is enough parking on each side road for one car, most houses have 2, some 3. Venturing further back, these roads are also cramped for parking, there will literally be nowhere to park, it's fairly obvious if anyone would like to wander around the area and see for themselves. Delivery vans and disabled buses already struggle to navigate the narrow roads.

There is then the impact on local businesses, Our local amenities (beaches, parks, nature) so important for mental and physical health appear to be getting used as a means of income

for the council, this would be a minor inconvenience for most Wirral residents, however a major disruption for local residents. Please reconsider this scheme. "

"738. Parking is difficult enough without adding in charging at this time of austerity.

You will impact greatly on mental health as people will be forced not to leave their homes."

"739. People manage their own parking and I don't see it that busy. Plus it will send up card only like everywhere else. How about people without that option?

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740. Essential for local business. Adverse impact

741. If the council is skint get rid of councillors not hammer the public

742. As above

743. Charging to park in a popular area for walking will deter people and will affect nearby businesses in Meols and Hoylake.

744. Local business and social activities affected.

"745. I understand the budget difficulties for Wirral Council (& many other local authorities), and while the proposal will raise some revenue, I believe the imposition of parking charges at the level Wirral is suggesting, together with chargeable hours parameters the Council wish to see, that the detrimental impacts will outweigh the sole positive that the Council foresees, i.e. revenue raising.

this location is a popular with Wirral residents as a place for exercise - whether that is walking, dog walking, running, cycling. All these things are, say Wirral Council, very important to the health and wellbeing of the whole community. Parking charges that price people out of those routines surely will have a detrimental impact of the very health & wellbeing of residents that other departments of the Council are busy trying to promote. As with all schemes that impose parking charges, another impact is displacement of parking into residential streets, where residents find their roads used for parking and rendered more dangerous for themselves and their children. New parking schemes require financial outlay for infrastructure such as parking charge machines, connectivity for card payment, signage, maintenance, and enforcement. There must be a better solution to the issue."

746. Yet another tax to those that cannot walk to these beautiful Wirral places

747. Same as comment in 2 above.

748. The parking charge would restrict already cash strapped residents families and visitors from enjoying the coast of Wirral and all the health benefits this brings. I object.

749. Disgraceful that the council and MP's , voted in by the people, choose to ignore what the people want. This will affect everyone with parking spaces in adjacent areas being used instead of paying for permits.

750. Charging people to park here will stop them visiting and/or push the problem into neighbouring streets!

751. Most as above.

752. Stop ripping motorists off.

753. I would have preferred to abstain from selecting a yes or no option as I'm not familiar with the area.

754. The parking charge places the heaviest burden on people local to the area all of whom pay Council Tax.

755. The businesses and residents will suffer just like new brighton

756. Any kind of parking charge will discourage people from exercising and also reduce footfall in local shops.

757. All you will do is to push parking to the side roads and increase tensions.

758. Charging will put off locals from visiting , exercising, using local businesses. It will also lead to an increase in using local residents areas for parking instead

759. It will just encourage parking on the already congested side streets and will not raise enough revenue to cover the costs

760. The council is trying to encourage people to keep fit by any means and walking along the coastal roads is one way of doing so. I often park for an hour on Meols prom and walk for an hour or two as my exercise for the day. I would not be prepared to pay for the privilege of doing so.

761. This unnecessary restriction is significantly hindering local businesses and adding yet another obstacle for customers to overcome. It's crucial for the community to have easy and affordable access to parking near our amenities, especially during these challenging times. Let's work together to ensure that everyone can enjoy our local businesses without unnecessary cost and disruption.

"762. I strongly disagree to parking charges at our coastal areas.

Parking at our coastal areas should be free for Wirral residents, we live on a peninsula and we should be able to enjoy our beaches for free. Elderly people go every day to enjoy the beautiful views and they won't be able to afford this any more. Young families who struggle to make ends meet should be able to take their children for a day out without having to pay for parking which they can't afford. I'm totally sick of having to pay wherever we go, we pay enough council taxes and shouldn't be charged for parking.

Councillors should be lobbying government for more revenue instead of charging residents for parking."

763. Needs to be unrestricted to encourage visitors and not penalized Local Residents and their guests

764. This is primarily a residential area and this will affect those who live on the promenade and their visitors, plus have a knock-on effect on side streets. It will affect members of Hoylake Sailing Club, visitors to the Community Centre, bowlers on the front, sailors from Dovepoint, parents dropping children at Great Meols School who may park nearer to the school which isn't wanted. There is no current problem with parking or congestion in this area, but this will just create problems and have a detrimental affect on local residents lives, very unfairly. This is NOT a remote coastal location for visitors only.

765. Our beaches should be free for everyone, Wirral Council doesn't own the beaches, they belongs to all of us. You work for us.

766. We are already paying a lot for parking / road tax fuel tax/ and we are the most heavily tolled area as we cant go to Liverpool for free as some of us have T-flow and other account it still cost us to get to work and back home at least 2.80 / day also many of us work in industrial areas in Liverpool that are out of city centre. This is a full failure of the council spending due to the lack of understanding how things work and uneducated people sitting in those seat with a wrong-headed mind..

767. People should be free to take in the view

768. Residents of Wirral pay enough taxes and should be able to enjoy the area free from further charges.

769. fed up with council over reach and killing businesses

"770. The objection is based on the detrimental impact this will have on local traders, it pushes people to the major supermarkets with free parking.

It stops local people using the facilities to exercise and enjoy the amenities available in our beautiful borough. We regularly go for a walk round the marine lake but i will not pay for parking to do so, this will clog up local streets for local residents.

The financial cost of implementing and servicing these schemes is a waste of money.

For me in particular the charges applying to certain carparks mean far more congestion on School lane putting the children at Dawpool at increased risk, which you as a council do very little about."

"771. Same as above

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772. Revenue generating scheme, no evidence or parking turnover required in this location, harmful to local businesses that rely on visitors coming to the area

773. Will put people off visiting the area.

774. Think about residents of the area having to have visitors parking in the roads they live in :-{

775. Again this will stop families from enjoying the great outdoors

776. As above particularly detrimental to local folk

777. Visitors will choose places out of Wirral to spend their time and money. Businesses will suffer.

778. Silly

779. Charging for parking will stop visitors and the area will suffer economically

780. There zero parking problems here and there is no justification for charging. It is illegal for the Council to levy charges where the only purpose is to raise money.

781. There are no parking issues and it will further drive people away from the prom which is already suffering due to lack of investment from WBC. It will also create parking issues in adjacent roads for residents. Yet another poor thought through money grabbing scheme from the council; disappointing

782. Parking charges will deter visitors to the area, resulting in reduced footfall for local businesses. Furthermore, it is well-documented that mental and physical wellbeing is enhanced through spending time outdoors and in natural spaces (eg beaches, country parks) - charging people to visit these places will impede promotion of wellbeing.

783. What a ludicrous scheme that will kill the chance for locals to enjoy a walk and some exercise which will ultimately contribute to their overall positive health and thereby decrease the strain on the NHS etc. In addition reducing the likelihood of locals visiting local amenities and spending money in the local region thereby reducing overall revenue.

784. Car parking charges will deter people from visiting the area and supporting the local economy

785. This is a very popular and enjoyable, level walking opportunity for all ages but is particularly used by older folk and families, to raise a parking charge will put a further strain on finances and discourage people from travelling here to maintain and improve their health and wellbeing. Further, if people are motivated to continue coming here it will encourage them to park on residential streets causing considerable congestion. It is not an area easily accessible by public transport as the train and limited bus service are some distance away and thus would target people with limited mobility and time.

786. It would be a bit of a kick in the teeth to pay to park here and see the sea wall crumbling into the sea as it currently is.

"787. You are taxing an amenity and making it it more difficult for people to access the sea and fresh air. Not everyone can use public transport , particularly if they have mobility issues, and the cost of travelling on public transport can also be prohibitive for families. It is not a case of 'subsidising' people parking, but rather a case of taking more and providing still less in return. If this then leads to on-street resident parking charges, that will be a further cynical cash grab.

It is also likely that people will, simply avoid parking in charging areas, therefore bringing in less revenue than you expect.

I live close to but not on Meols parade and this means there is an increased likelihood of parking congestion on my and other roads near the charging area. I am a cyclist and this will significantly increase the danger of cycling on these roads. On Meols Parade, parking is currently predictable and safe and cycling is equally safe. This will inevitably change this. You are likely to be responsible for further cycling injuries and deaths if this and other on-street charges are imposed."

788. People will park in residential areas to avoid charges. As this is underused now, will the cost of installation and monitoring etc be cost effective?

789. Other than traditional freedoms, it impacts on poorer people disproportionately, reduces visiting, thence impacts local businesses and employment. Ultimately this reduces Council income, NOT enhancing it. It also increases local street parking problems as some people seek to avoid payment by parking in side roads.

"790. There is no need for a parking scheme here. I haven't encountered any traffic order issues, parking is not oversubscribed here.

If this scheme was to be introduced, more pressure would be added to parking on local roads, making it even harder for local people to park near their homes."

791. Yes - see above

792. The effect on local businesses, along with other cost of living impacts (energy/wider economic issues caused by lower footfall).will just create another push for shoppers and visitors to go elsewhere without parking issues/costs

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"794. A gain its just abother money grabbing scheme like everything else the council wants to do, there are some drivers who use that area to park when visiting families or friends if the cannot park on a driveway.

Why should visitors to families and friends have to pay Wirral Council's wages, there's absolutely no reason why the public whether resident or visiting should be forced or technically blackmailed into paying these ridiculous charges just because Wirral Council wants to waste our money on pointless projects and frankly it's disgusting"

"795. There currently aren't any issues with the parking on Meols Parade or North Parade, the parking that takes place is mainly people who live there or the overspill from the side streets. To enforce a charge is to introduce a tax burden mainly on the community of Hoylake. This charge will create further issues as people who do not want to pay or can not pay will park in the already congested roads leading to the promenade. When people choose not to park on the prom but use the side streets, the council will then introduce permit parking in these roads as a further source of income, which in turn will create a further financial burden to the community. This council has done its very best to destroy our beautiful village of Hoylake by neglecting the beach, parks, pavements and roads. Please do not do any more damage as there isn't an issue with promenade parking at the moment.

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796. £1 sounds too low for overnight. Given the expense to install meters etc, I wonder if it should be higher, eg £5.

797. This will discourage visitors, dog-walkers and others from visiting the beach or enjoying exercise through walking especially if planning to stay half a day or longer. Also, a knock-on effect of business revenue.

798. I agree with the overnight parking charge, but putting parking charges during the day will deter locals from days out in the area. Tourists expect parking charges, locals have used this for regular days out. I will go somewhere else where there are no parking charges.

799. This proposal is Really detrimental to this area. I cannot believe this nonsense has reared its ugly head again.

800. This seems a reasonable proposal to me, since it is targeting parking for leisure purposes, and is unlikely to have any significant impact on local businesses, although the impact of the any such charges, in terms of leading to an increase in parking in local residential roads, to the significant inconvenience of local residents, should be kept under review for the

801. I totally support the overall aim of the parking strategy but for it to be effective it needs to avoid unintended undesirable consequences. The likely effect of simply introducing charges along North Parade and Meols Parade is that drivers will simply park in adjacent streets instead. This will not only aggravate residents of those streets but it may well encourage them to turn front gardens into parking spaces. This is undesirable as it not only reduces the number of on-street parking space but also leads to the concreting-over of green spaces. My neighbour has already done this in anticipation of the charges.

802. These roads must be a couple of miles long, and certainly Monday to Friday only ever have light parking, quite often just people out for a walk, charging to park there just seems to to be vindictive and an attack on motorists .

803. If you are currently making a £400,000+ per year loss for the arrangements that are in place now how can you begin to justify increasing the quantity of areas you charge for? Also do you not think that this sort of additional charge will put people off visiting the area? Surely your ideas should be in the best interests of the residents and local businesses and therefore should be supported by them rather than enforced upon them, I thought ideas put forward should help revive and improve our borough, I believe such charges will have the opposite effects, most of the ideas I hear being put forward/proposed by WBC aren't supported by residents as the residents don't trust your ability to represent them and do what is best for the area. All I can see is total incompetence and lack of foresight leading to contempt from residents

804. People visit, bring business to area. Social and health benefits. People won't be able to afford to park.

805. As per my last objection- taking away one of the only things that is left for FREE! The views and outdoors are vital for people's good health. People with financial difficulties will be excluded from these places.

806. See comments below.

807. Damage local business and cause parking congestion in residential areas

808. This will increase parking in local streets and decrease visitors to the local shops and, therefore, likely cause the closure of some shops / cafes

809. It will have a negative impact on local businesses, penalise local people, cause parking problems for the surrounding roads & stop people from using the local area.

810. Lack of public toilets in Meols and kings gap end . And lack of beach - so people will stop bothering to come. It is just going to make it really difficult for residents to find parking as several already have to park on the prom. It will impact on Hoylake community centre if non-users start parking there instead.

811. You are just pushing parking into the residential areas. Makes zero sense and a blatant revenue generator but will impact the businesses directly and destroy the area. Totally unacceptable and mindless

812. We live in Hoylake and Wirral Council have not invested any money in this area in years and they now have the audacity to want to charge for parking here. The few people that do come here to enjoy the views will not bother. Furthermore, it will encourage parking in the already overcrowded residential streets.

813. See below

814. Blatant money making from drivers who have already paid road tax or whatever you decide to call it. It is theft.

815. My husband and I work extremely hard and run a very successful and well established business in our local area. It is a home improvements company and we supply and install products to improve and enhance local people's properties. Our customers in Hoylake, Meols and West Kirby work and save hard to live where they live and spend their hard earned money on making their houses look nice. What is the point of striving to better one's property which in turn improves the look of the area where we live and thereby making it a more desirable district to reside and visit, when Wirral Council detract from all of this by imposing ugly and gaudy bright yellow lines and parking meters to our beautiful area. Along with the wreck that now is the beach at Hoylake and Meols, Wirral Council seem to be hell bent on making the Wirral scruffy, unkempt and undesirable. What are they doing to our beautiful peninsular? A place where throngs of people would visit and frequent, who ploughed money into our bustling local economy are becoming and soon will be a thing of the past. They are driving people away and Hoylake, Meols and West Kirby will become ghost towns. Businesses will suffer and more shops will close. We wholeheartedly oppose this plan and would urge the Council to rethink this very drastic scheme before it is too late.

816. As above

817. Affects local business and no need

818. What modelling have you done to see the impact of this?

819. As previous

820. This charge is totally unnecessary. It restricts local residents visiting the local beauty spots. This road is never completely full of parked cars and the argument that it helps access is spurious.

821. This should be an overnight charge only, and clearly identified as such.

822. Same as above

823. Do you really expect anyone to say its a good idea other than the person who suggested it who I might add may need some new crayons to pass the day

824. It's utterly disgusting that you're trying to charge even more to Wirral residents.

"825. Yes I object on the following grounds:

1. It is illegal for the Council to introduce parking fees for money raising purposes.
2. The council has not done an impact study on introducing this scheme at this location
3. If it is implemented, it will drive what cars do park on the the promenade away from Hoylake and businesses will suffer
4. Cars will then park on nearby roads (of which my small road is one) and cause parking and congestion issues and great inconvenience, especially on sunny days

5. The scheme cannot be cost effective, as the council is already making a loss on its parking contract.

6. The scheme will not bring in enough money to cover the cost of its parking contract

7. Attracting people to Hoylake is important to the local economy. Introducing parking charges will further affect the local economy which is already damaged by the appalling state of Hoylake beach - for which the council and in particular the Environment Committee, is already responsible

8. You are planning an assault on all the coastal facing roads on Wirral - greatly impacting the mental health of the Wirral population. This is unacceptable."

826. Detrimental to business locals and visitors

827. Yes because it will effect side road parking

828. Greedy shortsighted using car parking to fund more ill conceived projects, and will prevent me using shops in the local area effecting small businesses, I will use free supermarkets

829. This is a strategic attempt to discriminate against people who drive and actively discourage those who rely on cars from accessing public spaces, without financial penalty. We have a right to access spaces to walk and enjoy exercises without financial discrimination. The local authority actively promote healthy lifestyles and enjoying our beautiful area, however, this is yet another attempt to make it difficult and inaccessible. Shame on you.

830. This is a money making scheme and tax by stealth. It is an unfair charge that penalises residents and businesses alike especially in the current economic climate/cost of living crisis. It will also have an adverse effect on local tourism and will lead to local businesses moving away to places where there are no parking charges

831. Again .. this will discourage visitors to the area , impacting small local businesses.

832. Access to the coast should be encouraged. It seems restrictive to introduce parking charges.

"833. There is currently no issue with parking control in this area, and it appears you will be adding to parking areas when they are not required. Also you are penalising .any residents who have visitors / carers visiting by enforcing charges on these visitors.

It will also drive / lead people to park in adjacent side roads that are not controlled parking- of which there are many and have congestion as it is at the moment"

834. as before will stop tourists and visitors. locals should have some sort of pass for 2 hours parking say.

"835. Similar comments to what ive commented about regarding New Brighton. Absolutely scandalous Wirral are bringing in these charges, people visit The Parade to walk along the promenade and the beach.

This is vital for people's health and well being.

Bringing in these parking charges will deter people from visiting the area.

This will effect the local economy of the area.

Are the Council trying to deliberately kill off the businesses ?"

836. Yes, stop trying to take more money out of the hands of hardworking people.

"837. I live on Meols Parade and having double yellow lines and paid parking outside our drive will make life hugely difficult unnecessarily. Grandparents call daily to drop off our kids and cannot fit their car on our drive , it would be ridiculous to have to pay to park to visit us for a few minutes.

It is rare that cars park along our end of the prom on the actual prom side where the proposed parking charges and spaces will be. Most likely to park to visit people in their houses here, which will then be double yellow lines.

It will make access to Great Meols school much more difficult. Currently families are encouraged to park on the prom and walk to school to lessen congestion. People will not pay to do this and so congestion and danger to kids going to school increase.

People should not have to pay to park to access a free amenity such as the coastal prom and pathway. They need this for their physical and mental health.

The roads leading off the prom will become full of parked cars as people will park there in order to avoid paying for parking. This will lead to more congestion and more difficult driving along these roads where cars are allowed park on both sides and this reduces drivers to 1 car passing at a time, there is not sufficient space for 2 cars to pass with many parked cars.

The cost of putting this scheme in place and paying somebody to patrol the area to enforce the parking charges will be a huge costing which would be much better spent on local amenities which actually benefit the locals , such as actually repairing the prom and sea wall which has been battered by storms and is unsafe and broken.

Our driveway is narrow and often necessitates leaving a car on the road outside our house at times..the charges would be outrageous to locals who live here.

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838. The council using the motorist as a cash cow once again, it will drive people away which will affect local business incomes, possible closure and loss of jobs. Short sighted views by the council who are waging war against the motorist.

839. As living local and using this area to park for the past 30 years, this is now restricting my freedom of movement , also my mental health, I find the restrictions unhelpful to myself local people and people wanting to visit this beautiful part of the country , I completely object to this.

840. mpact on local business and tourism

841. It will deter visitors to the area .

842. As above

843. No

"844. I strongly disagree with the proposed charges to parking sites across the Wirral, especially Roslin Road in Irby. I run a business here and employ members of staff from across the Wirral. All of us travel into work by car, these proposed charges will mean it will cost us an extra £126 every month. That's £1,506 a year! I'm also confident I'm not the only business owner here in Irby that feels this way. We all employ staff and it's a huge added expense. Without our businesses here what would the town look like? Rows of empty shops, a lack of community and without any shops here your car parks would end up empty anyway. I strongly recommend you reconsider, or at the very least, consider the workers and provide permits for those working in the areas you're imposing these parking charges on.

The alternative is that we end up moving our businesses to areas where it's easier for our staff, free parking, away from the heart of communities. "

845. It will discourage visitors

846. It restricts how able the local community are able to access local outside spaces. Not everyone is able to walk and use public transport. People with children also need to be able to park closely to amenities. This would be an awful impact to our leisure and wellbeing activities.

847. as per my previous response

848. Detrimental to local economy and unnecessary

849. Same as above but go to this area when New Brighton etc is busy with visitors

850. STOP! robbing the public,

851. parking should be free

852. stop charging the public, there is no reason other than a money making scheme for the council

853. I don't necessarily object to this scheme, but there isn't a not applicable option

854. I will not visit if I have to pay , my pension only goes so far

855. Need to tackle parking on pavements next to double yellow lines and around slipways.

856. Area is a natural area and we are now being charged to take exercise in a public space.

857. People will go to areas where parking is cheaper, and use different transport.

858. This will fill up the narrow side streets as people avoid the charges, unless you want to introduce the administrative nightmare of parking permits.

859. Will have a detrimental impact on visitor numbers and also local people using the area

860. I think it will only make people park on the surrounding streets and walk down to the promenade

861. If this was introduced it would discourage, people from visiting Meols, Hoylake. A place for leisure jogging, dog walking, elderly walking and it would affect business, while causing traffic jams in the resort.

"862. The scheme will result in fewer people using the prom adversely affecting their physical and mental health

Cars will be displaced causing congestion and create parking problems elsewhere "

863. It will deter people visiting and see parking in residential areas .

"864. Parking in the prom is not a big issue. There aren't high numbers of cars parking. I live there. What do you expect delivery drivers to do? How will this be patrolled. I would not support this in any measure and would oppose CCTV as an infringement of my rights.

This would not generate significant income.

Walking, enjoying the open air has been shown to improve physical and mental health. You are actively deterring people from exercising and maintaining their physical and mental health as well as promoting obesity and inactivity. I work in healthcare and see all too often the problems that these things pose. We should be encouraging this not charging for it!

This will increase the traffic on the neighbouring roads and deter the park away scheme that the local primary school promotes where parents park on the prom.

I feel that that on a cost/benefit ratio this scheme would be detrimental in many ways and demonstrates a council not in touch with their constituents unfortunately.

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865. Locals will stop coming to the area and stop spending money.

866. Absolutely a disgrace screwing the motorists again and again. Organise your own council first

867. Access to the beaches is a free way of appreciating our area and to try make money from that in one of the poorest areas in the country is sickening.

868. Stop proposing things and focus on fulfilling your constituent demands; on what people who you should be serving really need and want. If you like to make car parks changed, then you firsts have to make sure that there are reliable, frequent, cheap and convenient transportation options night and day.

869. We travel into the area a lot to shop got to events and walk , we wont be doing that in future if charges are made and this loss of trade will effect the area greatly

870. This will destroy the tourism in the town and have a devastating effect on the local economy.

871. See comments below

872. Shouldn't have to pay to exercize

873. To introduce parking charges to this area will damage the footfall to local businesses in a cost of living crisis. People will instead visit local shopping centres where shopping is provided for free, these shopping centres only feature large chain businesses rather than local independent business that feature in towns like Hoylake

874. I support all schemes which aim to make people think twice about using their cars as part of their leisure activities.

875. As an aging local resident who struggles with my mental health and general fitness on a limited budget I find great solace in regularly walking along the prom at Meols and West Kirby and supporting local businesses nearby. I will not be able to pay for this in the future and will simply stay at home instead. The surrounding roads are already jammed full of parked cars, much to the annoyance of the people who live there and try to park their car in the actual road they live in. I have had a number of run ins already with residents after I parked outside their house. I accept that after 14yrs of austerity budgets are extremely tight but this is not the way to win the hearts and minds of local communities. I genuinely thought things would be better. Please re- consider this backward step and consider the long term impact upon peoples mental health and fitness not just how to make a quick buck. Thank you, John Hogan

"876. This will have a significant effect on visitors who would like to come to Hoylake. People use this to walk along for health and mental wellbeing, surely better than visiting a GP.

All local businesses will also affected too"

877. Enormous promenade length. Again visited by persons for leisure and exercise. Parking chargers will dissuade visits.

878. Local roads adjoining the prom will become clogged with people avoiding the charge it is chaotic enough at school drop off pick up times. Apart from the occasional sunny day there are very few cars parking on the front. It will take a long time to collect enough parking fees

to cover the capital expense. Who wants to come and look at the appalling state of our beach now.

879. It will have a detrimental effect on local businesses and reduce visitor numbers from out of area.

"880. If people want to visit the coast for personal well being how else are they supposed to get there on a constant basis? Should EVERYONE use public transport? Do you think there's the capacity.

Do you expect only people within walking distance should visit these places, while effectively penalizing

Everyone else with this REGRESSIVE TAX."

881. Wirral council need to consider every1 and not just their badly managed finances. It is every1s right to enjoy our promenade without having to pay council charges. Sort yourselves out. Stop being top heavy with pay.

882. Charges will move parking into residential areas, causing disruption and potential safety issues in already congested residential streets. Charging for parking at Hoylake station will deter people from using the train, going against the council's stated objective of creating a greener Wirral.

883. Destroy business and make it harder for people to exercise.

884. Meols Parade is a very underused road for parking. As a resident who has lived on Meols Parade for over 20 years I have never witnessed any congestion caused by parking or prolonged parking. Frequent use is by people parking to walk dogs, bird watch, running, exercise, people with mobility issues are able to park and unload wheel chairs, mobility scooters etc - they never park for prolonged periods. Why do the council feel it necessary to effectively STOP parking on Meols Parade & Nort Parade, I can see no valid reason given that it is reported that enforcing parking charges actually loses the Council money. Side roads will be used for parking causing congestion at junctions which is dangerous.

885. See above

886. No parking should be charged outside the hours mentioned on the proposal

887. Wirral council using local people as their personal cash cows yet again. This will destroy local towns and businesses. Wirral council need to leave the free parking alone, lower the rates to their empty shops etc to get them full again instead of hiring rates and driving more independent businesses out. Surely this is obvious to all the people in the council getting paid 100k+ per year???

888. Charging to park in this area will discourage people from visiting and enjoying walks.

"889. On a community level, the seafront provides exercise and recreation and fees will put people off.

There is already congestion around the local school and park area. Many parents of school children park on the prom and the old boat yard, dropping their children to school on the way to work. Charging for this will cause 'time poor' parents to park in the roads away from the prom and nearer the school. This congestion will make it more dangerous for those children who walk to school. There is currently no school crossing person which will compound the problem.

Residents of Meols parade, south parade will have yellow lines outside their houses so anyone delivering goods, builders, friends and family will be charged for visiting and will have to park across the road. For those with elderly relatives the thought of them fumbling for a ticket in the driving rain is frustrating. We understand that there will be no residents passes but this may help."

890. This will push parking onto residential streets that are already busy, increasing congestion. Many of these roads have cars parked both sides already and this will make matters worse.

891. Introduce parking charges at this particular location would add a barrier to people to and have outdoor time. This is not a space where people are already coming to spend money. People on lower incomes may not have an outdoor option when charges are added here.

892. As above

893. It does not support local shops and services.

894. As an older couple, my wife and I often park here to allow us to walk on a flat route along the coast. Having to pay to park will restrict our opportunity to do this, which in turn will impact our mental well being. We find the walk along the coast close to the sea invigorating and be

895. As above

896. I am not a resident of this area and therefore if I go I am a visitor so do not object to parking fees.

897. We need encourage visitor from near and far

"898. I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed implementation of car parking charges in these areas. This plan appears to be poorly thought out and will likely have significant negative consequences for both the local environment and the community.

By introducing parking charges, you risk discouraging visitors from coming to the area altogether. Those who do still come will likely seek alternative parking in nearby residential areas, shifting traffic congestion and creating additional strain on the local environment. This increased pressure on residential areas will not only contribute to pollution and noise but also diminish the quality of life for local residents.

Furthermore, many local businesses, which rely on a steady flow of visitors, will undoubtedly suffer from the drop in foot traffic. The reduction in visitors will have a detrimental impact on the local economy, harming both small businesses and the overall vibrancy of the area.

If Wirral Council is in need of additional funding, I would urge you to reconsider your approach. Instead of burdening residents and visitors with parking fees, focus on addressing the inefficiencies in council spending. For instance, the wasteful and poorly conceived consultations that often lead to misguided decisions should be reassessed.

A recent example is the situation in New Brighton, where Wetherspoons was allowed to expand its business, only to abandon the location when it became too costly to maintain. Not only has this left an unsightly and hazardous empty space, but it also raises questions about why such poor planning was allowed to happen in the first place.

I urge you to reconsider these parking charges and focus on making improvements that will genuinely benefit the local community and environment."

899. Very few people currently park up here, this the cost of implementing will far exceed the revenue received. Furthermore, the few people who do choose to visit will just park up in the many side roads.

900. Many people cannot afford parking charges

901. Forcing motorists to park in residential areas and on main road as they will not pay to park now

902. We often park here for leisure time

903. As above

904. We should not have to pay to go to the sea front

905. The beach is one of the naturally free things people of all ages can go to, charging people will reduce the opportunity people have for fresh air and exercise here.

906. There is no problem with parking in this area at present. I live on north parade and can always find a parking place. This charge could put people off visiting and getting exercise and fresh air.

907. Why punish the public further? You've increased the council tax and other taxes, so please stop imposing more costs as it's very difficult to live with all these payments at the moment

908. People of Wirral and visitors should not have to, pay
909. Wrong
910. It's tax for tax sake and it's stopping people from enjoying the waterfront..its outrageous
911. Same as above
912. Will drastically reduce visitors to area, affecting local businesses. Introducing payment will increase parking in residential roads.
913. Scheme will drive people away from local area,
914. People can't afford these charges
915. Same reason as above.
916. As above
917. Impact low earners residents already hit with high cost of living. What free therapy is left if even parking here and walking on the beach cost money? Totally unfair.
918. Hoylake needs all the visitors it can get: the prom and beach arent exactly prime beauty spots any more and adding parking charges into the mix will just mean the town and its businesses will suffer. Also there will be a negative impact on residential streets and the ability of residents to park. There is also a high risk of RNLI crew receiving parking penalties unless they pay for a ticket which would result in longer emergency response times.
919. Stop robbing people.
920. There is no need to charge for parking here the road is very rarely congested and charging would make it more difficult for people with limited resources to access the area for exercise
921. Same as above
922. You are going to force drivers off that road and onto side roads making it dangerous
923. We are already disrupted from the early morning to late evening with a continuous flow of disrespectful dog walkers. If Meols Parade and Dovepoint car park become chargeable then even more will try and park on our short stretch of Meols Parade. Many already park and block the pavement on one side of the road and park in the road on the housing side. The section of Meols Parade between properties 282 & 300 (Coast Guard) Meols Parade should also be chargeable or this stretch of the promenade with full parking prohibition. If action is not taken for this stretch of the promenade the Coastguard will also encounter problems when responding to emergency calls. This stretch of the promenade is very narrow but unfortunately the dog walkers do not take this into account. This short stretch of the promenade needs to be considered immediately.
924. will effect businesses and people visiting the area for pleasure.

925. Will deter any visitors and less able bodied people

926. Parking should remain free

927. It is disgusting that residents of Wirral and visitors have to pay to park, we are supposed to be a leisure peninsula and you will drive people away

928. As above

929. Bad idea

930. As above...

931. You will kill the number of people visiting and getting exercise, fresh air , mental wellbeing. Big up. Ditch the idea.....again 🙄🙄

932. Introducing parking charges will deter families from enjoying the benefits of walking along the prom. It will also deter people with mobility problems attempting to keep fit from enjoying the benefits of fresh air and a fantastic vista. Good for the mental health and well being of the soul. Money is tight, don't squeeze the motorist.

933. Most side roads have to park on the said roads why should we have to pay to park on public roads ?

934. Taking the joy out of a simple amenity people use , Wirral council have done a great job of stripping joy and public services from the community for decades

935. Stop being greedy.

936. See comments above

937. It will destroy local commerce. I realise that left wing politicians don't appear to understand how incredibly important that is to the local community because the public purse funds their lives but without our taxes, your lifestyle goes away.

938. Same as above

939. This will drive traffic into residential streets. It will also directly impact older people who are on limited budgets.

940. For the same reason as above . A deterrent for local people to enjoy our beautiful coastal areas .

"941. I object on two counts:

1) I see a problem arising from the introduction of parking charges specifically on Meols Parade in the vicinity of the junction with Bennets Lane [Plan TO/24/41-05]. Namely, many parents currently park on Meols Parade to drop off their children to attend the Great Meols Primary School in nearby Elwyn Road. The introduction of parking charges will discourage them from parking on Meols Parade, and instead they will park in unsuitable places in nearby roads causing unacceptable and possibly dangerous congestion. This has been a

problem in the past. In the past, parents have been discouraged from parking too close to the school because of the serious congestion this creates; the lack of visibility between badly parked cars creates a hazard for children crossing the roads. They have been encouraged instead to park on Meols Parade, where there is less congestion and better visibility between parked cars. The introduction of parking charges will reverse this trend and again create a severe congestion problem at the start and the end of the school day. (The problem is bad enough already as it is, particularly with cars parking dangerously on the curve of Bennets Lane, blocking the visibility of cars coming round the corner.)

One of the stated aims of the introduction of parking charges is to raise funds to alleviate congestion. In this case, however, introduction of the proposed parking charges will cause congestion!

2) I object in principle to the introduction of parking charges anywhere along the length of Meols Parade and North Parade. Charges are completely unnecessary for the management of traffic here, either "to keep people moving", or to avoid congestion. There is never any congestion here. The sole purpose of the charges seems to be to raise money, for which there can be no justification. Most people who park here, for a few minutes or an hour or two, do so for the simple pleasure of enjoying the sea view and a taste of the sea air, which should be FREE TO ALL; the council is effectively seeking to charge for these simple pleasures, which it has no right to. If additional facilities were to be provided for visitors, then there might be some justification for the introduction of charges, but presently there are not even any public lavatories! (The public lavatories, marked boldly on all the local visitors' information boards, at the junction of Bennets Lane and Meols Parade, disgracefully, have been derelict and closed for more than a decade!)

942. Will drive parking into the side streets which are already crowded with no driveways. People who live there will have to pay to park outside their own house

943. Damaging to local business residents and tourism

"944. It discourages people from wanted to go for walks etc so helping people health and mind

It will also encourage people to park in residential area. This would affect a lot of people inc myself as I'm disabled but don't have a disabled park space and at the moment dont feel I need one or want to have it. "

945. Locals should have a free pass

"946. You are systematically destroying Hoylake. The Beach, the old pool & facilities

This is unnecessary, anti tourism and a council money grab"

947. Coast should be free to all! Will cause visitors to park outside residents houses and other visitors to not bother in visiting the area at all! Plenty of parking space available - except possibly at peak periods only

948. People will stop going to West Kirby/New Brighton ect.

949. Charges will drive people away from our area which in turn will in the long run affect businesses. When will councilors who we pay to work for us the people do what we request if the majority say NO? Highly unlikely as they have never listened into the people in the past so why would they listen to us now? Are The majority of councilors in that position for themselves? Do they spout to people empty promises? Do they go back on what they promise ? Ask the people and see what the answers are.

950. Same comment as above

951. We frequently park here and walk for exercise. We would not be able to afford to pay for this, especially with the withdrawal of winter fuel allowance and the general rise in cost of living.

952. Ridiculous

953. The Wirral is called the leisure peninsula. By charging people to park, it will stop people coming to enjoy our beautiful seaside coast which is good for all our mental health. This will have a knock on effect to local businesses too and also the NHS

954. It's disgusting, all you're going to do is stop people going there and instead they'll visit the big retail parks instead. If you want to save money then cut the number of local councillors by two thirds and cut the wages of the council chief executives.

955. I already pay heavily to use the (badly maintained) roads and strongly object to being charged to park.

956. It's a greedy money grab and will only be detrimental to the area, less people will visit and overall local businesses will be negatively impacted, therefore community negatively impacted. It is cruel when people are already struggling to pay bills.

957. People will park on the side streets rather than pay charges on the promenades. This will make it unnecessarily difficult for both residents and businesses of those side streets. Parking charges are not even across the borough, some areas are already having to pay more than others.

958. Proposal unnecessary- rarely if ever congestion here and will solely affect resident's friends and family

959. Residential roads. No issues with congestion 99% of the time. Scheme will only affect residents with overnight visitors, as prom is usually empty, other than residents, of an evening. Small amount of overnight camper vans will park in other, non-chargeable, residential roads instead.

960. Parking fees will only make people avoid the area like they have done in town centres and other charged areas which will result in even more business closing or moving. It will also deter out of area visitors to come to the peninsular.

961. It is a local landmark and should be free to park and admire and gain access without having to worry about running over a prescribed time for parking.

962. All parking should be free.

963. Is this a joke? The place is quiet as it is, the small amount of people who park there will park up residential roads meaning the council have spent money on parking machines and parking attendants for nothing at all, probably creating more of a loss than when there were no charges.

964. It will stop visitors coming to the area which then will have a negative impact on the businesses in the area

965. Barely anyone parks here! No need to charge

966. Surprised? Visit our kitchen experts in-store or go online to see high quality design at affordable prices.

967. As well as my previous comment the surrounding area will have difficulties with people parking in residential streets to a wood paying

968. See above.

"969. As above

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970. Public will suffer whilst trying to keep fit & enjoy the 'free' views & walking on the beach & prom

971. Not required should be left for people to enjoy the prom and views. It will only drive people into side roads or not come to the town.

972. As above

973. Destruction of local business and tourism

974. Agree with parking charges for those vehicles/camper vans which are being parked for over 24 hours but we believe we should be encouraging people to the outdoors for their health and wellness.

975. I have exactly the same comments as above.

976. As before all sea front parking will effect the tourist trade

977. Provide better and free parking and people won't park in residential areas

"978. The proposed scheme will lead to visitors driving down the already overcrowded side streets to find a free parking space. This will increase air pollution and create an increased

risk of accidents to residents, particularly young and old. Local residents will suffer increased inconvenience due to additional traffic in streets, many of which only have space for a single line of moving traffic.

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979. Same reason as above

980. let us move use and about our community at no cost , cars will be parked on residential roads instead

981. No

982. People will not visit, causing small businesses to close

983. This will have a massive impact on local residents and the safety of children being dropped at local primary schools. Furthermore, there is a much higher rate of deprivation in the northwest than elsewhere. These are the few free family activities left that allow families to exercise, stay healthy and make memories. You want to take that away by charging people.

984. Same reason as New Brighton

985. It will adversely affect tourism.

986. Yes, as I have already mentioned access should be available for all not just for people who are exempt or can afford it.

987. Same as above

988. I work as a community carer along this road and need access to free parking to access my clients houses. I never have a problem accessing a space normally whilst this area is free to park.

989. Paying to park to go for a walk. ??? No need.

990. It's not busy enough to make people pay

991. local side streets will get even worse for parking, people will avoid the area effecting business.

992. As above.

993. It will be detrimental to local businesses and the area as people will think twice about going to the area

994. This would stop so many people visiting for a free day out with kids!

995. As above

996. Charges will affect businesses, families ability to enjoy quality time and people's mental health

"997. Wirral Council are extremely greedy doing this. There are bins overflowing, almost every drain blocked in surrounding areas, they're flying tipping bin bags every week on the side of the roads feeding the rats and yet they spent £30M on a restaurant and wall of which both have failed in their purpose and in turn they now want to charge for parking all along the coast which is predominantly used by local residents.

We are not a seaside holiday resort along our coasts.. we are local residents working, visiting family or friends or wanting to enjoy what little free freedom we have as you've closed most libraries, swimming pools and other public services staying lacking of funds!"

998. As comments made above.

999. Charging will invariably move to people parking in surrounding residential streets who will definitely not be happy.

"1000. I feel that charging for parking will adversely impact local businesses by driving people towards locations with no parking charges which tend to be out of town with large corporations.

The mental health and fitness of residents will also be impacted, people go to these locations for fresh air and exercise and will be discouraged from doing so if yet another charge is levied on car owners who seem to be an 'easy target' and treated as a cash cow. "

1001. Charging people to park will discourage people from using these spaces and will inhibit the growth of small businesses in the area.

1002. Going to the coast to walk, exercise should remain a free activity. Imposing charges on activities that improve mental and physical health if Wirral residents and visitors is not acceptable

1003. Charging to park is detrimental to the economy of the area.

1004. My comments above apply equally for residents living near the planned areas for on-street parking charges.

1005. This scheme will cause side roads to be filled with people who are not residents, there pushing them into other roads causing hate and anxiety.

1006. This area isn't as busy as the other beach areas. It may lead to more people parking in Hoylake Parade Community Centre, which is a well used community hub, and it would be a shame to either impact their visitors, or mean they have to induce parking rules/prices, which again would have a negative effect on this great community asset.

1007. People won't go to these areas

1008. See answer to 1

1009. This is my one haven. My one free thing to do when I feel low, or down. I can come for a drive, stay as long as I need and breathe in the fresh air. Or just sit in the car. Please don't start charging!

1010. Need excellent public transport and active travel to precede charges. Need cargo bikes to become the norm in advance of restrictions to cars and parking

1011. no

1012. Financial charges should not be put in place as they will discourage the local population using the area for exercise, which is important for the populations well being. Charges will discourage people using the area.

1013. As above, I'm ok with a £1 overnight charge, in principle. I am completely against daytime parking charges though. This strikes me as a tax (which we already pay in abundance) on those who just wish to enjoy the natural surroundings of the peninsula, or embark on a shopping trip.

1014. See my first comment

1015. We shouldn't be charged for wanting to park at the beach front and enjoy a nice view, my disabled dad used to park up here, he couldn't walk long distances so that means he wouldn't of been able to get out and get a parking ticket, ask that stress for the elderly for a few extra pounds a day? It's not worth it please leave parking free here

1016. It will stop people going and enjoying the coastal pathway. It should remain free to encourage healthy walking.

1017. Yes- sort the grass out before expecting people to pay for parking

1018. I am objecting to parking charges

1019. Stop putting up parking meters

1020. Just another way to take money, there is hardly any parking as it is, make bigger car parks before trying to charge so we can go up the local town and shop to support our communities.

1021. I don't agree with parking charges

1022. We pay high council tax yet you spend as little as possible on highways and byways. Over pay senior management. Cost of living is hard enough and more cost in enjoying the coastal areas will stop people who can not afford to pay from helping with mental health and wellbeing.

1023. Money grabbing evil individuals

1024. I disagree with the implementation of car parking charges as it will deter people from visiting the site and have a negative effect on the local economy.

1025. This scheme is completely unnecessary and will put off visitors. People will park in side roads instead and congest residential areas. There is no need for parking charges

1026. People need to get out and walk , for some people such as my aging uncles its the only exercise they get and interaction with people , pensioners are suffering enough.

1027. As above tho I have less personal interest

1028. Charging to use local business/post office etc. will stop people staying and supporting in small villages/towns

1029. We visit this area quite a lot to support the local businesses as we adore the potting shed,

1030. Just outrageous that we will have to pay in order to get decent fresh air from the coast. It will put a lot of people off therefore you are denying people good physical and mental health practices

1031. Parking charges will Deter people from enjoying what's good about the Wirral, and result in decline in local business

1032. It would restrict visitors and residents considerably.

1033. Charging to pay for parking without any benefits is ridiculous. It isn't a secure car park, there are no services provided this is a disgusting attempt to squeeze more money out of people during a cost of living crisis.

1034. No

1035. As above

1036. all public areas should be free ... stop nickel diming everything that should be easy to access in nature or free to those local wirral paying council tax

1037. Visitors will look for other parking areas&hpuseholders will need to pay to park by house

1038. Implementing charges will have a detrimental effect on the area specifically local small businesses

1039. Same comment as above

1040. Discourages people, especially poorer people, from the area parking up and getting fresh air and healthy exercise. Will have a negative impact on public health and mental well being.

1041. It will badly affect businesses in Hoylake. Lots of people park here for a walk or birdwatching and then go into Hoylake cafes. They will find somewhere else to park that is free, away from the local businesses.

1042. As above

1043. As above

1044. It is local to me & would put me off visiting to walk my dog if I had to pay

1045. Very few people park along here, mostly empty. It will not be worth the collection & installation costs.

1046. As this is a coastal recreational area, the price must be kept simple and low to not discourage outdoor activities.

1047. With kids at Great Meols and being asked to park away from school and walk in, this will force parents to park in residential roads again, ridiculous

1048. Appalling decision. Lazy option from Council that needs to review savings elsewhere. Beaches are open spaces are public resources that should not charge visitors. Supports community wellbeing and why people want to live in Wirral.

1049. It will stop people coming to Hoylake and Meols

1050. Yes. I object strongly to this proposal. Wirral used to be called "The Leisure Peninsula". The NHS is crumbling under high levels of obesity. Families should be encouraged to use these coastal facilities for exercise rather than discouraging them with parking charges. Also, this will have a massive impact on residential areas as car owners try and park outside the parking zones and also businesses as people will avoid visiting if they have to pay parking charges.

1051. Unnecessary money making , will deter visitors and deprive people of the right to enjoy the area and take exercise

1052. As above

1053. I do not object to inflationary increases where charges currently apply. I believe expanding the list of streets where charges apply should each be considered on their individual merit, rather in a block. Overnight charges must be backed up by enforcement, in which case it may not always be cost effective to do this. Overnight charges must serve a purpose other than just revenue raising.

1054. It will stop people from visiting this area

1055. By introducing charges you will drive away people from spending their money in the local community and this will result in closed shops and unappealing areas for the residents.

"1056. Anyone exercising in the evening would be negatively affected.

Again 6.30 is too early. Overnight should not start until 10.00 or 11.00pm."

1057. The introduction of charges will discourage people from visiting the area. This will have an effect on local businesses. It will also mean that visitors will miss the opportunity to walk along the promenade as part of their well-being regime.

"1058. Hoylake Vision (the designated Neighbourhood Planning Forum) is concerned about the impact of the proposals on tourism, given the day-trip attraction of places along the coast of West Wirral. The new Wirral Local Plan recognises how Hoylake functions as a

coastal resort and that the facilities and open spaces associated with North Wirral Coastal Park and the coastal promenades at Hoylake and Meols, the Hilbre Islands, Red Rocks Nature Reserve, West Kirby Promenade and Marine Lake and the Wirral Way, form assets of strategic importance to the Liverpool City Region. North Parade and Meols Parade in Hoylake are important to draw visitors in a location within walking distance of the centre of the town and which encourages combined trips of benefit to local businesses.

The Council should be championing the coastal attractions and encouraging people to visit rather than regarding it as a source of revenue to divert. The Wirral Visitor Economy Strategy identifies a number of key priorities which include developing Wirral's tourism assets and experiences to increase competitiveness including improved visitor facilities and public access. The proposals to charge for parking would go against these priorities and likely result in a decline in visitors in favour of private attractions with free parking.

We are also concerned that displaced traffic would likely use surrounding residential streets and park inconsiderately/ illegally, making these streets more congested and difficult to access for residents.

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1059. Another busy tourist spot. Traffic is awful so we often avoid West Kirby, or park a behind the concourse. Paid parking would help manage traffic levels

1060. Impact on visitors to local area. Council should be encouraging people to enjoy healthy walks along promenade.

1061. Wirral is called the Leisure Peninsula. By introducing parking charges here the local people will travel to and park less on the coastal roads and will therefore not exercise along these promenades increasing the burden on NHS services. Also people from outside area will visit this area of Wirral less to avoid charges or they will be driven to park on congested side roads. This will be particularly important on Meols Promenade where the local Primary School has asked parents to park on the promenade to avoid endangering vulnerable children on small side roads immediately around the school area. A small popup coffee business has just been set up which had been very popular this year, this will affect the business as people will park in side roads and miss it. These charges are inappropriate for North Parade as the side roads are extremely narrow and cannot cope with extra parked traffic. The side roads are so close drivers will drive around congested side roads of Hoylake to find a free parking space polluting the local area as happens in West Kirby at the moment due to limited parking. Hoylake shopping area is a straight road where if drivers have to pay will drive straight through and not stop which will be detrimental to already struggling local businesses.

1062. Think it is unfair to charge for parking in an area where families and individuals have previously been able to go for a free day out. Lots of people walk or just sit in this area which is good for their physical and mental health. Putting a charge on parking will discourage many from visiting.

1063. As above

1064. as above ,, drive and park so I can visit bars and restaurants, yes it would stop me visiting the independent businesses

1065. There are occasions that I visit Hoylake for R&R, fresh air and visits to restaurants. The bus stop is too far away for me to walk so a car is needed. The cost of parking for sufficient time to do this means it's another place I won't be going to, thereby adding to my isolation.

1066. There is not an excessive demand for parking which would warrant charging here. This could also be potential harmful to local businesses.

1067. Parking charges will deter people from using their local amenities for simply walking or going bird watching. Denying people such free opportunities is simply wrong.

1068. This area is a basic road system and as such parking is paid already via car road tax.

1069. As a resident of Meols Parade i feel that at the moment we dont have an issue with people parking on our stretch of the road, but if this scheme goes ahead i can see more people who want to park on North Parade coming down our end & parking down the side roads. This will create parki g issues for the local residents.

"1070. My business is on Market Street. It relies on people being able to park for a couple of minutes to pop in and then leave. They will not pay £1.20 to stay for a couple of minutes. They will not come. You will kill small business with this narrow-minded, short-term benefit/long/term harm proposal. Look at the likes of Ellesmere Port town centre. It's dead. The car park charges were the death knell. Don't do that to the Wirral!

Many parents at schools like Great Meols primary Schools have successfully encouraged parents to park on the prom and walk their children from there into school. If you insist on this madly narrowminded scheme, you will push parents back to dropping their children at the school with all the intrinsic dangers that involves. Madness!"

1071. Perhaps visitors may look to park in the free areas of the town, with implications here for local business.

1072. I, myself family friends, acquaintances and many locals I know. And visitors to the area. Regularly visit this area with family, children, partners. They use it regularly as a form of exercise and to help mental health, and socialising ,walking around the area. And to use the local amenities within the area. To charge for parking will be detrimental to the local area as this will have a negative effect.

1073. It will have a detrimental impact to local businesses and mental health and wellbeing of the people that come into New Brighton

"1074. Cost of installing infrastructure and policing the car parks will make the proposal a burden, whilst worsening the financial position of the council... the scheme will see more people parking on adjacent roads, inconveniencing local residents and potentially creating more dangerous conditions for people using local amenities due to poor driving and parking behaviours. Rather than being a financial benefit you will be creating unsafe village centres with frustrated residents. Finally, this could have an impact on local businesses if people decide the new parking arrangements are too much hassle, at which point they may choose to take their business elsewhere... this could reduce occupancy of commercial spaces and see further revenue loss for the council as businesses choose to vacate premises and are no longer paying rates.

This is not the quick buck you think it is. Don't cause more frustration and challenges for those who are living through the cost of living crisis."

1075. The same as mentioned above

1076. This will discourage people visiting and affect tourism

1077. We pay enough now more charges . Wants you start charging this will just increase yearly

"1078. I have lived in Meols for 24 years and have never witnessed any congestion on Meols Parade. What I do witness is the congestion around Great Meols Primary during school drop off time. I live in one of the surrounding roads near Great Meols and we already struggle with people parking in our road and blocking drives. I can only imagine how much worse it will be if parking charges are added to the prom and people are deterred from parking there and walking down. Furthermore, it is only beneficial for the children to have that walk from the prom to school, not only for fresh air and exercise but also for quality time with their parents/care givers. I grew up walking with my relatives to Great Meols primary and i cherished that time and having the opportunity to talk about my day. We had a busy household and my brother had learning difficulties, so in the house the focus was nearly always on him, understandably. The 15 minutes I spent walking one on one with my family and having some individual attention was so important for me at the time. Adding a cost to parking on the prom will inevitably remove this for some children who's parents can't afford to pay daily parking. They will be dropped off near the school by a stressed parent who can't find anywhere to park. I don't believe this is the best way for a child to start the day.

Even now as an adult, especially in the cold and dark winter months when my mental health is worse, I regularly park up on the prom and watch the sunrise. Understandably as a lone female I don't wish to walk to the prom in the dark, so I take the car and once the sun is coming up I walk up and down the prom. It's such a peaceful way to start the day and I

never take for granted how lucky I am to live somewhere so beautiful. As a local resident I don't want anything to interfere with this as it's one of the main reasons I choose to live here. I have never struggled to park on the prom due to congestion so I cannot understand why a parking charge would be introduced. "

1079. As above!

1080. Mental health is important and being able to visit huge area of parking and having to pay seems not conducive for local residents who pay council tax to live

1081. I object in principle to parking charges at beauty spots because we should be encouraging enjoyment of our beautiful environment.

"1082. As a resident of NB I have a number of concerns as follows..

1. If I'm forced to pay the increase of £80 and there's no room in the rd to park where do I park ?

2. Where does my husband park his work van ?

3. I walk my elderly dogs around the dips,they can't walk onthere so I park up and walk them ,I'm I expecting to pay ? I'll be already paying £80 to maybe if room to park in my Rd ."

"1083. As for Q2 the general comments detailed at Q12 apply to all Wirral car parks where charges are currently being considered and some of the comments at Q2 will also resonate, although as noted below there is a need to undertake targeted research in each area to determine the appropriateness or not of introducing charges and the specific effects this could have on each local centre – the results are likely to differ for each so it is important that research is undertaken for each individual centre.

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"1084. According to Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489), and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA), particularly Section 122, a 'Statement of Reasons' must be provided to explain the purpose of the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) in question. The 'Statement of Reasons' is a key part of ensuring that stakeholders can make informed responses to any proposed changes.

In the current consultation, this critical document has not been made available for public viewing through this consultation portal With the consultation deadline of 23/10/24 fast approaching, it is clear that this essential document will not be made available in sufficient time for meaningful public engagement.

The omission of the 'Statement of Reasons' renders the consultation non-compliant with the statutory requirements of transparency and public participation. This failure prevents stakeholders from understanding the rationale behind each TRO, and as such, the consultation cannot be considered legally valid.

I strongly object to the scheme on these grounds and request that the consultation be voided or extended until such time as the 'Statement of Reasons' is properly published, allowing for a full and informed public response."

1085. For years it hasnt been pay & display. U will ruin the area if u bring this in. Disgusting. The council tax fees & now this. Shocking!

1086. I do not object to paying to park, however I believe that Wirral Council should encourage visitors to our Borough by permitting campervans and motorhomes to park in all areas where other vehicles are permitted to park. As a campervan owner I travel to other parts of the UK and feel welcomed as a visitor when the Local Authority has considered that the majority of campervan and motorhome drivers are responsible adults and respectful towards the areas they choose to visit. Whilst in these areas, campervan and motorhome drivers put money into the local economy, whether that be daytime activities on offer (e.g. minigolf, arcades, funfair, museums, etc), or hospitality businesses which desperately need more support to survive, let alone thrive. I recognise that a very small minority of campervan and motorhome drivers 'may' not treat all areas with the respect they should, however this is just the same as any car driver who doesn't respect an area they are visiting i.e. litter is litter, mess is mess. I think it is a shame that the message from Wirral Council is basically, "You're not welcome here". Introduction of an overnight charge should be levelled at all vehicles based upon the size of the space they take up, and I believe this would increase the number of visitors to Wirral, which in turn would increase the revenue from parking charges.

1087. Don't agree with adding parking charges

1088. As above.

1089. Posing a threat to local business who have struggled enough over the last few years. Greed.

1090. Hoylake & Meols have been through provocative times regarding allowing the grasses to grow however the people for the scheme have said it's encouraged bird watchers & wildlife people who then bring in finances to the area with payment being brought in this would again reduce visitor numbers

1091. It should be free parking

1092. It is a place for Wirral residents to enjoy and relax in our beautiful outdoors, and local businesses will suffer

1093. As 2.

1094. Going to kill off the whole area.

1095. As comment above

1096. It will prevent people visiting and affect local businesses. We already pay road tax and parking on roads means we have to pay twice. Many parking charges signs and meters along the coast will totally spoil the scenic areas.

1097. Our family live on Meols Parade and we will have to pay parking charges every day, which would add up to a massive annual bill. If anyone visits us, they too will have to pay and it will be very detrimental for our friends and for visiting tradesmen. It would greatly affect our family's quality of life if we had to park on a side street to avoid this charge. I also think the scheme is unfair to residents of side streets, which would inevitably become congested. My final thought is for visitors to the area, who benefit from the health and wellbeing that comes with easy access to walking along the sea front. It would be a backward step to put any of them off taking this exercise.

1098. Will have a negative impact on local residents and local businesses

1099. Hoylake is a different case to New Brighton, being much quieter and without the seaside attractions. For most of the year it is not busy. In the summer months parking charges on the prom would lead to congestion in the side streets, which are narrow and where many houses do not have off street parking.

1100. If parking is 'pay by card only', it will prevent many cash-only users from using it.

"1101. There are very few activities where families, who are hard pressed financially, can get together and enjoy the outdoors. Charging for parking here would take yet another possibility away. Kids will start hanging around in towns and causing chaos.

Also the local business will suffer from the drop in footfall. I believe the negatives far outweigh the benefits to the Council and the local community. "

1102. Please see comments in section 2 which I also feel very strongly about.

1103. This is currently free. This results in a high numbers of people who visit the locality, enjoy the beach and go for walks. These people can enjoy a free day out and can also visit local shops, cafes and restaurants. This is good for the local area and economy. Parking charges would undoubtedly reduce this footfall.

1104. Absolutely ridiculous- I already pay a fortune in council tax

"1105. This will act as a barrier to peoples health and well being, people use this area to park there cars and go for a walk - the spaces are welcoming to tourists who will bring in revenues for our local area.

This is a false economy from a financial perspective - the loss of travelling in spend, will be far greater than any income generated from parking - simple equation, £2 income from parking or £20 spend coffee, cakes and treats!"

1106. By removing what limited parking which is not outside residential homes, it means it is going to lead to more congested side streets and residents struggling for parking. Fewer parking places means fewer visitors and more empty shops. It is as if the Council are trying to destroy the towns of Wirral. It should be encouraging by allowing free parking.

1107. No

1108. Will put people off coming to the area for walks , days out etc

1109. This is used by local residents to enjoy their daily walk and to visit local businesses and they should not be made to pay for this

1110. It's an unfair financial grab from residents and visitors.

1111. Displacing cars to park in front of houses. You should be encouraging families to walk, cycle, use facilities, beach etc not adding to the cost of everyday living. You will be doing to WK, NB and Hoylake what you have done to Birkenhead, which is almost a ghost town. We visited Macclesfield recently, there you get two hours free, ensuring everyone had an opportunity to visit shops, park etc. The town was buzzing.

1112. Will force more parking and congestion on the residents roads immediately around the area

1113. This is a popular area for walkers, especially in summer and parking charges will simply displace parking elsewhere and almost certainly to residential streets in the area

1114. By introducing these ridiculous plans the Council will put people off visiting.

1115. As above

"1116. We should be proud of the fact that Wirral is one of the few areas in the country that allows people free access to open, natural spaces. We should be encouraging people to get out in nature, not putting obstacles in their way.

Additionally, adding parking charges will (as has often been the case) push people into the densely populated side streets, exacerbating the congestion already there.

I have lived here for over 30 years quite frankly, I am tired of having this debate every few years. "

"1117. Same lack of congestion applies here. Also, personally I am a member of Hoylake Marine Bowling Club and object to having to pay to park to attend practice & matches during the summer. This is a tax on members of my club to take part in enjoyable exercise well into our 80s.

My other concern as a resident of Meols near Great Meols primary school is that many parents park on Meols Parade when dropping off & collecting their children from school.

They will not pay to park there for 20 mins or so, and this will result in much more congested residential roads in the immediate area of the school, which could lead to accidents. "

1118. Residents shouldn't be charged. We already pay council tax and road tax. We are already a struggling area and it is hard to go anywhere where there isn't antisocial behaviour and going to some place where public transport doesn't go to is fabulous for us with elderly disabled parents and young children. Charging here will remove this valuable safe area from not just us but the Wirral and visitors as a whole.

1119. People are already struggling financially and charging to pay in this area will reduce the number of people who will be able to afford to park to take exercise or visit the amenities or shops

1120. As with New Brighton, This scheme will discourage visitors and residents from coming to Hoylake and Meols. It will directly affect local businesses in a negative way, and will also negatively impact on people's ability to visit the beach and local shops/restaurants. Many residents depend on their cars to get to this area (cars are a necessity, not a luxury) for their mental and physical wellbeing, and introducing parking charges will discourage people from coming, and therefore have a negative affect on both mental and physical wellbeing. It is a short-sighted scheme, which may plug holes in the Council's finances in the short term, but will have long-term detrimental effects. At a time when other councils are backtracking on their parking charges (see Brighton), it beggars belief that Wirral is planning to introduce them. Free parking is one of the reasons why many people are attracted to come here and spend money in our local economy. Why the Council would actively try to threaten this is mystifying. Do you want our natural beauty spots to become ghost towns?

1121. This is a lovely stretch of coastline that people who may not be fully mobile can enjoy and wander for a bit without it being busy.

1122. Unnecessary

1123. At a time of rising prices parking charges will restrict access to these public spaces to those who can least afford it. Many elderly people come to these open spaces to enjoy the views and fresh air, as do you young families. This is good for people's mental and physical wellbeing. Parking charges will also result in increased parking in the surrounding side roads.

1124. I have no issues with the overnight parking charges, in fact I feel that they should/could be higher, however I do object to the introduction of charges at sites that allow people to enjoy the benefits of the Leisure Peninsula.

1125. It will also have an impact on residential streets as people will park there causing problems for local residents

1126. Don't know this area very well but again as in New Brighton, charging people without providing toilet facilities is not good especially when in both areas there are very few

1127. Another way of empty people's pockets
1128. Absolutely ridiculous idea to change people to park up and enjoy the Wirral peninsula it will have a huge impact on businesses etc shame on you
1129. Another council cash grab, Stop making the wirral a worse place to live & stop wasting our money on rubbish like cycle lanes & unnecessary street furniture. Stop taxing our pleasure & outdoor leisure facilities, we already pay too much council tax
1130. See above
1131. Parking charges will deeply affect our community
1132. Thousands of local residents use this area for their daily healthy walk and they should not be charged for the privelage
1133. Can't comment as don't spend much time there.
1134. All public highways are owned by the public and tax payers... authority and consent is not given to any corporation for charges to land and highways.. additionally this is unlawful and detrimental for the area...
1135. No issues with people being able to park free on this premises
1136. It's going to destroy tourism, leisure activities and severely impact local businesses
1137. As before, This is a very bad idea for the local community and businesses alike. People/families will not be able to afford the simple pleasures of a day out in the fresh air, and it will affect local small businesses.
1138. See comments in answer 2
1139. Parking charges will put people off from parking, therefore taking their business elsewhere.
1140. Same as above
1141. We all pay road and consile tax. This is another tax
1142. It seems that the council are only looking to gain funds from making people pay for parking at any cost. These funds from parking charges can only be used for parking outlined schemes which impact on the community and independent business within them areas. I strongly disagree with any parking charges along or coastal area as these areas should be open to all for free, which they have been for over 50+ year's. In fact I believe that in some places a covenant covers land to be open and free of costs to access for general public and could be an illegal act if implemented. The general consensus is that we don't want parking charges but the consultation process only allows those with IT knowledge to put their point forward. If this consultation was in the site of the general public ie face to face with an easy petition to sign with your relevant postcode etc etc you would have 1000s signing against. But you'll pay our budget of 1000s to agency to develop a process that intentionally puts part of our community at a loss to participate.

1143. As above

1144. Very unfair

1145. I feel the council needs to encourage more visitors and tourism to this area. The free parking is one of the main reasons alot visit and add substantially to the local economy. Please don't price out day visitors as has happened in Wales with greedy parking charges.

1146. As above - I object to having to pay to access our open spaces.

1147. Again several businesses down there

1148. As above

1149. It will greatly reduce the frequency that I visit independent businesses in Hoylake. It will also reduce the duration of my visits so that I will not visit as many independent local businesses.

1150. Many people use this space for walks and mental wellness. Paying for parking will affect this and will particularly hit the elderly

1151. See above

1152. As above

"1153. I and most people travel to Meols Parade and North Parade for walking and running along the prom. Parking charges will reduce demand for this. Many people are of an older age. Walking is good for living healthy, improves physical health, reduces obesity and creates healthy mental health. All in all, any parking charges will mean that the Delivery Theme 3 of the Council plan will fail.

reduced cost of care - providers will request increase costs and will struggle to recruit so will need to pay staff more which will then increase cost further.

CQC Inspection will cost more as more care homes and residential settings will be required for increased demand as more people will suffer mental health issues and obesity will mean care will be required at an earlier age.

measurable improvements in health across our population and reduced health inequalities will actually increase because exercise improves health.

Theme 6 of the Council Plan increase in whole population physical activity levels will also not be achieved because as stated above less people will walk and run."

1154. This will discourage people from travelling here to exercise and use the beach. Surely in a society where health and wellbeing are a top priority we should all offer people free parking to be able to get out and about. This will also prevent pressure on the NHS.

1155. A £1 charge for overnight parking is reasonable. My concern is how long it will stay at that price. Once you have the go ahead the charges will increase dramatically

1156. It will deter people from visiting the area. The scheme is ill-advised and seems to be aimed at limiting the activities of those from certain areas of society.

1157. People will not visit the shops, you're going to create a ghost town

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1160. This is just a money grabbing scheme for the council. This is not based on what is good or right for the people who live in these impacted communities or use these facilities

"1161. Bringing in parking charges will stop families that are struggling with cost of living the ability to enjoy a visit to the seaside

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1162. It will force people to park in residential streets causing traffic congestion outside residential properties

1163. I think these charges are unnecessary and would appear to be nothing short of a revenue gathering operation with little or no benefit to the local residents. I no longer live in

Meols having spent many happy years there and now live in South Wirral. I am concerned to see that if your scheme is implemented I will have to pay a parking charge when visiting my daughter and her family who live on Meols Parade. Perhaps the money raised could be spent on weed clearing the ghastly state of the once excellent sandy beach which is now looking sad and neglected. Unless some prompt action is taken the lovely sea front will look like Parkgate, hardly anything to be proud about.

1164. Seems needless given the other possible income streams that could and should be explored. The reasons given for introducing the charges do not seem applicable in lots of the locations.

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1166. All people have a right to free access to enjoy this natural coastal recreational area. It is essential for the health and wellbeing of Wirral Residents and visitors alike. The importance of fresh air and exercise was highlighted during the COVID epidemic. The proposed charges amount to nothing more than yet another tax on motorists. Many

motorists will simply park in nearby residential areas in order to avoid having to pay which will cause greater congestion and parking issues in those areas for local residents. The Council will respond with more yellow lines, further reducing parking availability for everyone and causing more aggravation for all concerned. Wirral tries to promote itself as the "Leisure Peninsula" and then subsequently does its best to tax anyone who tries to enjoy it. If the Council see this as a method of raising revenue from tourism, then it should provide free parking permits to Wirral Residents for all of these locations.

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1168. I think these charges here will definitely tip this community over the edge, especially given the state the beach and the paving and surrounding area is looking like. It's such a mess. It will push cars up in and around the residential streets which are already packed and overcrowded with cars. With the ongoing battle with swamp gate on the beach I feel this will be the last straw for this community and yet another nail in the coffin for the council.

1169. There is no traffic/parking issue at this location. Indeed since the beach has become overgrown and ugly causing a visible drop in visitors, parking charges will further damage the visitor experience. The residents of both Parades are also effected by having to purchase permits, just deemed another tax on residents. Added to the miserable motorhome policy here it will be a surprise if anyone visits anymore.

1170. Visitors and local people will suffer

1171. Making people think twice about going out and spending time outdoors as extra costs

1172. North Parade/Meols Parade, Hoylake and Meols is an another area where people should be encouraged to go and relax, or take exercise, indulge in sporting activities, exercise with their dogs and generally enjoy the seaside and the Council should actively be encouraging this and not introducing punitive charges for people wanting to avail themselves of the 'leisure peninsula'

1173. It will affect local businesses and cause parking issues in residential streets for wirral residents

1174. There is plenty of parking so no need to restrict people and drive people away from the area!

1175. We pay enough Taxes

1176. It will effect local business

1177. Will harm the economy

1178. This would be incredibly detrimental to the area and adversely impact local residents

1179. Should be free so all elderly and young can enjoy the beach without being charged...it would be devastating 😞 if charges are applied for example dog walkers....people exercising all sorts of people enjoying themselves..

1180. Ridiculous money grasping project that will disrupt everyday life

1181. I have never in all my years seen a problem with traffic here. It does not need manging so to say you need to finance this is wrong

1182. We are suppose to be a borough that supports fitness but charging for parking would hinder daily walks etc.

"1183. It will result in parking in residential streets

It will change occasional use by people for health and well being - running walking etc "

1184. As above

1185. Yes, it should be free to be enjoyed for children, adults, exercise and dog walking for health reasons

1186. Free par please

"1187. Charges will reduce the amount of people getting out to the coast to enjoy the fresh air and the scenery.

Charges will impact mental health, physical health and local business"

1188. People live on this road - will they have to pay to park outside their own homes?

1189. It's disgusting to think that we have to pay extra on top of road tax because the council can't manage their finances.

"1190. This will result in a net loss of the coastal amenity to a huge number of people because:-

- People will not be able to afford the parking fees
- older people do not have smart phones or the ability to pay online.
- It will cause more congestion in the side streets as people use those for parking instead
- people will not get out of the car for that quick 10 minute walk or picnic on the benches

This will result in a reduction in physical and mental well being of residents and visitors."

1191. The council should be encoraging everyone to visit our coastline, for the many benefits which have been well documented since these Victorian towns were built.

1192. Again, I sometimes need to get out just to clear my head.

1193. This will restrict leisure access to the sports areas and beach along the parade and discourage usage . Negative impact on health for locals who travel to use these

1194. The parking charges are illegal as they are principally designed to raise revenue. There is legal precedent for this and the council WILL be challenged. Law is clear under the RTRA 1984. The proposal is short sighted, will impact small local businesses and individuals using the carpark for voluntary work (litter picking etc). Coming to enjoy Wirrals wonderful coastline should not be taxed.

1195. Nowhere else for locals in terraced roads to park

1196. Increased pressure on parking in Hoylake and Meols which will mean more people parking in side streets affecting local residents.

1197. No

1198. As above - WBC promote as the Leisure peninsula??

"1199. Yes it will take business away from the area and won't have as much footfall for leisure and business activities.

It will hugely impact local businesses who need all the support they can get. "

1200. This will massively decrease footfall and impact local businesses. We walk the dog here because the parking is convenient and free, if it wasn't we would park elsewhere affecting local residents or go elsewhere. We always support a local business by getting a coffee or something. But this would not happen now and we would take the business to somewhere else, Chester, North Wales, or Liverpool.

1201. Yes, my elderly Mum lives on North Parade, so every time I want to visit her to be able to support her, I'm going to have to pay to park to carry out these duties.

"1202. I think that walaslay vans parking there was very bad and broke the system. There's plenty of parking space available and no need for charges. Also 1£ per vehicle won't generate any income for council coffers after costs and will hinder Wirral public access to the site

Public transport cannot fill the void either"

1203. The same comments above apply! Small independent businesses, restaurants, etc are injecting the town with life and a vibrancy again. This is still in its infancy. The introduction of parking charges will hinder how often I visit with my family and impact how much money I have free to spend with those businesses. A small monetary gain will result in a greater overall loss, businesses will close and you will lose the revenue currently made from those businesses. People visit for exercise and to improve mental health, less visits will impact significantly on this too and with greater costs being incurred elsewhere (strain on local GPs, NHS, etc.)

1204. As above

1205. No free access to coastline and detrimental scheme to local shops & businesses as people will avoid area due to charges

1206. Stop this stupid proposal now, local residents and businesses will suffer.

1207. As above

1208. No

1209. People will stop using the parking if they have to pay. Working people are paying enough taxes and open spaces should not be taxed.

1210. The free parking brings much needed business to the area which will suffer if paid parking begins. People simply will decide not to go. Likewise people's health will suffer as the ability to exercise in our fantastic coastal environments will be drastically cut as they won't be able to afford to go daily.

1211. As above

1212. It will stop me from coming to the area.

1213. Parking charges taking customers away from local businesses

1214. Unfair to charge local people

1215. As above, local businesses are already being hit. You are driving away tourists and visitors.

1216. I visit regularly and this will affect me and my families free time and dog walks

1217. Same as above

1218. Same as above

"1219. Here goes my first ever formal objection to something. I am 38 and I grew up on Meols Parade. My parents live there and I visit them daily. I read that preventing future parking congestion is the reason for implementing paid parking in front of my parent's home. I can assure you that there is never any trouble finding parking on Meols Parade directly outside any of the houses. My parents live at, between Roman and Dovepoint roads. I have taken several photos at different times of day to demonstrate how congestion just isn't an issue here.

I understand councils struggle to raise revenue for the important work that they carry out and have limited ways to raise revenue. Even as a revenue generating exercise, on this stretch of Meols Parade, I can't imagine it will bring in much, if anything, by way of funds to the council when you consider the expenditure that will be required to install and maintain parking meters and enforcement of the new rules.

Having grown up here and continuing to visit daily I have a good feeling for the area and whilst it may be next to the sea, Meols Parade is really a residential street.

I feel significantly aggrieved that I will have to pay to park outside my parent's home, the house where I grew up, on a quiet residential street, knowing that there is no problem with parking congestion there to justify charges.

I would like the council to reconsider these proposals on Meols Parade.

I'm not certain if it was just hearsay but I've heard a residents only permit will cost in excess of £600. I believe Wirral residents should be treated equally and that this is ten times the price of other areas. Can you please tell me how charging such different prices for a resident only permit isn't discriminatory?

I would like to see common sense decision making return to council matters and will support candidates for whichever party is able to offer this in future elections. If I can help with this in any way please let me know.

Yours faithfully,

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1220. as per answer 2

1221. Living in Alderley Road, parking is already a nightmare with the church conversion into 17 flats without parking and Sainsbury's both adding to residents' problems. Charging on prom will massively exacerbate our parking problems as more day trippers will try to park in nearby roads. Please do not introduce. Also it is vital to keep park and ride car park free at the railway station to encourage fewer people to drive into Liverpool.

1222. See my comments above.

1223. It would adversely affect local residents and businesses.

1224. Hoylake already struggles with tourism outside of times when golf championships are on, due to the ongoing issues with the beach. Imposing charges will further impact this. This road is also used by residents and users of Hoylake Sailing club. There are no other parking facilities at the venue.

1225. Yes. This scheme is motivated by greed and it will be counter-productive in its outcomes. It will decimate visitors to New Brighton and the environs and will destroy the local economy, thereby reducing the amounts the council get through business rates etc. Just at a time when the economy needs a boost this is the last thing you should be doing. If you want get income from parking then place a Parking Tax on the big out of town shopping centres, but sadly I fear you are already in the pockets of organisations that inhabit such venues. You should be promoting town centres and encouraging people, businesses and

investment into them, not discouraging them with measures such as this. The evidence is clear of the damage you are doing. Look at Southport and Nuneaton town centres for example. They are a shadow of their former selves and it's due to a very large extent by greedy and penny-pinches schemes like this. Please take on board what I and doubtless many others have said in their objections and don't make the same mistake. The dire consequences if you do will be felt for many years to come.

1226. We pay enough out as it is. Road tax, council tax!

1227. As above - Detrimental to public health by deterring people from exercise and leisure. I suspect the costs of installing and maintaining payment hardware plus enforcement costs will considerably reduce the anticipated proceeds

1228. Cannot afford parking charges, love to get out and walk my dog for mental health and wellness.

1229. I live on Meols Parade and parking on the promenade is never a problem even in the middle of summer. So do not see the point of introducing charges other revenue creation?

1230. Access to leisure. Access to exercise areas.. Local business.

"1231. The imposition of parking charges on South Parade is unlawful as it has been proposed for revenue generation and not traffic management .

The Barnet case confirms that that Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 is not a revenue generation legislation."

1232. Parking should be free in order to promote and assist residents to maintain healthy lifestyles; this will in turn reduce healthcare costs and improve societal behaviours.

1233. Will damage businesses, local churches and school.

"1234. Parking should be free to promote a healthy lifestyle for residents and non-residents alike. The long term savings in physical, mental and elderly care clearly outweigh the short term revenue to the council.

Having a financial cost to being outside is not in the local or wider society interests."

"1235. Hi, I do object to the parking charges as those will lead to an increased financial burden for the residents of the adjacent street. We live in Strand Road and our household is owning one car. Since we have moved into Strand Road, we have hardly been able to park outside our house, as most households in the road own at least two cars and there is only room for one car outside each house. As a trained nurse I am working 12.5 hour shifts and usually arrive at home after 20:30. By that time there is no parking space left in Strand Road and I have to park my car in North Parade. I will certainly not be delighted to pay any amount of money then for parking my car. Parking charges will lead to more people parking their cars in the roads nearby North Parade and this will definitely not improve the parking situation.

I would be happy to pay £60,- a year for a parking permit, if a parking space in Strand Road can be guaranteed for my car. As there is only enough room for one car outside each house in the road, each household should get only one parking permit for Strand Road. If a household owns more than one car, than they should be permitted to buy parking permits for North Parade. My concern is, that many people will continue parking their cars in a road without a parking permit as this will not have any consequences for them. To counteract this, the owners of illegally parked cars should be fined. This would require frequent checks, which in turn would lead to a financial burden on the council .

Another possibility would be to further improve and expand public transport. Then fewer cars would be needed overall.

Kind regards

Chris "

1236. Charging will discourage families taking children for much needed exercise.

1237. Discourages healthy access to the beaches for kitesurfing and access to local clubs and shops

1238. This area is not very popular atm due to all the grass.

1239. Should be free

1240. Introducing parking charges will deter people from exercising, and negatively impact mental health. This could be mitigated of people who pay Council Tax or Business Rates to Wirral Council were either exempt, or could buy an affordable annual pass for all Council owned car parks.

1241. Moving visitors towards residential areas.

1242. It starts with overnight charges, how long until the charges increase in price and are applied 24/7? What do we as residents pay council tax and road tax for? This a slippery slope and I have no faith that Wirral Borough Council won't take this further if we lie down and take this now.

1243. Charging for parking on the parade will create more street parking down our road and other side streets.

"1244. I have no problem with charging a reasonable amount for medium term parking.

But this has to be balanced against the potential to significantly impact local businesses where people are ""popping to the shop"" or something similar as they will go elsewhere/ online.

This type of traffic is also more likely to then park outside of the car park eg on the nearby roads, annoying local residents

Therefore I would suggest that a compromise would be that parking is free for the first hour, then chargeable, targeting those who are staying for a while"

1245. We often visit the sea front at Meols and Hoylake to park up and picnic. We are of low income and will be forced to stop if parking fees are introduced. Depriving us of this free option will detract from our quality of life.

1246. Lifelong regular visitor, low income, can't afford parking. Will have to cease visiting altogether negatively impacting my quality of life.

1247. I object on the grounds that there are enough charges levied on the tax payer and vehicle owners as it is. There has been no requirement to charge in the past so what has changed?

1248. This will add a cost to those regularly using Hoylake Sailing Club who sail off the prom and those launching off Dove Point. Could a discount parking pass be introduced?

1249. Let people enjoy the prom. I feel you will just push people into parking on the local roads which are already busy.

1250. You are penny pinching, show me the labour manifesto that stated the first meaningful change you are making post election is to create parking charges? It is a cost of living crisis where salaries have not even come close to inflation and you offer no financial subsidence but instead demand residents pay to park in run down car parks. There are no major attractions the car parks are near. You will close local businesses down. You need to remember that we pay car tax, council tax, massive income tax. We are already bled dry and you ask for more. It's a disgrace you are trying to push this through again and as a resident of 28 years I expect you to see sense.

1251. As above

1252. There's no need for this nonsense. It kills the enjoyment of people.

1253. Very little use of the promenade anyway and so parking charges will affect local businesses.

1254. Shoppers will be reluctant to visit the area due to parking charges. It will further affect workers in the local shops who cannot afford the charges

1255. Open spaces should not be monetised... its a place for people to unwind, relax forget about the rat race and not having to pay for it

1256. This will damage trade and visitors to the area

1257. Will stop people going to the area

1258. This scheme to introduce 24 hour parking charges will devalue all properties along North Parade and Meols Parade by 10%. On top of that, the carer will now have to pay when attending my terminally ill Wife.

1259. See comment below

Appendix 3: Do you have any comments about South Parade, West Kirby. Scheme reference number TO/24/42?

1. Same as Q1

2. Again all you will do is drive people away from the area and affect the shops and businesses trying to make a living

3. Would affect local shops

4. Driving potential visitors away from the area

5. You cannot tell the public to get out for their mental health then charge them for the privilege. This council really is trying to kill off our economy.

6. Same comments, local trade as above, and adding safeguarded jobs as all of these will be affected by parking charges.

7. This will damage local businesses as fewer people will visit the area. You need to invest more in cycling infrastructure. There is nowhere safe for people to park their bikes. There are not enough on-street bike stands.

"8. Introducing charges will impact local businesses.

Without the businesses, you, as a council will also lose out on businesses rates and the area will become rundown and unattractive to visitors and new businesses. Think long term impact."

"9. Arguably the charge isn't high enough. You also need to consider introducing other TROs on surrounding streets – particularly No Stopping on Verge or Footway TROs – otherwise entitled drivers will almost certainly dump their cars on footways on surrounding streets.

You also need to provide more secure bike parking using Sheffield stands so people have an alternative way of arriving and staying at this destination other than by car."

10. Would discourage visitors from coming to West Kirby and local businesses would suffer

"11. Public transport is completely unreliable on the Wirral. Cycling is too dangerous due to a lack of cycle lanes. Buses turn up when they want, trains break down all the time, and the private companies that run these services are not held accountable.

You've built an entire peninsula which is only hospitable to drivers, and now you're planning on charging more for parking. It's disgraceful and disgusting. "

12. Beauty spot that should be free to park for all Wirral residents
13. Sitting by the sea with maybe a little walk is a small pleasure which hard up people can enjoy . Wirral has miles of coast line ,most of which is closed off or not visible to the public. This should not be further restricted producing the worry for the innocent visitor of getting a ticket ,spoiling the visit.
14. A time limit rather than a charge should be imposed.
15. Will just push cars onto local residential streets
16. As above
17. Parking charges will make people park on residential streets, making it harder for residents to access their properties
18. Times are Hard and the council are making times HARDER youll be charging for us to breathe soon
19. Yet again you never listen to the electorate who have previously rejected these proposals. This will just drive people into side roads off the prom or into Morrisons Car Park. Yet again impacting on all the small businesses in West Kirby and residents
20. We need to ensure that this stays as only overnight parking and is not a prelude to full daily payments
21. It will impact the number of visitors which will in turn impact local businesses
22. Families are struggling to provide for them selves and this is a nice free day out in the summer for most wirral residents don't spoil it by now charging and taking away that very rare free family day trip there are residents that park there and it causes obstruction so maybe limit parking times.
23. As above
24. It will destroy tourism and day trippers and devastate the local economy. Once you start charging for parking the whole area starts to deteriorate. It is a terrible terrible idea . It's low hanging fruit for the Council but you are failing to consider the downstream consequences.
25. A visit and a walk along the public walkway should be free of any charges or interference of freedom to enjoy.
26. As a single parent of 2 young children with limited finances, this is an area we and many other families visit because it is an affordable and enjoyable option that is achievable on a limited budget. By applying additional costs will remove this as an option for many people. Also, a popular area for the ederyly and disabled, a lot of whom who rely on private transport to get about and often don't benefit from the blue badge scheme - this vulnerable demographic will be impacted severely by additional costs, especially in the current economic climate.

27. No charging

28. Residents parking needed all over west kirby car parks empty where you could earn income streets full of commuters. Holistic approach needed to avoid displacement parking

29. Wirral promoted as a leisure peninsula ...inflicting car parking charges in this area will just push more cars onto surrounding residential areas causing even more congestion and possibly deter visitors altogether.

"30. How to totally eliminate trade from already

Any struggling areas."

31. This will just divert all parking up the streets and residents will not be able to park as many of the roads do not have off road parking facilities, unless this comes with free resident parking - just look at the logistics please before you do this! Traffic volumes will increase as people drive around looking for free spaces, pollution will increase and dare I say damages to vehicles and road accidents

32. To aid health and wellness people go for walks, meet up with friends, a price should be put on for health/mental health and how long a casual stroll takes. When so many people are struggling with mental health and cash flow this will have a negative effect on both.

33. See comments Q2

34. Didn't know there was any free parking at West Kirby.

"35. As a resident of Alexandra Road you are creating a nightmare for the people who live in the roads leading to the promenade. We already have very limited parking, which we accept because we love where we live and we understand that people want to come and visit our beautiful town. However, by introducing charges to the promenade you are going to push people in to parking in our residential street in order to avoid paying. This is going to leave no where for the people who live here to park and it is us who will end up having to pay.

Why on earth should we be charged to park near our homes?!

If these charges are going ahead then you MUST introduce resident parking permits for this who live here.

There are elderly, families with young children, and infirm people who live here and you cannot deny them access to their homes. It's outrageous.

We will not accept this quietly. "

36. I live on South Parade. We do not have a driveway. I have to park on South Parade. It is wholly unfair to charge me to park on the street outside my own house. The charge will also result in the streets leading down onto to South Parade becoming busier and more congested as people try to park there to avoid the charge. This is unfair to local residents who will struggle even more to find parking outside their houses.

37. This will deter locals and in turn affect businesses in the area . Locals should be exempt or have pass to prove residency .

38. See comments in 12 below

39. If you want to get people out to enjoy the Wirral then you shouldn't penalise them, especially the old and disabled who have no other option than to use cars as they can't walk or cycle and public transport is either not available, doesn't run very often or takes a long time. At a time when there are more mental illnesses these are going to stop people getting out and there will be a further impact on people's mental wellness which will end up with more people having to go to drs and hospital putting more strain on NHS.

40. Just like the first two.

41. As above people visit the coast for their wellbeing and health, it is a cheap day out for families and parking is already crowded in west Kirby this will force people to park in residential areas.

42. This is a terrible idea. It will ruin the use of the prom and clog up the local roads, making them impossible for residents to use. You at the council will then likely waste time and money creating parking permits and other completely expensive and unnecessary schemes, ruining the parking for residents or even making them pay, as well as ruining the experience of many runners, dog walkers, and people that just want to enjoy the scenery on the prom. It is a complete waste of our taxes and will not make you any money, if that's what you're thinking about (which I imagine is all you're thinking about). I strongly object to this scheme and will do whatever I can to vote out anybody that had a say in this if it goes ahead. This isn't a purpose-built car park, it's literally just a road people happen to park along. There's no toilets anymore now that you've closed them all. These people are not there to spend money, they are there to get exercise and view the beautiful scenery of the Wirral, and you're about to commercialise that? And make them pay just to enjoy the place they live? It's absolutely disgusting. I hope everyone involved in this realises that.

43. How to kill-off people enjoying a few hours at the beach, they will instead fill private car parks such as Morrisons, West Kirby cafes and other shops are really struggling at they moment yet you think this is a sound decision. This proposal will have a very negative impact on West Kirby Sailing Club and thousands annually who use the lake for wellbeing activities as participants park on South Parade. Ludicrous.

44. As above the coastal area around West Kirby especially the walk around the boating lake and over to Hilbre Island are some of the most picturesque places on the Wirral. This is

enjoyed not only by dog walkers, children and families, but also photographers and birdwatchers alike. And you are considering charging people for this. Do you have any idea how heavy camera equipment is, what parenting is like trying to get everything onto a bus. Cycling is out of the question, unless you plan on changing the effects of global warming to calm the weather a bit.

45. Purely for the lack of parking in these areas in the first place

46. As above.

47. NHS health and wellbeing statistics show obesity and mental health crises. People need to be able to "get outside" and enjoy nature for the health and well-being. Adding these charges could prevent people from being able to do so.

48. Once again Wirral council is out of touch with what residents want. This will decrease the amount of people coming to the area which businesses rely on and is wholly unfair on motorists. Your anti motorist agenda as well as failing to listen to the public on multiple consultations is a very bad look for the council. These charges are not wanted by locals or visitors and should not be forced on us because of the councils inability to manage its finances properly.

49. There are less and less things you can do now that don't cost anything. Lots of people enjoy watching the sun set/go for a walk around those areas. I get that the council need to find ways to make up the shortfall but it shouldn't be at the expense of the residence who are already paying more for a lot things like food, housing and energy. The government should be increasing budgets, not cutting them.

50. It's totally unnecessary and will reduce the number of people visiting the area. With the cost of living through the roof, some families rely on free days out to maintain good mental health and general wellbeing. This will take that away from many families.

51. Will stop people wanting to go and walk along the prom and they will park in residential streets making more congestion

52. Stop the control on the wirral and ripping people off.

53. No consideration for residential parking and the knock on effect it will cause.

54. Will put visitors off & ruin local businesses

55. The parking charges will have a detrimental effect to the sailing club. Is there a way the club could have free/heavily discounted parking, as the cost will definitely put me off going to the lake for an afternoon.

56. This scheme was voted no a while back, not sure why we are replicating the vote. People are sick of WBC take, take, taking. Don't ruin the few perks Wirral residents have left

57. Many streets adjacent to South Parade have parking for residents however if parking fees are introduce along the parade more members of the public will park along these

roads. This will have a detrimental affect on local businesses and residents. West Kirby has an ageing population and it is unfair to introduce parking costs which will impact negatively upon residents trying to park outside their own properties. These local residents have been paying council tax for years and it is an insult to them to put this scheme forward. You need to work with local residents and hear their voices. They are the ones who vote for you so please listen to our well founded concerns.

58. You get enough money off us. Maybe try and spend it better and not help out other councils and make people go to work instead of giving money out for free! Whilst I am at it... get cleaning the roads and weeds. The Wirral looks scruffy.

59. As above

60. It is bad enough you have to pay for the privilege of parking to visit local parks and spots such as Thursaston, Royden Park, Arrowe Park etc and now you want to do the same when visiting the beach? Since that charge came in not once have I visited these places and the same will happen if further charges are put in place. What about struggling families who's only solace is a free day out at the beach or pensioners who go to obtain a weekly cup of coffee? This scheme is so wrong on so many levels.

"61. Many people walk daily in this area with obvious benefits to both physical and mental health. The introduction of charges would dissuade many, including myself, from doing so as a daily walk, with charges of even £2 per stay, would incur a considerable cost of approximately £60 per month. You would thereby restrict the option of cheap, easily accessible exercise at a time when the cost of living is a major issue for many.

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62. It's a place for recreational purposes why charge people

63. As a resident I already pay towards the maintainance of the promenade. Therefore feel I would be paying twice. I accept charges would bring in a revenue but a local residents permit with a nominal annual fee would be a lot fairer.

64. Having to pay for parking in these areas detract people from spending time in the area. This is detrimental to local business and deters people from spending time outdoors/ exercising. This is purely a money making scheme for the council for total disregard for the health and welfare of people visiting these areas for pleasure and business

"65. People need these areas free now more than ever. We need to protect families access to outside spaces. Life is too expensive as it is.

Charge people to park on the street outside their homes for cheap annual cost. Get more money that way and protect our spaces. "

66. It is detrimental to local business, pensioners, people who enjoy the beach but can't afford to pay for parking! It's disgusting!

67. Same as above

"68. There are already parking charges in place nearby, and it's unnecessary to charge for parking along the parade.

This will essentially only offer paid parking in the local area and is clearly only a money making exercise."

69. This will prevent people having open access to our beaches

"70. Will destroy business by sending visitors elsewhere with free parking.

Cost of living crisis - is there no such thing as a free day out?

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71. As above

72. Families and elderly need to have cheap access to open spaces where they can take in fresh air, walk and play to benefit mental and physical wellbeing.

73. There are a number of reasons why I object. I live adjacent to the prom and everyday i see people taking exercise. Very healthy exercise be it walking, running, walking the dog, yoga in the dips,etc. Many of these people have to travel to get here and they should not have to pay money in order to get some healthy exercise. Where does the council draw the line in trying to bring in more income? It never ends. Also, you will create problems because people will seek out nearby free parking in nearby side roads,etc. then residents will struggle to get parking by their homes. What then? A further cost to introduce a resident parking scheme?? I totally object to this scheme. It's a big open lovely free space and people ought not to have to pay to come and enjoy it. It will become cost prohibitive. Many of these visitors spend money in local shops too. This ill also suffer.

74. Another way to drive visitors away from spending in the local shops. Side roads are busy enough with cars and will make it impossible for the local residents to park outside their own homes.

75. It'll reduce visitors to West Kirby and displace people parking onto side streets

"76. Will reduce tourism

Will reduce putting extra money into local businesses from tourists/visitors

Will push parking into residential side streets "

77. Yes a total disregard for people on low incomes.

78. Unecessary

79. No

80. See previous comments

"81. People use our fabulous promenade.to be part of Active Wirral(oh the irony) .

They can park their cars , families can get their prams , children's bike/scooters out safely taking in the fabulous fresh air and views. , as can elderly who may not be able to walk down to the prom so p People use our fabulous promenade.to be part of Active Wirral(oh the irony) .

They can park their cars , families can get their prams , children's bike/scooters out safely taking in the fabulous fresh air and views. , as can elderly who may not be able to walk down to the prom so ark there and get their wheelchairs/ scooters (if they use them) and take I. The fresh air and views.

Charging for this, when many are struggling (heating allowance gone for many pensioners by YOU) Families struggling energy costs, food bills etc....this is just another tax on the vulnerable.

Mental Heath is Important here!!

Car owners are not cash cows!!!!

They are not a luxury item, they are a necessity!!!"

82. People come for health reasons - shouldn't be charged

83. This will only encourage people to park on the surrounding residential streets.

84. I think we have enough car parks where you can collect money from people wanting to enjoy the coast.

85. Local residents will be impacted by this proposal. People visiting will park in already busy nearby roads. Visiting a local area for walking and leisure activities should be supported and should not be an extra expense.

86. Will put me of visiting area and spending money in local business.

87. Local Businesses and tourism will be completely affected by this charge

88. I regularly park in West Kirby to walk as a form of exercise. Despite the council advocating that we should remain active, they make it increasingly difficult by imposing parking charges in all the country parks and now on these additional roads.

89. Locals should have exemption via some form of displayed card.

90. At a time when cost of living is so high and there is an epidemic of obesity and unhealthy children / adults, to charge people for a free, healthy day out is insane. Many families drive here, park up and take their children for a walk (possibly buying from local businesses on their way). To charge would be at a detriment to them, wanting a free healthy day out and at a detriment to their mental health.

91. Ditto

92. It's silly

93. All this will do is cause people to park in already overfilled residential roads, and potentially block drives, etc/
94. I would like to see an impact assessment conducted on potential impact to visitor numbers and local businesses.
95. This will deter people from being able to visit the area for social and leisure purposes, as well as hitting the local small businesses, who will lose out on trade. It will also just push parking onto the side streets, causing more congestion there.
96. Will destroy opportunities for growing businesses in the area and damage much needed tourist traffic to the region.
97. Same as above. Recreational area where people can enjoy fresh air without worrying about the additional cost on top of everything else increasing in cost. I sometimes stop for a quick walk if I have time & now the cost will probably stop me..
98. It will reduce visitor numbers and adversely affect businesses and adversely affect residents trying to park in roads off the parade and further afield
99. For same reasons as above
100. Access to our beautiful coastline should be free for all to enjoy. This will just stop people coming or push them onto residential roads
101. Waste of public money which again will destroy local economy. A new public car park would be a much better consideration, as people will visit for the day, will pay to park and spend money in the town.
102. It will have an adverse affect on local businesses by discouraging visitors
103. Yes! Already hard to find parking. Will stop people from coming to the area to enjoy the day!
104. Residents have a right to free access to the shoreline and Wirral's open spaces. Charging for parking at South Parade West Kirby will simply shunt all parking onto already congested residential roads around West Kirby.
105. Will reduce visitor numbers and damage local businesses.
106. Another nail in the coffin- pro will stop visiting
107. Fundamentally changing Wirral for the worse
108. This will severely impact local residents as people will try and park in the surrounding roads
109. With the cost of everything going up, we need free days out. Why would you take this away from us. We're suppose to be able to get out and enjoy nature but now you want to charge us for this.

110. Increased car park charges will reduce number of visitors and affect small local business who rely on day trippers
111. The point of the charging is unclear, but overnight parking should be done to avoid daily charges.
112. As above, taking away freedom, Wirral is a place to enjoy our beaches, parks etc
113. As above
114. Will force people to park in residential areas which will make what is a big problem already, a bigger one.
115. It will deter people from visiting and it will force those drivers who visit anyway, to park in nearby residential streets
116. Wirral council absolutely milking everyone dry of all their money. This will contribute to making families struggle even more that are already on a tight budget. What is the need in this! How do you propose this will be enforced it's impossible to enforce efficiently. It is a waste of money to install meters, new signs etc just like the 20mph zones that nobody follows. You just love to waste money!
117. This would result in increased parking on non charging side roads causing problems for local residents as well as a reduction in visitors to west Kirby affecting retailers.
118. I would suggest a time limited period in this area rather than charging
- "119. Lots of people park up to admire the view.
They will no longer come/ or as regularly. Businesses locally will loose out "
120. Not enough parking anywhere in West Kirby especially at weekends
121. Same as above
122. Parking in west kirby is already a nightmare. The majority of houses have no driveway so have to park on the roads. There has been an increase in flats being built without adequate parking facilities which has added to the congestion. This would only make matters worse as people would do everything they could to avoid the charges. West kirby has become extremely busy. If the council insist on passing building projects that increase the population, then there is a need for free parking and adequate facilities.
123. Same as above
124. It will dissuade people from getting fresh air around our coast
125. For the same reasons with the other schemes.
126. This will impact local businesses and tourism to the area. The council should be promoting and investing in coastal areas and not prohibiting tourism,
- "127. Parking charges can negatively impact small businesses and local communities by:

1. Reducing Foot Traffic: Fees deter customers, pushing them towards larger shopping centres with free parking or online shopping, which I and my family are an example doing so.

2. Increasing Costs for Businesses: Employees and owners face higher parking costs, burdening small businesses. Which then has an obvious knock on effect.

3. Harming the Local Economy: Declining sales due to fewer customers can lead to business closures and a less vibrant community. Which in turn drags in lower quality shops like betting shops and more charity shops which drag down an area. Then a cycle of decline starts or continues.

4. Causing Inconvenience: Residents may find it harder to access essential services, leading to frustration and a lower quality of life. Speaks for itself as public transport etc is appalling.

5. Displacing Parking: To avoid charges, people may park in residential areas, causing congestion and inconvenience for locals. I can vouch for this as I do exactly that.

These factors can make the area less appealing for both businesses and residents, ultimately harming the local economy and community."

128. We park here to visit my daughter as there is no room to park near her house in Church Road. Businesses in West Kirby will be adversely affected by this charge

129. WBC's greed is never full

130. Push parkers on to the already congested side streets

131. West kirby has a good level of tourism so restricting parking may force them to visit other areas in need of visitors.

"132. We want people to

Come and enjoy our wonderful promenade, beaches and open spaces. I don't agree that we should charge visitors and residents to use our open spaces."

133. This is a popular area for "parkand walk" so will discourage visits to the area and add to side road congestion elsewhere and cause economic damage to local traders

134. visitors will park in already very crowded side streets in order to avoid charges. Totally wrong of Council to charge people to park on the road. Council should be encouraging people to visit Wirral's outdoor spaces to walk and pursue leisure activities. Many elderly people visit and enjoy sit in their cars or on the benches to enjoy the view and get some fresh air .

135. Again it just deters visitors to the region

136. Save our high street keep our businesses accessible to all

137. As above

138. My partner and I love walking along the front with our dog. As such, we contribute to local businesses. These businesses will suffer as a result of people like us no longer wanting to visit the front if the parking charges come into effect.

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"140. I understand charging for overnight and/or CamperVan parking, but this particular scheme is likely to cause people to park in nearby car parks instead filling those for people using those shops.

People use this space to exercise, walk pets and socialise - adding parking charges has a knock on effect to these visitors."

141. This will have a detrimental effect on the elderly who use these car parks regularly to enable them to get out in the fresh air

142. Unfair to charge people to access open spaces such as beach.

143. It will make cars park in side streets and annoy the residents

"144. This charge cannot be justified. You are attempt to take away free days out for poor families while wasting millions on Birkenhead.

This area is used for excercise and dog walking for people throughout the borough who pay enough council tax and forced to drive on 20mph roads without you charging to park in public places. "

"145. If the council appropriately managed funds, the community wouldn't be required to further subsidise the council

Rather than review the councils management of funds and processes, the costs are distributed to those in the area. This will greatly impact those living near the parade, resulting in far more cars using side streets. No doubt this will offer the council and opportunity to make these permit parking offering yet another method for the council to bail out it's mismanagement.

I don't believe you've considered how busy these side streets will be. When the roads are double parked and a child runs into the road invisible until the moment they are struck by a vehicle, this will have to be the responsibility of the council."

146. Detrimental to tourism

147. This is diabolical. The local residents in this scheme have NOT been taking into consideration, and once again the council is thinking about how they can make money not just for those who will pay to park, but also those who will have to pay for parking permits, outside of their own homes, at approx £600 a year per car. Families now a days have up to 4+ members, this is an extortionate cost for no apparent reason. Why is it only now this scheme is being thought about? Because the council hasn't managed its previous funds

correctly? There has been no need or requirement for paid parking now or in the history of the prom, so why now? Why suddenly change this? It is a money making scheme where if it is successful, I can assure you the council will spend the funds elsewhere, other than where it's supposed to be spent.

148. Although this area is often busy, most local businesses are short stop business rather than all-day, and people tend to come, walk, then leave with a fairly high turnover except for the expected busy summer days with people on the beach. This area does not need to be a paid parking area as this will not change the behaviour of increasing turnover and will not create the result that the council have published they want.

149. We all need exercise and driving to walk along the prom is important for health. Lots of people can't ride bikes but enjoy a walk.

"150. it will affect people's ability to enjoy the water front & mental health benefits.

Why make it harder for people to get out into the natural environment "

151. Detrimental to area. If it were to be introduced, overnight charge should start much later

152. It will kill the area with the potential and likelihood of moving parking to the residential streets.

153. It will force parking onto residential streets. Reduce the number of tourists and restrict residents from using the seafront our council tax pay for. It will restrict dog walkers and people who exercise there for free. Another waste of money by Wirral Council.

154. Encouraging parking in side roads where residents already struggle to park

155. I believe that with the cost of living crisis - taking away people's ability to freely enjoy a nature reserve space is immoral. I also believe it will affect local businesses as it is off putting to those wanting to visit who will try to find alternatives. It is also unfair to dog walkers who rely on this space to let their pets have adequate exercise.

156. Will reduce visitors, so revenue will not be as high as forecast. Adverse impact on local business. Adverse impact on local health as will act as a barrier to improving fitness

157. We pay enough in Council tax (nearly highest in country) to cover upkeep of car parks. THE COUNCIL WILL DESTROY THE HIGH STREET.

158. It is poor for businesses and locals

159. Will affect business's

160. Parking charges will reduce footfall in the area and therefore negatively impact local shops, cafes and amenities.

161. Same as above you have already ruined Birkhead this is a final nail in coffin

162. It will just encourage people to park in the crowded side streets. What little tourism comes to the area will pay so you will just be charging local dog walkers and families to park in their own area.

163. Again, it will prevent people visiting the area or push people to park in the local supermarket and residential areas. As above, effecting business, employment rates and people's health.

164. Likely to have an adverse effect on local economy as less people will travel, tourism impact too?

165. Increasing charges will just stop people from going there.

166. It will just stop people parking there and they will then start parking in the already highly congested side residential streets.

167. The cost of living is tough enough as it is. To impose parking charges will limited local use of our natural beauty and few areas that can be a "free day out". This is blatant money grabbing by a corrupt council. Not only does this affect local access to nature, it will affect local businesses and tourism during the summer. Locals deserve to park in their community for FREE. Shame on you Wirral Council.

168. Parking charges will drive customers away from local shops damaging local businesses

169. As 2

170. As above

171. As a local resident i think it's a disgrace to have to pay to park everyone I want to go to this location to take a scenic walk with my family. I think Wirral residents should be exempt from these charges.

172. The numerous recreational users of the promenade will be deterred. A scheme ensuring access free of charge before 9am and after 6 pm is preferable and sufficient free spaces to enable recreational use for all. Early dog walkers/runners and sailors will be put off and damage to health and well being will follow.

173. People will park in residents streets taking up their spaces

174. Will put people off visiting

175. Again, this will cause further congestion and issues for the surrounding residential streets.

176. Charging for parking here will lead to increased parking in other already very heavily congested areas West Kirby and the increase of foot traffic from these residential areas to Marine Lake and the sea front.

177. This will stop people parking here, enjoying the outdoors and taking walks. This will impact people's health and therefore have a negative impact on the NHS.

178. Stop. Trying to close businesses by stopping people parking

179. It will cause more congestion in side streets where people will park instead.

180. I already pay road tax, and the prom is a public space for people of all income to enjoy. Labour seem to think only the rich and wealthy should have access to public spaces. The working class are already struggling to afford food never mind parking charges. Absolute disgrace getting charged to park in a public space.

181. Will reduce visitors to the area, impact business, and discourage people to get out in the fresh air. Particularly those on low incomes

182. Shortsighted, may make a pound or 2 in the short term but it's just going to stop people and local coming to the area to spend their money. Shops restaurants and theatre will close then nobody will come at all

183. Put parking charges on South Parade and Morrison's will suffer as customers will no longer be able to park there.

184. Too expensive

185. See number 2

"186. This will destroy the thriving high street in West Kirby.

Businesses will be severely impacted.

Morrison's Car park will be used by promenade users, resulting in no spaces for people who are doing their supermarket shopping.

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187. Charging for people who come to these areas either to spend money in the local shops which creates revenue for the borough ,or to get exercise which helps the borough keep its health cost down.

188. As above

189. The council seems set on driving locals and visitors (motorhome owners and motorists) away from the area. The can find money for endless amounts of signage, and un used cycle paths but expect people to pay for parking and get nothing in return.

190. See above

191. Parking charges will have a massive impact on the local businesses and community access to open spaces. We should be encouraging people to use open spaces for their own wellbeing, which will have a positive impact on our health service.

192. This will stop visitors coming to the resort or else they will park in residential streets and annoy the residents by leaving them nowhere to park. You are trying to change behaviour to encourage people not to use their cars. You need to employ a psychologist to

assess the impact of human behaviour. It won't work - human nature means they will find other places to visit or to park that are free

193. my reasons are the same for all proposals for charges to current parking, as a labour controlled council we pay one of the highest council taxes in the country in an area of high deprivation, yet you seek to increase and enforce charges to parking in all areas stated which financially deprives ordinary citizens who are already struggling financially with council tax increases, gas and electric increases, mortgage and rent increases with crippling charges, cost of living increases to food and essential items are crippling, now you want to charge the everyday citizen additional parking charges with no due consideration of the local communities high levels of social deprivation high nos of food banks! plus the negative impact to the local economy, many people stopped shopping in liscard cherry tree due to car parking fees and you show a lack of disregard of the effects to tourists and visitors who are also struggling financially, they will vote with their feet and visit places that do not charge them to park!

194. More of a question than a comment, many disabled drivers (& carers with a disabled passenger) enjoy parking on the prom to "take in the view" without actually leaving their vehicle - will displaying a Blue Badge still allow this without payment or penalty ?

195. No

196. West Kirby parking is difficult, I think people should have to pay to park here.

197. Enough parking restrictions in West Kirby and becomes Impossible to visit!

198. As above

199. Visitor to the coast bring money into the local communities. The council should not be predatory on these visitors.

200. This limits access available to wirral residents

201. You will drive away visitors to the the area and struggling local businesses will go out of business. People will just park in side streets therefore causing congestion for local residents. Also charging money for parking your car to make profit is illegal as it should only be done to ease congestion and most of the places you are charging for are ghost towns

202. No comments

203. There are always plenty of parking spaces here so no need to implement charges in order to keep cars moving. The cost of putting in parking meters is simply a waste of money and would encourage people to park in nearby streets.

204. Attack on wirral residents again!!!!

205. Nothing has changed from 2022, when a similar scheme had been proposed. Implanting parking charges here will only push demand for parking into the side streets, where already residents are creating parking on their front gardens to secure a space when

they get home. This is having a much bigger impact on the environment than people poking for free on South Parade. Last time the cost v revenue model for this area was unlike to make any money for at least a couple of years, and in that time reduce the appeal of West Kirby as a short stay visitor destination, reducing visitor footfall to businesses. It's frustrating that despite many public consultations on this issue the Council do not seem to be listening , to the very people who reply.

206. Parking areas in West Kirby are already very limited by the hair brained new sea wall. Parking charges will lead to additional parking in residential streets, add further to congestion and see an adverse effect upon local businesses, too.

"207. This will impact negatively all local

Businesses. It will also affect residents and business staff parking which is very limited in area. "

"208. Many people drive to the lake and walk round as part of their daily exercise routine which improves their mental and physical health. Alternative free parking nearby is unavailable as the side roads are already congested with cars belonging to residents . Removing this facility will adversely affect this group of Wirral residents well-being. The alternative of walking to the lake is not viable for those who are time limited, going there before or after work. Many families walk round the lake and given the national targets on health Wirral is removing a facility that encourages exercise for the young and old alike.

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209. This will impact local residents and businesses massively. The side roads are already bursting and unsafe. We often have to park on the prom when coming home from work. This would also hinder Carers etc who visit lots of elderly residents.

210. See above. Tourism, local residents, costs.

211. Introduce £100 annual permit

212. Local people, who don't reside by the shore, park here to take exercise for their physical and mental wellbeing. Some are those who partake of social activities like yoga, swimming also fishing. Whilst here they contribute to local business. Bringing in charges will cause many to go elsewhere or even stay home. I can accept implementing a charge for overnight vehicle stays 10pm to 6am.

213. Will put off visiting area and shopping in vicinity. And will stop tourism!

214. As above.

215. I object again. I've stopped going since the new barrage scheme has reduced parking. My world becomes smaller every time you charge for parking.

216. I am resident of Alexandra Rd off South parade, the parking is already a nightmare this proposal will make parking even harder.

217. Adding or increasing charges will price out the poorer in the area who visit.

218. Charging for parking will have a detrimental effect on the wellbeing of wirral residents. Many elderly people rely on these open spaces for mental wellbeing. They cannot be expected to use public transport or the unnecessary bike lanes. They also shouldn't be expected to pay for the privilege of our natural beautiful coastline!

219. I live on south parade. I do not have a drive. The side streets are already full. How do you plan to support local residents? I could possibly understand if there was a permit scheme but without one this is unfair.

220. Impact in residents and local business

"221. Discourages people to come to the area and use local business. Pushes the cars to the surrounding streets so makes difficult for the residents to park. dissuades people to use outdoor areas and keep fit and healthy, creating added problems for the health service.

People who are unable to afford the charges will be disadvantaged and may become isolated if they don't go to areas they usually do and participate in activities they usually would."

222. This will drive away winter users. Perhaps bringing in a token parking value of £1 all day will help. I think you are asking too much for a new scheme. Also during winter months take away the evening /overnight charges.

223. People come to the wirral because people like me who have lived here say it's a nice place to visit but the parking charges are putting people off that's what killed of birkhead shops and will do the same to wallesey go to Cheshire oak or some places in Chester and you don't pay like ellesmereport after a certain time

224. Parking charges will drive visitors away and cause businesses to suffer. It will also result in people parking more in congested residential areas, which will be even worse if cycle lanes are introduced.

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226. As above

227. Recreation and exercise is a very important and valued part of people's life, in particular to maintain a healthy physical and mental well being. People are strapped for cash these days and taking away the ability to go and walk down the beach for those not lucky enough to live adjacent to them, without having to pay yet more money, would be detrimental to all. It would cost more in health care costs than would make in charges. It

would be especially detrimental to the elderly. It feels like yet another tax on the less wealthy compared to those who can afford to live by the beach and walk there.

228. You will stop people from taking healthy exercise walking around the marine lake. Which is good for physical and mental health

229. As a system we are looking to cut millions of pounds from our health care budget and spending more year on year on mental health and weight loss, launching apps and promoting a “healthy start” in life. This is ridiculous when the council proposition is to cut off peoples access to natural beauty and green space, widening health inequalities for those who does live within walking distance of these areas (or any green space in fact), for those who aren’t able to use public transport.

230. Please keep this free for all and for people on low incomes who already struggle to put food on the table

231. This area has been free to park since i moved to the area in 1977. You are meant to encourage people to shop local this will not help. Where are the workers, the shoppers and the friends and family of everyone who lives here meant to park ? we already pay council tax and road tax this extra charge is abhorrent

232. It will take money from local business and tradespeople. It will also push parking to nearby side roads creating stress for residents.

"233. When exercising any function under the RTRA the local authority (the Council in this instance) must

consider the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic and other traffic (including

pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.

This requires the Council to weigh up several factors when making a decision to proceed with a

proposal. These include, if applicable:

- The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;
- The effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting roads by HGVs so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the area through which the road runs;
- The national air strategy (section 80 of the Environment Act 1995);
- The importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles;

- Any other matters appearing to the Council to be relevant.¹

The Statement of Reasons provided (and indeed any documentation made available for the consultation, falls far short of demonstrating the Council fulfilling its duties, above. It amounts only

to broad strokes, lazy justification.

- The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;

How has the Council considered the 'desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to

premises'? Local residents have raised concerns regarding access and ability to park on roads on

which they own properties. It is clear, even to a lay person not particularly versed in infrastructure

and parking, that introducing the parking charges to South Parade will encourage visitors to use the

residential side streets that run perpendicularly. It is human nature to do so. Has the Council properly considered this?

Please provide studies undertaken of the seasonal impact of residential parking displacement and,

having considered these studies, how these findings support the proposed parking scheme (at all, or

at least without implementing a residential parking scheme in tandem). Please provide examples

where a similar scheme has been introduced in coastal towns (using data available on a country

wide basis, and not just Wirral) and the impact on local business and residents. Please provide a

breakdown of these findings to show the number of areas where paid parking was implemented and

whether residential parking schemes were implemented at the same time, later, or not at all (though

note my comments regarding Residential Parking Schemes, below).

- The effect on the amenities of any locality affected

With regards to 'the effect on the amenities of any locality affected'; how does the Council consider

the proposed parking scheme to be of any positive affect to the local shops? Parking will be more

difficult. More people will opt to use out of town shopping centres where free parking is available in

abundance. It will harm the 'amenities of [the] locality affected'. I have not spoken to a single

business owner (mainly on Banks Road) who is in support of the proposed scheme. In addition to a

reduction of the users of amenities, there will be the knock-on affect to employees and workers of

the local amenities; where are they expected to park? Is it expected they will have to pay? Note my

comments below regarding the introduction of a Resident Parking Scheme (and why this may not be

a viable solution should it be proposed).

Please disclose the Council's research into the impact on local commerce (and who undertook this

research and the process for undertaking the same). Please disclose the extent of any consultation

made (including pamphlets, door to door etc).

- Environmental Impact

With regards to 'the national air strategy (section 80 of the Environment Act 1995)' I can only

presume the meeting out which the proposals were made ran out of time before this was considered? For ease, please use this link to read the nation's strategy on Air Quality:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file)

[data/file/69336/pb12654-air-quality-strategy-vol1-070712.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/69336/pb12654-air-quality-strategy-vol1-070712.pdf)

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S122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The introduction of the parking scheme will result in increased air pollution, contrary to the national

strategy. Vehicles will be (and again, this is human nature) encouraged to drive in 'loops' around

West Kirby to try and find a 'free' parking spot. In other cases, vehicles will be idling for longer

whilst waiting for spaces and/or to avoid breaching regulations. I, a resident, will have to 'loop'

around for a space in the vicinity of my home. I anticipate (as dictated by science) that this will raise

Carbon monoxide (CO) and Particulate Matter (PM-PM10 and PM2.5), Oxides of nitrogen (NOX) and

Benzene amongst other pollutants.

For ease, I summarise the potential effects on health (note this is the effect on individuals in the area

affected more so, but the affect on the environment at large is also to be considered, including

global warming)

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- CO

'Substantially reduces capacity of the blood to carry oxygen to the body's tissues and blocks important biochemical reactions in cells. People with existing diseases which affect delivery of oxygen to the heart or brain, such as angina, are at particular risk.'

and

- PM-PM10 and PM2.5

'Both short-term and long-term exposure to ambient levels of PM are consistently associated with respiratory and cardiovascular illness and mortality as well as other ill-health

effects. The associations are believed to be causal. It is not currently possible to discern a threshold concentration below which there are no effects on the whole population's health.

PM10 roughly equates to the mass of particles less than 10 micrometres in diameter that are

likely to be inhaled into the thoracic region of the respiratory tract. Recent reviews by WHO and Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollutants (COMEAP) have suggested exposure to a finer fraction of particles (PM_{2.5}, which typically make up around two thirds of PM₁₀ emissions and concentrations) give a stronger association with the observed ill-health effects, but also warn that there is evidence that the coarse fraction between (PM₁₀ – PM_{2.5})

also has some effects on health.’

and

- Benzene

‘Benzene is a recognised human carcinogen which attacks the genetic material and, as such, no absolutely safe level can be specified in ambient air. Studies in workers exposed to high levels have shown an excessive risk of leukaemia.’

- NO_x

‘NO₂ is associated with adverse effects on human health. At high levels NO₂ causes inflammation of the airways. Long term exposure may affect lung function and respiratory symptoms. NO₂ also enhances the response to allergens in sensitive individuals.

2 All descriptions of potential effects on health/environment taken from ‘The Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland’

High levels of NO_x can have an adverse effect on vegetation, including leaf or needle damage

and reduced growth. Deposition of pollutants derived from NO_x emissions contribute to acidification and/or eutrophication of sensitive habitats leading to loss of biodiversity, often at locations far removed from the original emissions.

NO_x also contributes to the formation of secondary particles and ground level ozone, both of

which are associated with ill-health effects. Ozone also damages vegetation’

In summary, regarding the environmental impact and consideration of ‘balance’ having weighed up

all requirements, there will be an increased volume of pollutants with no commercial gains (note

comments above regarding affected amenities).

Please disclose who has been consulted on the environmental impact of the parking proposals and

their findings.

Please provide evidence that the Council has weighed up the above elements in accordance with its

obligations under the RTRA and yet continued with its proposals. Please provide all studies to

support these findings.

The reasons given always refer to the 'sustainability' of these plans. Without a doubt, paid parking will be

sustainable (note my comments below regarding income derived from the scheme) but has the

sustainability of local businesses/amenities been considered?

Please provide evidence of this. Please demonstrate the balance between sustainability of parking

plans v sustainability of local commerce. Please justify the value of a sustainable parking plan v

sustainable local business and the weight afforded to each by the Council.

Reference is made to the proposed changes as 'fair' is without any justification. What is fair to the

Council may differ to what is fair to residents and businesses. Fair to local residents is the ability to

park on a road that I live on without paying. Fair to local businesses may be that it is convenient for

customers to use their services and purchase goods. In what context is the statement 'fair' used in

the proposals? Fair to whom? Please provide the Council's research and findings that allow the

Council to make the statement that this is a 'fair' proposal, and what 'fair' is defined as in this

context.

Resident Parking Scheme

It has been mooted often by residents in the affected zone that a Resident Parking Scheme will have

to be implemented should the proposals come into force. In my considered view, this is papering

over the cracks and ignoring key issues. It is also not a viable solution for many. I have set out below

hypothetical considerations should such a 'solution' be proposed (though I note the criteria for

introduction of such a scheme is not likely to be fulfilled regardless).

As a household requiring two cars (two young children and my wife is a shift working hospital

doctor) we are also reliant on childcare assistance from third parties. Whilst I appreciate that

residents can apply for as many permits as vehicles are registered to the property, only a single

visitor pass is issued. This will be problematic for many.

There are also increased costs in (a) setting up of the scheme and (b) permit issue and renewal fees

year on year.

Has a Residential Parking Scheme been considered in light of the parking proposals? Has the income

from the introduction of such a scheme been considered? Please disclose minutes (if any) of meetings that such proposals have been discussed.

Regardless of the viability for residents, introducing a Residential Parking Scheme will absolutely

damage local businesses further. Again, and see comments above regarding the Council weighing up

the RTRA requirements and local amenities, there will be reduced users of local shops from anyone

that lives outside of walking distance. Local workers will not be able to park near to their place of work."

234. I have a business on bridge road and the last year it has been impossible to park anywhere near the shop as people park outside to avoid paying at the concourse. If you add more paid parking you will push people to park in free residential areas and affect residents and businesses.

235. Parking in West Kirby is already a nightmare for residents, I live down Alexandra Road and I have young children, it's not uncommon to have to park one or two roads away because so many visitors to the prom, workers and customers from local businesses are parked in our road. I don't have an issue with paid parking in principle but you need to introduce a free parking permit scheme for residents BEFORE it's implemented. It's beyond obvious that people will park up side roads to avoid the charge - you will lose your revenue and we will struggle even more. When permits have been discussed before it's been with a charge to residents - this is completely unacceptable as a solution with a cost of living crisis and with the reason being more money being made in parking charges by the council. Please do the right thing here,

"236. This scheme will force visitors to park on local side roads which will directly impact residents.

It's not acceptable to charge residents of South Parade and surrounding roads to park on the prom.

The scheme will also deter visitors to the shops resulting in lower trade and ultimately more empty units and reduced rates income for the council and lower local employment.

Research shows that charging for parking directly affects local high streets.

The scheme will also reduce the number of visitors and walkers to enjoy the fresh air and leisure facilities at the beach and marine lake. All at a time when we should be supporting the health and wellbeing of Wirral.

We have been here before and Wirral Council did indeed admit the shortcomings of the plans and they were rightly shelved. Let common sense prevail once more."

237. This will ruin family days out

238. As someone who has mental health issues. Being able to park and go for a long walk, helps me with my anxiety and depression. Many people are struggling with finance issues and having to pay for parking seems Wirral Council once again don't care. Visitors to the area will either go elsewhere or park in the side roads.

"239. Totally wrong here! The coast is an attraction that lifts spirits, gives fresh air. It's free and uplifting and at West Kirby is enjoyed by many pensioners a lot of whom can't afford to regularly pay to visit.

The effect of charges will cause problems elsewhere in WK which is already a nightmare for parking."

240. It will increase visitor parking onto adjacent streets which are already saturated.

241. Once again, it seems, our illustrious elected members and the officers of the Council have failed to learn anything from previous debacles of their own designing. One thinks of the multimillions of pounds wasted on the Hamilton Project which resulted, directly, from the end of Parking Discs in Birkenhead and the introduction of on-street paid parking. One can almost see the tumbleweed blowing down the deserted streets in that area of the Borough. Does anybody within the Council ACTUALLY look back at pet schemes which have failed? I am sure it is no coincidence that previous FOI requests for a P & L breakdown on net parking revenue were always refused (on spurious grounds). I despair!

242. I live in a shared property on a road off South Parade (Shrewsbury Road) and I do not have a drive. It is often impossible to park on this road due to dropped kerbs, driveways and cars of visitors to the area and shops...then I have to park on the front on South Road. We are also a two car household essential due to the nature of our jobs and often both cars need to park on the front from 5:30 until the following day. This will force people up the side roads to avoid paying for parking and make it even more difficult to park outside or even near my house. We cannot afford to pay to be able to park on the front if we are unable to park on SHrewsbury Road and this occurs several times a week.

243. There is no need to introduce parking along West Kirby promenade - It just discourages visitors to our area, and will affect residents and local shops

244. Absolutely ridiculous!!!! You want people to get out more but want to charge them to park. Its not even a decent view anymore. Disgusting.

"245. What a way to kill tourism,

It beggars belief that charging here is even considered. Please let's have some common sense here."

246. The overnight campers officially not local residents should pay or should be on an official site. If resident could park with a permit that would be helpful. As the attraction of the village shops and restaurants. Makes parking difficult.

247. Your taking the p***

248. The council represent the public of Wirral and they need to listen to our concerns. Parking charges will impact the poorest people and also local business's. The Council think they know best like when they wasted OUR money implementing ridiculous 20MPH zones, they can not be allowed to implement these parking ch

249. Parking by the promenade should be free for all

250. Making people pay for parking on the promenade will push more drivers to the residential streets, where parking is already limited. Also it may reduce visitors to the area and businesses already struggle here.

251. This will push parking onto residential streets

252. Charging to park on South Parade will not help the area at all. We'll have fewer visitors and local businesses will have fewer customers. Also, if you live on South Parade and don't have off road parking, will we have to pay to park outside our own houses?!

253. I appreciate the methodology in encouraging aturnover of users.

254. If you want to make the wirral accessible to residents and visitors you should not charge for parking

"255. The proposed Parking scheme on South Parade will affect local trading,shops,restaurants etc

The effect on side streets (I live on Alexandra Road) will be disastrous as regards our ability to park-

already extremely difficult every weekend to find a space anywhere.

A Residents' Parking Scheme will have to be instated on these streets!!"

"256. The council is reputed to be keen to encourage more physical activity. Imposing these charges will deter visitors from areas where they are likely to go to be active - recreation areas, coastal areas.

Imposing parking charges was seen to be disastrous for traders in Birkenhead. Removal of the disc parking and replacement with pay stations resulted in an overnight desertion of the town centre by drivers. eg Europa Boulevard, which was always full of parked vehicles during shopping hours, became, and has remained empty. Similar results can be expected for traders in West Kirby and New Brighton.

Imposing charges on promenades will simply drive vehicles onto side streets and shift the problem onto the residents there. undoubtedly, this will result in WBC issuing permits, for which those residents will be expected to pay - a further uncalled for financial burden."

257. The recent alteration to time restrict parking on Banks Road has hampered business and made life living on adjacent streets exceptionally challenging. The side roads have become congested and charging on South Parade will only further exacerbate this unless there is a pass for residents introduced

258. Proposal will be detrimental to the area, deterring visitors and so damaging local businesses. Parking will be displaced to local residential streets which will result in the need for residents parking schemes. Visitors are also likely to use Morrisons car park so they will need to introduce controls to ensure that their customers are able to park. Local shops, cafes and restaurants will be severely impacted by a reduction in the number of visitors which is likely to result in closures and the economic decline of the town.

259. I live locally and parking charges along the promenade will increase congestion and parking problems in the residential roads leading from the promenade. Less people will visit West Kirby and this will also affect local businesses. There is already a car park with charges at the bottom of Salisbury Avenue so why is there need for more?

260. This scheme will cause considerable congestion around West Kirby town centre and affect local businesses

261. Same as above.

"262. We should like to express our strong opposition to this scheme. We think it will discourage visitors from coming here to enjoy healthy leisure activities and be detrimental to local businesses.

We also do not think it is fair to local residents who live in the streets off South Parade, many of whom do not have access to off street parking and have to park their cars in these streets. If the proposals for South Parade are adopted, people will seek to avoid the expense of parking charges and the current parking situation will move from difficult to impossible. The plans for overnight parking will compound the problem especially if they have camper vans which take up a lot of space. Parking for residents has already worsened since the number of spaces on South Parade have been reduced as a result of the construction of the sea wall.

If the council needs to raise money could it not be done in a way which is not detrimental to the quality of life of West Kirby residents?

As a last resort is residents' parking an option?"

263. Restricts free use to only people who can afford to live in these areas, reducing our communities access to outdoor spaces. Especially for people who cannot afford days out.

264. Will effect visitor numbers

265. Charging on south parade will push people to park on the residential streets around south parade. This not only impacts visitors but residents who live on south parade, what about their visitors? Additionally, what are the charges for? What value is wbc giving to that motorist that he is not going to get for free when he parks in a residential street off south parade. How can parking fees be justified, what cost can wbc say that one particular strip of road incurs that needs to be charged for? Stop monetising parking to fill budget holes.

"266. I think it should be free to park here. Bringing in parking charges will restrict poorer people from enjoying the outdoors/a few hours of fresh air exercising with their children and/or dogs. Why not bring in voluntary charges

"If you feel you've had a great day out then please contribute if you can""

267. Parking should be free as this encourages people to go in local walks and shop locally which benefits surrounding areas and businesses

268. Parking overnight should not be charged for. There is no precedence on the Wirral for this.

269. This scheme may bring in some income but will result in local residents being put off from using those facilities that we have enjoyed for many years and are what makes this area so good. Also it will ultimately result in an overall loss of revenue for the area as other businesses and ventures will see a loss of users. A very shortsighted approach without actually doing anything to help or benefit the residents. Shocking!

270. It will keep visitors to the area away

271. No legal justification, it's purely to raise revenue.

272. I think this will negative affect visitors to the area amd will mean visitors use residential streets that are already busy

273. Again residents it's a knock on effect for all around this area, shops pay huge rents without their trade being destroyed by people not prepared to visit if they have to pay to park

274. Same as comments in number 2

275. Wrong to charge where people can go to take in the sea air

276. For the same reasons as above

277. How are people expecting to visit the area for health and relaxation. The council say Wirral is the leasure peninsula. How ironic when leisure activities are reduced and parking fees will reduce the ability to visit this area

278. Same comments as for paying for parking at meols parade.

279. There is often congestion in this area near commercial venues

280. I park here for work I couldn't afford the Parker charges everyday to park for work

281. As in 2 above.

282. As above

283. This will prevent people from visiting and will be bad for the local economy

284. Coastline parking should remain free and accessible to everyone. Life is hard enough for many at the moment and access to the proms is a matter of wellbeing and health for many individuals and families.

285. People from all over the Wirral use the promenade to exercise, social, walk their dogs. In an area such as Wirral which has many residents from a poor socio economic background these charges will put people off visiting. The Wirral has health issues related to obesity and type 2 diabetes and taking away areas where people can go to exercise for free is adding to the problem.

286. Housing with no drive parking causing huge pressure on smaller roads. Council have given planning in the past for houses to be turned into flats with no parking

"287. This will result in people parking on side streets.

We should be encouraging people to enjoy these natural areas and not have to pay for the privilege."

"288. You have not done an impact assessment. Parking is already at a premium in a very confined area in the streets that lead directly off the promenade. At weekends in particular it is already very difficult for residents to park anywhere, never mind in their own street. If you charge to park on the promenade, which is mostly used by visitors, they will park in the side streets instead meaning that residents won't be able to park at all. Where are they supposed to go?

Residents will be forced to pave over the few front gardens remaining in order to park at all, directly in contravention of Council Green policies.

Furthermore taxing parking and tourism will further destroy West Kirby's very fragile economy. Many shops and restaurants only survive on the tourist money brought in over the summer. Many bars and restaurants and other premises have gone out of business, not to be replaced, taking jobs with them. So effectively you will tax West Kirby out of business. So don't do it.

People need cars because public transport is so poor. There is no bus to Heswall and beyond on weekday evenings and none at all on Sundays. Cars are essential if you want to go there, or Chester."

289. It's a leisure area, and a tourist destination that people go to walk on, they do not want to pay for parking, it would destroy what tourism there is left. And locals' mental health would suffer as less likely to go for family walks.

290. What is the purpose of this other than to force business out of business and stop young families going to the beach, Comments as above and below

291. Overnight parking is very limited in this area already for residents who need cars for work etc, furthermore this charge will deter people from taking exercise in summer months and contravenes Government policy to improve public health by preventative action.

292. Why would you start charging? Its a tourist attraction and brings money to local businesses

293. I live off south parade and this will cause more problems than there already is as people will start to park in the side roads, I also have a business in West Kirby and this will stop people coming to West Kirby and shopping. We already have two council pay and display car parks, we don't need anymore....it will kill a town and we need people to visit and shop in the small shops

294. I live in a road not far from South Parade in West Kirby. This scheme will encourage more people to park in the streets nearby. This is already a severe problem for residents who do not have off street parking especially at weekends and in Summer. We often already have to park away from our flat. The council have refused to have designated residents parking which would solve this problem. If it gets any worse we will have to move out of the area.

295. When I moved here it was the leisure peninsula. With this move people wont park & walk along the prom and then go into the local areas to use the shops & coffee shops etc. It will not make the money you think as people just will not pay it. You are killing the area with the weeds on a beach. I also thought it was not allowed by law to charge on public roads unless busy etc. Very bad decision and shows WBC dont have the ~Wirral people at heart. As someone said its a great way to kill the area.

296. Ssme

"297. Parking is a real nightmare in West Kirby particularly but this isn't the answer. As a local resident this would have a massive impact on the use of local roads to park to avoid the charge and would make it even harder finding space.

Arguments as above also.

Keep our coasts and natural areas free.

Charge for shopping areas and built up zones. "

"298. I am a resident in West Kirby without a driveway in a road that leads down to South Parade much like many of the residents in these streets.

A popular location for walkers and day visitors as well as people parking in my road who work in the village it is already and often very difficult to find a space near my house, sometimes not even in my road.

Introducing a charge on the front will mean that all the visitor traffic is pushed into the residential streets meaning even more pressure on residents trying to park at their properties. More streets will be negatively affected as people park to avoid the charges and the volume of traffic in the village will increase dramatically as people circle to find a space.

When you consider how much money has just been spent on the front to make it safer and more attractive it seems counterproductive to then introduce a charge that puts people off visiting it.

We all pay more than enough council tax already"

299. As a resident for over 70 years and now a pensioner of limited resources I find it scandalous that the council feels they have the right to penalise their rate paying residents preventing them from visiting the places we already pay to be maintained etc.

300. See point 4.

301. Another totally stupid idea

302. This is a tax on health and well being and will affect the lowest paid in the community the most, people who can't afford to live there but come to enjoy the health and well being benefits making the unacceptable economic disparity between rich and poor in Wirral even worse.

303. NA

304. Adding charges to every road in the Wirral is disgusting. As a local authority you're going to make it even more difficult for families struggling to have days out.

305. This scheme will deter drivers from parking where they have to pay and will just create chaos in surrounding areas, i.e. in local roads. These open spaces are for people to enjoy, both physically and mentally, this will not happen if charges come into effect. Businesses in the local area will be impacted, you are, in effect, making Wirral a 'no go' area.

306. Again important people should be allowed access to beaches for exercise and relaxation for free, also parking in WK very limited and people will take parking needed for shoppers thereby affecting businesses

307. Wirral prides itself on being 'the leisure peninsula' but additional parking charges such as this will discourage residents from going out and getting regular exercise (with the long

term consequences for their health) as well as impacting on visitors to the borough and harming local businesses

308. The negative impact on local businesses and families who already struggle to provide leisure activities for children is not being taken into account.

309. This is probably one that makes more sense out of the proposals to charge for parking on the coastline. West Kirby is more accessible by public transport than other locations and is heavily used year-round. Maybe a reduction in car traffic here would be good but realistically I don't think it's going to happen.

"310. Same as above

Disgraceful!"

311. Why is the council intent on killing Trade for local businesses

"312. This is not 'an increase' as described in the justification it is an 'introduction of charges' as quoted directly from the webpage.

B. Public transport is poor in many areas of the borough. Use of a car is often the only practical option and is already very expensive. May we have realistic alternatives before adding more expense?

C. The fee high enough to put anyone off parking (the aim of the charge) , but very inconvenient to end early at 8am. Many people could forget to top it up and end up being fined."

313. It will just force more cars on to the main road in the village (Banks Road). West Kirby parking is already at a limit and this will effect visitors and business's.

314. Do not charge fir parking this will stop people visiting the area, and cause congestion in the side streets DO NOT CHARGE

315. There is literally nowhere to park in WK for free - your proposal is to put a charge on on of the last few free car parking places. I am a business owner in West Kirby and firmly object to this.

316. I am a West Kirby resident. Introducing parking charges on South Parade is, in my opinion, very likely to significantly worsen the parking and congestion situation on the residential streets in the town itself as residents & other day-visitors look for elsewhere to leave their cars whilst visiting. This will not only make life more difficult for residents and businesses, but worsen air pollution in the residential streets.

317. See below

318. I often use this road, park up and go for a walk, stop and have a coffee at one of the local shops. I will not be going if parking charges are implemented, stopping people from getting daily exercise will be bad for their physical and mental health. This will push up NHS costs.

319. It's a seaside resort, we want people to visit. If you introduce parking charges, people either will not come or park in side streets off the prom.

320. I regularly visit the area for a short walk to support my well-being. It is an additional cost to petrol costs even in the evening and would deter me from visiting the area and take away from money I might spend on local business.

321. Make the car park by the sailing center free, that will resolve your congestion issue.

322. Oh the contradiction. The council promotes West Kirby, to encourage visitors, and South Parade parking is limited, once full the people park in the pay and display car parks already (2 of them). Local people who live up the Hill in Newton who exercise at the Lake will be impacted. Older people who meet friends will be impacted, buy tea or pay for parking....not both. Local economy will feel the changes.

323. It will affect tourism and there isn't enough parking available in this area.

324. I live in an already congested road in west Kirby. Charging for parking will push more cars to park in already busy side roads.

325. Individuals who work in West Kirby and cannot use public transport have very few parking options. Introducing charges on the promenade will likely push them to park on residential streets in front of people's homes. Many of these roads near the promenade already have limited parking for residents.

"326. This scheme will merely punish local residents and businesses. Residents will struggle to park outside their own homes as visitors will simply park on residential streets rather than the front. Local businesses will suffer as people will chose not to visit due to having to pay to park. My grandparents used to drive to the front and sit in the car to watch the world go by and enjoy the waves rolling in - the older generation will stop doing this as it will become an unaffordable luxury.

Why are Wirral council doing everything in their power to increase isolation, destroy local businesses and increase residents cost of living? This scheme will not encourage tourism and for what? How much extra revenue do the council expect to raise by doing this? Disgraceful. "

327. Parking here doesn't cost the council anything, it is a public highway paid for by taxpayers. This has nothing to do with the environment or traffic flow, it is just charging people - mostly locals - in order to raise more money

328. This will severely damage local businesses

329. In addition to the comments raised under number 12, I would also point out that in Ashton Drive, West Kirby, there is already any issue with inconsiderate parking resulting in driveways being blocked and bins that are unable to be emptied as the bin wagon is unable to move down the road. Bringing in the proposed charges along South Parade will only result in further inconsiderate parking along Ashton Drive.

330. We will discourage people from using local amenities and areas of interest by introducing parking charges.

"331. Yes. South Parade is a residential street. I love on South Parade and have no alternative. There is no way I can afford to pay parking charges for part day and every night charges. An introduction of charges would seriously devalue my property. A residents only area would be unreasonable but a residents pass for those living on South Parade would solve my problem. I gather that an annual pass for parking in the country parks is available .This could be extended to cover the lakeside and would not be available to mobile homes etc.

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332. This area is vital for locals and tourists alike to access fresh air and exercise, this should not be subject to unnecessary parking charges which will also impact local businesses. We have lots of lovely outdoor spaces on the Wirral and everyone should be able to enjoy them free of charge!

333. You are detracting visitors and likely to cause increased parking in residential areas.

334. Should be no charge for parking. End wasteful spending in ineffecient processes or non-productive employees, rather than price-gouging those who the council should instead be serving.

335. West Kirby prom is a popular destination and. Car parking charges will destroy this area

336. This limits access to the beach and surrounding areas. This unfavourably targets lower and working class families access to blue and green space. Putting a cost on access to outdoor play spaces for children is going to limit the amount of outdoor activities children can access, again targeting those who cannot afford to pay for parking all the time. This is going to have a long term impact on the health of children and adults and will ultimately end up costing government and council lost revenue in health costs and lost working hours.

337. As above.

338. It is going to put visitors off coming to the Wirral

339. Crazy to deter people from coming. We need incentives to exercise, take time with the family

"340. Residents live along there.

It will be damaging to small local businesses."

341. I am sick and tired of Wirral Borough Council mis-managing our money. Stop lending the money out to other councils. Get this loan back.

342. I am an OAP charging for parking at any of the coastal sites is a tax on leisure and would discourage visiting parks and the beaches.

343. People should be able to enjoy our coastal paths for free.

"344. I would not pay to park. I'd park further away and walk which would clog up the residential streets instead.

People would take less exercise which would cost more in health bill instead. "

345. This scheme is not got for small businesses whose customers just need to nip in to a shop for some necessities

346. See answer to Q2

347. Profit before people. The impact on residents and businesses will be enormous. Visitors (who add a great deal to the West Kirby economy) will park in residential streets to avoid the new parking charges. This is human nature and is to be expected. The impact will be that residents and business owners will be forced to park on the front as all spaces on roads outside their homes are taken up. It is clear from the documentation that the council have no plans to immediately mitigate the impact on the local community. This is ill thought out and a slap in the face for communities whose lives the local council are supposed to be improving.

348. once installed they will keep increasing payments

349. I think this scheme is disrespectful and damaging and disrespectful to the lives off both the business owners as well as local residents. This would undoubtedly worsen circumstances to local businesses and inevitably encourage people to park on the adjacent roads forcing residents to pay to park near their own homes

350. Not good for traders

351. I think its stupid, stops people from going on walks getting exercise and meeting up with people ridiculous how want stop people from walking for hours and charging them for doing so

"352. This is a residential area .. parking is generally for residents and visitors or workmen in the area.

The only main group affected are local residents.

It is not busy and the costs of imposing parking fees will likely be more than any revenue gained. "

353. In addition to the comments raised under number 12, I would also point out that in Ashton Drive, West Kirby, there is already an issue with parking. which will be worse once parking charges are brought in. There is on ongoing problem with inconsiderate parking resulting in driveways being blocked and bins that are unable to be emptied as the bin wagon is unable to move down the road. Bringing in the proposed charges along South

Parade will result in cars parking in residential roads like Ashton Drive so they don't have to pay for parking. All the side roads running off both sides of Banks Road should be "Residents Only" which would take away the option of free parking.

"354. 1. Local people who walk their dogs will no longer be able to without incurring parking costs. Even in the early morning.

2. Parking fees limit access to families having time walking the prom / using the beach. This is in direct contrast to the desire to have a more active population

3. People will seek out free parking areas away from the prom but close, in residential areas. Residents will find it more difficult to park, particularly in the summer months. Will the council have a commitment to develop resident permit parking in these areas?"

355. You have spent upwards of £20 million on a flood defence wall. This summer despite the poor weather there has been a Riviera feel to West Kirby. The parking charges will be a backward step. People enjoy walking around the Marine Lake (including my wife and myself) and this healthy exercise will become penalised by the proposed charges

356. With respect to all 'coastal charges' being introduced, the Council should be looking to attract people to visit these beauty spots, by imposing such charges it will totally deter a huge amount of people, including myself, from visiting these places. The knock on effect will be significant to local businesses

357. People use it for leisure its costly and should be free to be able to keep fit

358. Introducing parking charges will be detrimental to local businesses and the health of residents.

359. Again you want people to get out locally and it will discourage people who want to visit low paid disabled and elderly just won't.

360. Disgusting.

361. Only in favour if a majority of residents in a road agrees to them. £60 is a lot of money for hard pressed residents.

362. A democratic failure, wrapped up as a tax grab.

363. Residents should be encouraged to enjoy open spaces to improve lifestyle, fitness and wellbeing to lessen the impact on the NHS and the introduction of parking charges will have the opposite affect, deterring many

364. Parking is at a premium here though parking charges might increase using the free supermarket car park to the detriment of genuine customer's

365. Ditto

366. I have concerns that a number of local residents with no access to off street parking often need to park on South Parade. I worry this scheme will disadvantage local residents.

367. As above a free open space for the young, & old, residents and visitors to use for mental health & wellbeing. Charges will deny a lot of people from using this and other areas on a daily basis.

368. Do you not want people to get some exercise walking round the marine lake? Older people enjoy this but can't always walk from home to do this, and just because they are elderly on a pension it doesn't mean that they have a blue badge for free parking.

369. It will force people to park on residential roads which are already full. Access to the sea should be free to all. We want people to be exercising and making people pay is just plain mean and it will stop people being healthy.

370. I live locally, parking is already difficult and to introduce paid parking will just make the other roads around WK even more busy and congested. There is no reason for this parking charge and I cannot see any benefit to it - what do you intend to use the money for? If you are concerned about turnover of traffic then put a limit on how long you can park there, that will solve the issue without having to charge people. It's such a beautiful place and it feels like you are taking advantage of locals who enjoy where they live. There is a huge pay and display carpark next to the beach so I fail to see why this is necessary. It will deter people from going and then impact upon already struggling local businesses in a time where people are financially stretched to their maximum.

"371. I live in Victoria drive and parking is already very difficult, mainly due to someone (92B Banks Rd) is using the street to illegally park long term the many cars he has for sale.

If you charge parking on South parade, there will be more pressure on parking in my street which already has many blue badge holders. Also may park in this street who work in businesses on Banks Rd to avoid the parking restrictions there"

372. Not lawfully presented

373. West kirby will become a ghost town if charges are bought in as this will effect local shops too.

"374. You will just move the problem to other streets and make residents pay for parking outside their own homes!

At the moment there aren't any issues with parking just a case of bad management of the the council needing to make more money. "

375. As above

376. I have no knowledge of this area so I am not able to comment effectively

377. No

378. Will lead to loss of resident parking in roads off South Parade and congestion of other streets in West Kirby.

379. Parking charges on South Parade will deter visitors from parking there and instead trying to use side roads directly off it. I am a resident of Victoria Drive and there are already significant parking issues here, particularly during weekends and summer months. This project is ill-conceived and will be to the detriment of both local residents and businesses.

380. No

381. We should be encouraging people to get outside and stay / get healthy. Parking charges discourage this. This is also near a residential area and parking charges result in people parking nearby and restricting residences from parking by their house. The increased parking in residential areas also make it more dangerous for young children and animals

382. Personally it will deter me from visiting this area as often as I do. It will damage local business and unfairly affects older people like me.

"383. The overnight £1 proposal will not easily be policed. It is the thin end of the wedge. Parking charges in general will not encourage people to come to the region thus impacting the retail economy. I also believe that residents and their visitors should not be charged for parking.

In my opinion this survey is a tick box exercise by the Council who have already made up their minds on what will happen. As with the 20 mph scheme and the cycle paths."

384. Would not be able to afford to visit West Kirby if charges were put in place

385. Paying for parking will kill off the trade and put families off going to that area.

386. This will cause visitors to park outside resident homes meaning residents will have less space to park than they already do, which is already very limited. If there was a free residents parking scheme in place then I would not object to this proposal

387. As above

388. Need to keep businesses open

389. Making it less attractive to visit. Destroying business opportunities

390. Would impact trade and day visitors

391. Introducing Car Parking in this Leisure area will impact residents and visitors alike with a consequential reduction in those visiting which will impact upon local shops and services.

392. There is plenty of room here especially overnight for parking. Fees would discourage tourism to our area reducing revenue to businesses that are already struggling. Also many senior citizens use the area to enjoy the view whilst sitting in their cars. I believe this is just a money grabbing ploy by the council

393. Object to charging people to park in areas where they support their mental wellbeing, by getting exercise and fresh air.

394. Small business will suffer

"395. I don't agree with charging local residents to park their own cars on the street they live on

Charging all local car parks will drive business away from local shops / businesses"

396. It will stop our family visiting this area as if we are paying, there are other places we may as well go

397. This will discourage people getting out to exercise and enjoy the environment

398. It will close businesses

399. This will harm businesses and prevent people being able to easily access services and walking for mental health

400. Right to easily access coastline

401. As per previous response

402. The scheme will stop people going to these places which will have a negative impact on local businesses, also make parking on side streets worse for local residents

403. We petitioned against this in 2018, when a huge amount was spent of the councils budget for a consultant to assess the situation and come up with ludicrous parking charges of £25ish a night. This fee structure may be more realistic in terms of figures, however it's still a terrible plan. There already is a council run car park next to the Morrisons one. There are already parking limits on Banks Road. As someone who lived in Church Road for 10+ years and still lives in central West Kirby, all this is achieving is pushing people to park on residential roads. Once that's done, parking permits will be introduced which is yet another way for the council to take money from us residents. It's an elaborate way to make money for the council, when we're already paying ridiculous council tax figures for poorly maintained roads and a flood defence wall that doesn't work. I paid less council tax when I lived in London. It's actually outrageous and I'm sure will end up in another petition and march on the prom

404. This will deter people from enjoying a healthy environment and increase the overall long term drain on the NHS

405. There is already a pay car park in West kirby

406. This will only cause people to park in side roads thereby causing problems for residents. Also West Kirby is place be enjoyed by the community and parking charges will discourage people from enjoying walking along the lake and getting exercise.

407. Residents of Wirral and tourists should be able to enjoy the waterfront/beach without having to pay. This should be covered in council tax. It is wrong to have to pay for something that can help with physical and mental health

408. Undermining effect on local economy and congestion on side streets from cars seeking free parking.

409. Destroys high streets, leads to unsafe parking blocking residential areas.
410. There is no need to punish people who live on the Wirral with more charges. It will affect people wanting to come to the area and local business
411. Parking in West Kirby is very limited already and introducing charges will affect local businesses and stop low income families from enjoying the coast.
412. Do some real work
413. I have family that live in west Kirby and also it's a nice day out for people who work all during the week to then go and spend they day relaxing on the beach and buying ice cream and buying from the local shops. Now they're gonna be charged to park?
414. It's a money grasping scheme. The people of Wirral have to pay to use most of the roads out of here and now we have to pay to travel around/ park where we live
415. In a cost of living crisis, the last thing the people need are more charges for trying to survive. Less and less people are going to visit the area causing a decrease in interest/funds for the area.
416. People should be able to go outside and enjoy Wirral, not clock watching how long they have been.
417. Will negatively impact local businesses and make it difficult for local families to enjoy the area
418. A tax on exercise and enjoyment you make me sick
419. It will impact local residential streets where parking is already extremely limited.
420. It will severely impact local businesses
421. Have you actually considered the impact this will have on small businesses!!!
- "422. Subject: Objection to Proposed Changes Affecting Public Car Parking Across Wirral

I am writing as a resident of Wirral to formally object to the proposed changes regarding public car parking across the area. These changes will have a significant negative impact on residents, particularly in light of the ongoing cost of living crisis. Below are my key concerns:

1. Financial Impact on Families

Introducing charges for car parks and on-street parking that were previously free, along with increasing existing charges, will further strain already stretched household budgets. Many residents are grappling with rising costs of energy, food, and other essentials. Adding parking fees to this burden is not only inconsiderate but will also disproportionately affect

families, especially those with lower incomes who rely on local services and community facilities.

2. Overnight Parking Charges

The proposal to introduce a £1 overnight parking fee (6:30pm - 8:00am) will negatively affect residents who may need to park overnight due to lack of off-street parking options. This charge also affects workers in hospitality, healthcare, and other sectors that operate during evening or night hours. For these workers, who often face unsociable hours, this fee is an additional tax on earning a living, effectively penalising them for circumstances outside of their control.

3. Impact on Local Businesses

Increasing parking fees will deter visitors from using town centres and local high streets, pushing them towards out-of-town shopping centres where parking is free. This risks harming small, local businesses that are already struggling to recover from the effects of the pandemic. It is crucial to support local trade rather than inadvertently encouraging people to shop elsewhere due to parking costs.

4. Increased Cost of Resident Parking Schemes

Raising the cost of resident parking permits places an unfair financial burden on households, many of whom have no other choice but to park on the street due to limited driveway or garage space. This increase is unnecessary and will particularly affect those living in more densely populated areas, where parking space is already at a premium.

5. Inflationary Pressures

The proposed inflationary increases come at a time when inflation is at historically high levels. Any attempt to link parking charges to inflation risks creating a continuous and unsustainable rise in parking costs. This will place a constant strain on residents, who are already dealing with the effects of inflation on essential goods and services.

In conclusion, the proposed parking changes place an unfair financial burden on local residents and will exacerbate the cost of living crisis. I urge the council to reconsider these proposals, taking into account the significant financial strain already felt by Wirral residents, and to explore alternative ways of generating revenue that do not disproportionately impact families, workers, and small businesses.

I hope you will take these concerns into serious consideration before proceeding with these proposals.

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423. Charging people to park in an area struggling to regenerate seems to be shortsighted and irresponsible. The only time parking should be charged in any area is if it is a high volume congested parking issue. The council should not be charging for parking to create income to fund other areas of funding short fall.

424. See above

425. Will increase pressure on side roads during busy periods. No mention of what these charges will fund. Reduce tourism to area and reduce business for local businesses

426. This will stop people visiting

427. Why are we being charged?

"428. People need to be able to visit area's of beauty

It's just another form of tax!!!"

429. We should be able to enjoy our beautiful coastline for free. Many will not visit for the day if they are expected to pay £6. Businesses will be badly affected.

430. Less people will visit West Kirby if they have to pay for car parking - this is a very popular place for people to come for walks and to visit the town, it will be such a shame for those who come here by car to have to pay for a space on the parade, I completely disagree with this scheme.

431. Will impact local businesses

432. I already pay to use the road

433. I would stop using the area due to the parking charges, this would not make me want to use the local beach's areas due to this

434. This will discourage people to get out and about and enjoy fresh air/go on walks.

435. See comments in 12

"436. Wirral Council need to wake up and become a reasonable and caring council towards it residents.

Your residents keep you in business by paying their rates.

Wirral Council in fact the whole of Merseyside Council waste their residents plus I will state again the people who keep them in business hard earned money.

The council plan the most ridiculous schemes to waste our money on. Schemes constantly going above the planned cost. Basically the council bankrupts themselves.

THEN TO COVER THE COST OF THEIR RIDICULOUS PLANS THEY HIT THEIR RESIDENTS AND EVERY LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS.

THESE CAR PARKING CHARGES ARE TOTALLY SELFISH, DANGEROUS AND CRUEL.

YOU ALREADY CHARGE AT EASTHAM WOODS CAR PARK.

YOU ARE ALSO SUPPOSED TO CONSIDER THE HEALTH OF YOUR RESIDENTS. BESIDES THE MENTAL TRAUMA YOU ARE ABOUT TO INFLICT ON BUSINESS OWNERS WHAT ABOUT HEALTH FAMILIES WALKING OUTDOORS ETC.

IT ALSO RESULTS IN DANGEROUS PARKING ALONG THE PIER AREA OF EASTHAM.

YOU INTEND TO ADD PARKING FEES TO THE SMALL VILLAGE AREAS OF THE WIRRAL WHICH WILL KILL LOCAL BUSINESS AND HIT THE POCKETS OF RESIDENTS.

STOP BEING SO SELFISH.

WE THE RESIDENTS OF WIRRAL ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR RIDICULOUS AND POOR FINANCIAL PLANNING.

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437. As above comment

438. Penalising residents who already pay large council tax bills. It will also deter visitors from spending time and money in the area, often at local businesses.

439. As above

440. As above

441. Same as above

442. isn't morally correct to just post letters on lampposts informing people you intend to change the rules, public consultation should be first. NOT DEMANDS. The people of Wirral are fed up with not being informed on council decisions ie 20 MPH- Cycle lanes popping up left right and centre it's all wasted money, regenerating Birkenhead town centre it's been dead for yours it will not be bought back because nobody wants to walk the streets of Birkenhead because it's not safe or pleasant

443. As above.

444. This will have an adverse affect on other nearby roads and business

445. As a resident of Wallasey I often visit Meols Parade/ South Parade to escape the busy New Brighton coastline for somewhere more tranquil. This area feels safer and improves my mental health/active lifestyle. I could not afford to pay to park there and would lose out, why penalise a resident of the region?

446. Adding parking charges damages local businesses by reducing traffic to them. How do you intend to help these businesses out?

447. Detrimental to local businesses and residents well-being ie those who walk round the Lake.

448. Many people, often elderly or with young children, take advantage of the wonderful views and gentle coast walk. Despite the green claptrap, charging for parking is just a

cynical exercise in raising money and penalising those who wish to enjoy the fresh air and scenery of their local environment.

449. I don't have an opinion on this scheme but the survey does not have an option for me to say that, so I clicked No.

450. Paying to Park on the Wirral disadvantages the poor and restricts peoples freedom of movement. It also discourages people from exercise so will have a knock on increase in the cost of the NHS. Cancel this scheme.

451. Killing off the small businesses that rely on tourism.

452. Take away business from local shops

453. Why should we have to pay when we pay road tax and council tax

454. No

"455. My thoughts are that the time frame should be 8pm to 8am instead of from 6.30pm. Day rate should apply for the lighter evenings short stay visitors.

In principal an overnight charge should be made for caravans and campervans, vans and lorries double the car parking charge for there length is twice that of a car"

456. I live near marine lake and day trippers use my road now to park if no spaces on the front, I'm finding hard even in winter to park on my road Victoria Drive visitors will try to avoid paying to park when then can use side roads such as mine

457. See above

458. As above.

459. Similar comments to those in Q4. Additionally though, most people who park next to the marina walk around the marina then head home. Those who cross to Hilbre try to park closer to Morrisons or in the paid car-park next to the supermarket. This is more likely to deter people from visiting West Kirby and motivate those who do visit to park further into the town itself. Again, as above, has a cost-benefit analysis actually been performed?

460. We need to encourage people here and not charge them for the privilege. We need to grow our economy and I strongly believe no car parking charges should be made and get people out and about.

461. People are fleeced enough by the council after paying their council tax with never ending increases. I would suggest if you want to save money reduce some of the council bosses salaries which for their stress and workload and vastly disproportionate to that of the people they are meant to represent.

462. Parking is stressful enough in west Kirby. If I really struggle I'll use the car park at the concourse which I already pay for.

463. It's hard enough for me to park outside my house without introducing this scheme - with these parking charges introduced, all visitors to the beach will just park down the residential roads to avoid paying and it'll be impossible for me to park anywhere near my house. Please don't fix what isn't broken and just leave things as they are! I cannot stress enough the inconvenience this scheme will cause for me and my neighbours.

464. I strongly believe that if you're going to introduce this scheme, you need to first offer parking permits to residents in West Kirby so they can still park outside their property. If there are parking regulations on the prom, this will be a nightmare for local residents. I urge you to think about locals and the repercussions of this scheme. I don't think it should be implemented at all.

465. Businesses in West Kirby were very badly affected by Covid. There was some recovery following this national disaster but then the extended closure of South Parade due to the construction of the new and predominantly useless sea defences further exacerbated the loss of custom to trade and also overloaded residential and visitor parking availability. The proposal to apply parking charges to South Parade will be yet another blow to the prosperity of our town and again overload local side roads with visitors who will avoid the charges . There is extensive building development of residential housing in progress and more in the pipeline in this town without commensurate availability of adequate parking so the problems involved will just get worse. It seems that as far as West Kirby is concerning any idea of joined up forward planning by the council is oxymoronic. We are under-served , under-policed and seemingly under attack. Please reconsider these proposed charges

466. Parking charges kill the area

467. About time this was done, the amount of money this council could of had by charging for parking over the years is staggering, it could of been used on regeneration projects there.

468. I and many more like me will go elsewhere to take their grandchildren for the day

"469. There is already a serious parking problem in West Kirby and this will make it worse.

You are preventing people enjoying their leisure time by the coast.

You will also make it less likely that people will walk around the marine lake, buy ice creams and and use the cafe.

It will actively discourage people coming from outside of Wirral."

470. These areas should remain free to park. There is little to do in Wirral and charging for parking will deter people from enjoying one of the simple pleasures tyat Wirral does have to offer.

471. Should be free to Wirral residents

"472. I didn't vote this local council in to start hitting car owners with more finances.

Start looking closer to home for your funds."

473. Visitors will be discouraged and local businesses suffer. Parking charges restrict lower income families from visiting.

474. Dissuade visitors, impact local businesses. Minimal revenue following cost of implementation, consultant fees etc. Other savings options available. People will just park in nearby residential area annoying residents and causing potential safety problems

475. Not necessary or wanted

476. People will park in nearby roads or supermarket parking .

477. This will discourage tourism and local people from enjoying the coast

478. People are already financially stretched and by changing it will deter people getting out and enjoying some fresh air and exercise. Will also direct people to park in residential areas

479. As answer to question 2

480. It's an atrocity what you're trying to implement.

481. We should be encouraging folk to exercise and shop locally and to park responsibly in designated parking places. Charging for parking discourages people from enjoying local beauty spots and from supporting local businesses.

482. As above- ruining local people's enjoyment.

483. This area provides valuable a recreational area that is not practical to use without travelling by car. This is a charge for keeping fit and active and the consequences will be felt in years to come by the NHS, Local services and by residents suffering with obesity and diabetes.

484. Stop charging local residents to park all over the wirral

485. Detrimental affect on area and local businesses

486. I am a support worker and take my clients for walks along the coast. This will not be possible when the charges come into effect. Parking charges will have a detrimental effect on local area and businesses

487. We already pay road tax. In addition it will stop people visiting and exercising here which will impact the physical and mental health of thousands of people. It will also impact local businesses at a time where things are already tough. It's simply criminal.

488. Yet again the same as above. It will ruin the trade for the area, and make a trip impossible for some people to enjoy where they live. A bit of sun and fresh air is a health essential, for mind and body.

489. Ditto

490. As previous comments

491. I would have to use 2 trains to avoid parking costs I like to shop in west kirby and may not if I had to pay for parking

492. It will mean that in order to avoid paying parking charges people will park in surrounding streets e.g Banks Rd and Hilbre & Westbourne Roads where residents park. These roads are at many times overcrowded with parked cars anyway, making visibility poor, and as such hazardous for drivers and pedestrians alike.

"493. Surly you want to attract visitors to the area., not deter them.

Locals also pay Council Tax, we have a right to be able to enjoy our neighbourhood and surrounding areas of which we pay to live in.

There must be some enjoyment in life, stop trying to take it away.

A lot of people run their cars on a tight budget.

The motorist pays Road Tax / Road Fund Licence to use their vehicle on the public highway regardless if it's moving or stopped.

You should pay the motorist when they park as when parked they are NOT:

- 1.) Causing congestion.
- 2.) Not causing pollution.
- 3.) Not wearing out the road surface.
- 4.) Not making a noise.
- 5.) Not risking an accident.

And many other reasons.

Why does this Council HATE the motorist so much?

This Council can find the money to build an unwanted wavy flood wall that doesn't work now they want to charge to park on the prom just to look out at a wall, no view any more. Not everyone can walk a reasonable distance, the elderly for example, then we all know how Labour treat the elderly so this comment won't count."

494. Rich in this area.

495. Greedy, unjust and completely against everything Wirral stands for. You will DESTROY what we have left of the independent shops / restaurants

496. Going to the beach is one of the only free outdoor activities families can enjoy to get exercise and fresh air together. Charging for parking means poorer people will not be able to go and get the benefits of being out in the fresh air and enjoying the beach.

"497. Disgraceful idea - we need people

To be able to get out & use facilities - this will be another restriction & all the money that has been ploughed into here already will sit go to waste as people will stop visiting "

498. People need to access open space for the mental and physical health
499. This is used a lot by the carers who take people with disabilities for some fresh air and exercise but don't have a blue badge themselves so this will probably stop now which is a travesty
500. Same as above
501. Spoiling the community
502. Wirral needs visitors and free parking will attract visitors
503. This will again affect the local businesses and have never been needed before.
504. It discriminates people who wish to exercise or wish to walk their dogs.
505. As above, it will be a nightmare for local streets if even more cars don't park along the front. And a huge impact on the cafes in the town, where people come, walk and go for something to eat. If they have to pay they will just have a walk and then leave to find a pub with free parking for lunch. For jobs, taxes, rates, the feel of the town, encouraging people to come live in these towns, we need the cafes, shops or they will come ghost towns that cost the council more in sorting out run down areas.
506. People shouldn't have to pay for a walk. I see many older or disabled people being taken down to sit
507. Also kills businesses on the wirral.
508. It will have an impact on people's mental and physical health and well being by restricting their access to a good, flat walk in the fresh air and maybe having a chat with people.
509. This will negatively impact the residents in the roads leading on to south parade as visitors will park on these street to avoid charges causing congestion
510. It will stop people visiting the area.
511. West Kirby already has parking issues. This will make matters worse and be a disincentive to shop locally.
512. People will park in the residential side roads even more than they do already in order to avoid paying the charges. This will cause even more problems for local residents.
513. Will reduce visitor numbers and local businesses will suffer
514. As above
515. Reasons given above
516. It will reduce the facility of both Wirral residents and visitors alike to access an amenity - in addition volunteer members of the West Kirby RNLI will have to pay and display to go out on exercise. The parking charges will impact on the town of West Kirby leading to

visitors and shoppers parking on already congested streets... a multi storey on the Concourse car park would be a much better idea!

517. As 2

518. The council have no legitimate right to impose any parking charges on any highway. The council is a registered business, and has no right to make rules based on erroneous climate emergency claims, and agendas driven by minority fringe groups and activists....it will also negatively impact across all age groups, and firmity...will make recreational days difficult for young families, large families, disabled, those with limited income. It will also destroy business both large and small...as witnessed by many town centres, especially liscard.

519. this is a leisure peninsula and we need visitors to increase the economy , not drive them away by charging for every available place on the wirral

520. Drive away trade

521. Will affect tanskys. People will try to park in local streets. le cream parlour will suffer and bars in town.

522. Need to stop, or charge roper fee for overnight camper vans parking. Please allow exemptions for RNLI crews

523. As above

524. I'm a local resident, side roads will be totally jammed up even more. Please can we have a residents parking scheme implemented.

525. People are being excluded from accessing the beautiful waterfront by introducing parking charges.

526. I OBJECT! All the points above apply. West Kirby businesses will suffer and close and we will be left with charity shops and boarded shops.

527. ...

528. It will force parking onto side roads which are already busy and residents will not be able to park near their homes. It will also affect shops and businesses which are already struggling. It is a ridiculous idea and reeks of greed and discr3s for people living in the area

529. Many people have enjoyed the Marine Lake watching the sailing, walking to Hilbre, enjoying picnics on the beach, a leisurely walk along the lake wall, dog walking, resting on a bench to admire the view, appreciating the fresh air and spending money in one of many cafes, restaurants. Charges would impact on the much needed leisure facility and affect local businesses

530. I have no opinion - this is a terrible waste of time when someone might only want to comment on a very local carpark.

531. Same as above

532. It will affect business and residents in the area. We live in Hilbre Court, and sometimes park on the promenade, due to a lack of parking spaces. When parking spaces on the promenade are not available, we get people parking in our private car park, which will be exacerbated if there is to be charges introduced. So too all of the side roads off the promenade, leaving no room for residents.

533. With the amount of council tax we pay to the council we should have the freedom to park near our beaches and water sports for our health and well-being particularly the elderly and people struggling to make ends meet

534. Will Adversely affect businesses in this area and people who live in this area who need to park their cars on streets outside there homes

535. Yes, it's down right ridiculous ! This will ruin the local trade & visiting tourist trade. A terrible decision. Shame on you.

536. I do not fundamentally oppose this scheme, but would observe that there is a potential to result in displacement of parking to residential areas unless new residential controlled parking zones are introduced to envelop the chargeable area.

537. See above

538. My elderly mother in law lives on west Kirby prom with no drive so what will she do.

539. As above

540. These parking charges will discourage public access to natural spaces, limit enjoyment of free, open areas, and unfairly penalise local residents and visitors. These fees may harm local businesses that rely on tourism, while creating unnecessary barriers to outdoor recreation and relaxation.

541. We need to encourage all to get out and be more active. Parking charges will have a negative impact on this.

542. We need to encourage people to visit our villages to support business

543. No

544. As above

545. Same issue as for North/Meols Parade - impact on adjacent residential roads

546. This will affect local businesses as visitors will not come to west Kirby. This proposal will ruin the Wirral. You are hitting people once again in their pockets at a time when many people are struggling to survive. Many local people use free parking as a means of exercising This proposal needs to be scrapped.

547. Again there are plenty of spaces, but the people you are hitting at in all the proposals are the local people, maybe their could be a way to give locals a discount

548. It will prevent a lot of people nipping to local shops for items they can get from larger supermarkets if they have to pay to park. This will have a massive detrimental effect on small local businesses

549. See point 12.

550. Punish the motorist

551. Just taking all the pleasure from visitors enjoying a walk round the lake and maybe do some shopping in the area

552. You say you want better health and then you take away our freedom to enjoy without charge our beautiful area. You say you want nicer areas and yet you litter our areas with your virtue-signalling-nudge signage everywhere. You say you want to improve business opportunities and then you deter people from going to areas which desperately need customers by your excessive parking charges. You have already killed Birkenhead with your excessive parking charges. We the people of Wirral do not want your parking charges. We already pay enough in taxes etc to local and national government. We have little enough money now. These roads and car parking spaces belong to us, not you. You are public servants who take money from the public purse to implement what should be our will but you do not listen to what we want. You, as a public servant, can also be held liable in your personal capacity if you do not act in the best interests of those you claim to represent (the public). Is this the route we now have to go down or will you listen? How many times do we have to say NO NO NO to more council parking charges in Wirral. I will not pay your parking charges. We are sick of government overreach. Your fines (without conviction) are illegitimate, unlawful and fraudulent under the Bill of Rights 1688. I will park elsewhere and walk - outside someone's house if necessary - others with less health will not have this option - and it's not my preferred option as I do care about others. But I will not pay your council parking charges to park on our land. Will you listen?

553. This will significantly impact those on low incomes who visit the area for their mental wellbeing and will also impact on tourism numbers and local businesses as visitors will just visit elsewhere outside of the Wirral. It appears Wirral Council is very short-sighted and is doing its best to kill local businesses and Wirral's beautiful tourist spots

554. All as above increases in emissions increase congestion loss of revenue to local economy drive out of area to secure free parking drive around to find alternative free parking.

555. See 2 above

556. if you enact this, I will stop using this leisure facility (the shore line)

557. will be the death of local businesses!

558. I'm not sure what you believe has changed since you last abandoned the proposal to charge for parking on South Parade! It will simply not work, forcing more congestion onto

side roads and making west kirby a less desirable shopping destination with the associated detriment to local businesses.

559. . It will push people into the residential roads. We have paying carparks already .

560. As no 5

561. Too many local shops affected

562. Stop people coming

563. So the beautiful area of the Dee is yours to charge for the view, when you empty the towns of WIRRAL people as they cannot visit due to cost, what you have achieved, is you aim to destroy our beautiful Wirral. We need to visit to enjoy the beauty. Forget all about 15 min towns / city's we wont accept it.

564. Wirral Council should be doing all it can to improve the lives of residents and businesses on the Wirral. This scheme is damaging for all. The simple fact is that the council have incompetently mismanaged £millions and are now expecting hard working people to fill their black hole.

565. I strongly object to paying

566. SAME AS ABOVE

567. It will stop people going amd businesses will suffer

568. Businesses will struggle if you start charging and already congested residential area will become even busier causing safety issues.

569. As above

570. This is a scheme that is detrimental to the lives of local businesses and residents and is essentially a tax to fill a budgetary hole created by the significant waste of money of failed council projects.

571. Why are you charging for people to go out, get some exercise and help our NHS with the obesity crisis that is happening, this is pure greed by the council! Stop using our money for 20 speed limit if you are so tight, don't punish people trying to enjoy the outdoors!!

572. We should be encouraging locals and visitors to travel to our towns for our beach areas. The local streets are already packed with cars and this will only get worse if have to pay on South Parade. Will also make it more costly for those undertaking regular leisure activities on the marine lake that require cars to transport sporting equipment that is not possible to carry by hand.

573. As above

574. How to kill off the local shops and create more parking problems in the side streets of west kirby.

575. Being able to enjoy our local attractions for little cost is what makes the Wirral so great. With these parking charges you'll soon see many people opt to travel to Liverpool or Chester. Short sighted money grabbing scheme that will end up having a negative impact on businesses on the Wirral.

576. After the huge expense to rebuild the prom why would you want to deter visitors or encourage them to increase the congestion around the town. More damage to local traders.

577. Unfair on small businesses and people who work in the area

578. I again visit here a lot, its hard to find anywhere to park in west kirby as it is, this will only drive people to try and find parking down side streets - they are always full and busy so i feel liek this would create a more dangerous environment.

579. As above

580. Visitors will continue to come to the beach for family days out.

581. ANOTHER money making scam

582. It will drive people away and the money they bring to spend in local businesses, given the economic pressures on families to add another burden on people paying taxes, road tax, council tax and taxes on may other areas of their lives is abhorrent

583. Once again this will drive cars into the already busy side roads and supermarket car park. This is also a tx for those seeking sea air and views.

584. As above

585. another hit on the motorist & I STRONGLY Oppose .

586. Same as for New Brighton, Meols and Hoylake

587. People need access to free of charge parking to access and support their local businesses and services. They will move to larger retailers where it is free to park or contest local roads to park in rather than a car park that starts to charge

588. Disgraceful to charge people who are already paying enough taxes - especially the elderly

589. Paying to park will reduce visitors

590. You will just push the parking even more onto side roads which isn't fair on residents

591. What possible reason can you give that makes thhis right?

"592. The issue with this scheme is that by implementing charges on the promenade, drivers will be 'pushed' even more then they are now into using the streets off the promenade for parking. We already have too many people parking across our drive on Riversdale Road and no enforcement to discourage this. Further pressure on parking would make this problem even worse. If charges are introduced, there would need to be proper investment in

ensuring that residents would not be disadvantaged by this scheme, which is likely to cost a significant amount.

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593. It will discourage people to show locally or to visit the beach for exercise.

594. As a local resident i think parking is already a major issue in the town for residents, businesses and workers. Putting charges in place will only make this worse as people will be searching for free parking. This is already a major issue in our street and the surrounding ones where we don't always get to park in our own road. There are also new developments/flats going up that will only compound this issue. It may also put people off visiting which will have a negative impact on businesses in the town.

595. Do not bring in parking charges it will drive away visitors - no one on the Wirral wants this - you need to listen to the people that you represent - we all say "NO" to parking charges

596. West Kirby is thriving at the moment but the seafront has already been lost to people with disabilities unable to ake in the views due to the election of an unwanted and ineffective sea wall

597. This is unfair to people on a fixed income. We already pay road tax to park and drive on our roads

598. It will ruin trade and businesses and stop people exploring new area's

599. As above

"600. Wirral residents are increasingly being restricted from utilising their own leisure spaces by increasing charges to do so. Rather than the claims of moving traffic on, it seems more that this merely a route to provide an income revenue through these spaces, and it may be more open and honest to publish the revenue it is expected to generate versus costs of administration alongside asking for opinion.

Meanwhile Wirral residents health, both physical and psychological, continues to rank some of the lowest in the country, so it would seem more beneficial to promote use of spaces for wellbeing for all rather than create more barriers to those who are already feeling the impact of continued financial stresses and increasing the inequality in use. "

"601. Concerns about the affect of charges on local businesses.

Concerns about displacement of parked vehicles from promenade to side roads making parking more difficult for local residents.

Concerns about the siting of pay stations and associated signage detracting from the views of the beautiful Wirral coastline.

Concerns about overnight parking of motorcaravans which has already been banned from other Wirral promenades, increasing the number of vehicles staying in West Kirby. This

causes issues around engines running when vehicles are stationary to charge batteries, vehicles bumping up on the kerbs damaging and obstructing the pavements, motorhome owners discharging waste into surface drains and recreational areas."

602. Introducing car parking charges on the prom will mean that all the side roads will become even more congested than they already are. This is very unfair on local residents who live in these roads and could lead to confrontations between homeowners and visitors to the area. It could also have a negative effect on tourism.

"603. Against the wishes of the majority of the public.

Not cost effective.

Costly for residents.

Costly for employees at a time of hugely inflated costs.

Prohibitive for businesses.

No mandate to conduct this."

604. All that will happen is that cars will seek out spaces in side roads and residential areas to park instead of paying - you need to create residential parking for side roads and then charge everywhere else piecemeal charging won't work

605. Banks Road is in effect a one way street due to road side parking. If charges are made to park in South Parade traffic on Banks Road will become impossible.

"606. Many residents have to park on South Parade due to the high number of flats and lack of own parking. Where are these people to park? West Kirby is busy enough and difficult enough to park in anyway.

I feel residents should have one permit per property."

607. As above it is used for exercise

"608. Introduction of car parking charges makes it less convenient for people to use their local shops and drives them to big supermarket chains.

This also negatively impacts on people's health and well being and deters people from using public transport - short sighted

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609. People drive to South Parade to enjoy a walk for health benefits and this would deter people from visiting. Surely the revenue from this scheme would not outweigh the health benefits to the public for which you should be concerned. Is this scheme trying to recoup the mistakes by the council in the flood defences that didn't work on the first occasion needed.

610. Stop creating more ways to get money from the general public.

611. The Council should be trying to attract people to west Kirby by allowing free parking rather than introducing more charges. Public transport only works for local visitors. If businesses are to survive they need customers from outside the local area and these people will drive and need to park

612. Nobody will visit because of this

613. People use this as a place to enjoy the outdoors. People do not want to pay to park this is proved by the pay and display car park always having space. Business in West Kirby will be the ones to suffer.

614. As above. Effect on trade and mental health is huge here

615. Some of these car parks will put small businesses out of business

616. As no 1

617. West Kirby relies heavily on visitors and residents who live near the town but need to travel in by car. Retail businesses are already under huge pressure and, by forcing cars off the front into areas nearer the shops, it will mean those wanting to visit local businesses will find nowhere to park and go elsewhere.

618. no

619. It should be free !

620. Residents and visitors are attracted to the area bring money into the surrounding businesses

621. I do not believe the council should be charging at this location. Parking charges should only be applied as a means of congestion relief and not to increase revenue. The vehicles parking at this location are not causing congestion, in fact most of the day there are very few cars and, overnight there are barely any. All this action will do is force parking onto side streets where the parking is already limited.

622. We pay enough in tax. Charging for parking will destroy local businesses & visitor numbers

623. Will discourage people from taking exercise and walking their dogs. Overnight charges may be acceptable. Local businesses will be affected as they are in easy walking distance and other parking is in short supply.

624. Money grubbing and short sighted.

625. This doesn't benefit local residents if there was a local parking permit or even if there was free car parking from 5pm - 8pm. This just dampens the coast that we live here for as it now is at a daily cost.

626. I feel it will make people park in surrounding residential areas and also will not encourage people to go to these areas

627. We are trying to encourage physical activity and the marine lake is a popular walk for many, including elderly people. It will drive parking into side streets which are already congested with limited visibility and obstruction of pavements for pram and wheelchair access.

"628.

This is a popular place people and families visit and tourist visit, charging for parking will affect this and local area and businesses

People will not want to visit this area anymore "

629. see above

630. Same as the other schemes.

631. Keep parking free

632. The damage to the local economy and knock on effect of visitors parking in nearby residential streets, where parking is already at a significant premium with most households not benefiting from off-street parking, will be devastating. Charges will ultimately cause misery for visitors and residents and hugely undermine the massive benefits that have been brought by the sea wall construction and public realm improvements. West Kirby has never been a more popular destination and parking charges will ruin this. There also a risk that RNLI crew responding to emergency incidents, when seconds count, will be disrupted if they need to pay for parking or otherwise risk getting ticketed if they do not have time to find a parking meter and then return to their vehicle.

633. This will hurt businesses and give families less opportunity to go out for fresh air. Leading to more time stuck indoors.

634. Local Councils are NOT just a business. They are supposed to have a duty to represent the community, provide facilities for the community and encourage their use. Wirral Borough Council seems to have completely lost sight of these things in its pursuit of increasing revenue at the expense of the community who happen to be motorists.

635. Tourism is a major "industry" for the Wirral. People visiting are attracted by free parking. Please do not deter and destroy Wirral as a tourist attraction

636. There is no traffic management problems on this stretch of South Parade and I have not seen a traffic impact assessment of how it will affect surrounding streets. These are the areas that have excessive parking numbers of residents parking outside their own houses. Charging for parking on the sea front will simply move parking to adjacent residential streets and cause additional traffic issues. Parking charges on the front cannot realistically be implemented without residents parking permits on all residential streets adjacent to the Parade being implemented.

637. Same reason as above

638. Visit the beach here with friends and family

639. Free parking encourages visitors who would otherwise choose to visit out of town complexes where there is free parking close by. It also removes another free fresh air and exercise option.

640. It will deter people from visiting, thus affecting local businesses and tourism income.

641. People will try to park in surrounding roads to avoid charges or not visit the area at all which will have an affect on local businesses.

"642. Introducing parking charges is going to turn our small towns and villages into 'ghost towns'. For the period where businesses continue to operate, workers will be hit with having to pay to park their car, further inroads into incomes already under pressure. Businesses will close because of reduced trade as customers will go to shops offering free parking. The Council's fantasy that people will walk or travel by bus instead, is pure political posturing, thinking policies like this are 'on trend'. 20mph almost everywhere is in the same category, a total lack of rationale joined up thinking. People in Bristol walking or cycling more oh yes in our Winter!! Consulting? What a joke you've ignored the wishes of the majority on the 20mph consultation and no doubt you will do the same on parking charges- you're a socialist dictatorship not a social democracy- a disgrace.

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643. As a resident in this area of west kirby we often already struggle to park near our home, this will force cars into residential streets and people away from popping into the shops and cafes in town. There are already car parks available if people prefer or needed. This will add nothing but risk lots!

644. Parking as already congested in the local side streets so there must be overflow parking for residents and visitor so they can benefit the local community and help to keep some of the local high street open. More and more towns and dying because of multiple reasons but adding another one here cant help. Are you trying to drive away visitors to our local beauty spots

"645. My reasons for objecting to South Parade in West Kirby are the same as for both King's Parade New Brighton and North Parade in Hoylake.

I am a resident of West Kirby and therefore my objection here is more poignant.

By building the Sea Wall along West Kirby front (which we have already seen is not fit for purpose) you have already reduced the car parking spaces along the front. We have already seen an increase in NON-locals parking on our road (might I add rather inconsiderately). By now charging to park there, you will now discourage people from parking on the promenade, this will exacerbate the current issue and likely result in more NON-locals

parking in our road, meaning that residents cannot park there and must park along either Banks Road or Hilbre/Westbourne Road furthering the congestion we already face when NON-locals descend onto West Kirby.

As these charges parking have been recommended and the fact you do not listen to residents so will push it through anyway... like you did with the wall. I hope that you will be issuing resident parking for residents in West Kirby, so that we are not negatively impacted AGAIN by changes that we do not want along the promenade."

646. This is a popular area for people enjoying a walk around the Marine Lake. The cost of car parking will put people off visiting the area and enjoying the exercise and views across to North Wales. This will have a negative affect the physical and mental health of those people, causing long term social problems.

647. Businesses have hardly recovered from the flood defence fiasco and now visitors and locals are likely to be affected by the proposed charges. Drivers are more likely to visit large supermarkets and retail parks than pay to park and use small businesses

648. My objection is that it will impact the economy of the area where I live. What is the use of businesses trying to develop if the council introduces parking charges. People will just go out of town. I don't accept that we should have to follow your strategy, I don't care about it.

649. Not necessary, would discourage people arriving their and going for a walk. It is a Charge on exercising and fresh air.

650. As comments to both above.

651. Again a place where families go to get fresh air and exercise. Another cost barrier in a time when everyone is feeling the effects of the cost of living crisis.

652. As above, there are rarely any problems in parking on South Parade, even if you might have to drive to the end. The reason given for charging thus doesn't exist and will only serve to penalise, in particular the elderly and less firm, forcing them to park further away which would also inconvenience residents.

653. West Kirby lacks car-parking facilities near the promenade and high-streets already. Introducing, or rather removing what is already there in favour of introducing, paid parking will bottle-neck the traffic onto the limited spaces and (again) onto residential areas. Again, this plan refuses to capitalise on the natural beauty of the coastal region we have on the peninsula, which could be used to create a new, modren sea-front attraction focussing on cuisine, on bars and cafes with a catchment of tourism from two local cities (Liverpool and Chester) by the public transport system which would jointly benefit and beyond. Instead, tourism is going to be driven away as the area will be made worse to live in for residents and harder to travel to for those who do not have easy access to merseyrail or are missed out by bus routes. This can only negatively impact the local establishments and hospitality industry.

654. It will discourage people from using our beaches and deter people from staying to spend money in the area

655. Again, detrimental to local business'. Parking in West Kirby is horrendous as it is.

656. It will negatively impact all businesses and people's health and wellbeing. Public transport isn't sufficient for people to rely on this.

657. The cost of the parking charges will lead to a reduction in the visitor economy. This will lead to the closure of local businesses, the loss of jobs and a reduction in business rates collection

658. People come to West Kirby for the beautiful beach, to walk around the marine lake, to walk to Hilbre and to visit the shops. This is just going to reduce visitand badly affect the businesses who already suffered enough when the flood defence was constructed. People just won't visit West Kirby if they have to pay

659. As above

660. As above

661. Re above comments on Hoylake

662. I object for the same reasons above

663. Even more disgusting

664. Same as above

665. Charging for parking will cause people to park in residential roads & cause problems for residents

666. ditto

"667. The introduction of charges in this area will effectively privatise the beaches for the wealthy.

Local businesses in the area will also be impacted adversely by these changes. This will hinder redevelopment and ongoing business activity across the seafront. You can already see how damaging introducing parking charges has been for many parks on the peninsula. The council is repeating the same mistakes with these charges. If people do visit the beach they are likely to park in residential areas causing problems for homeowners in the surrounding areas. No doubt those owners will at some point end up having to pay for expensive residential parking pass schemes to address a problem the Council will introduce with this change. I have no doubt people will point to public transport as an option. However services remain expensive, infrequent, do not run across a wide enough window, both within a day and across the whole week, take too long to get from one destination to another and often involve having to travel in uncomfortable conditions (dirty conduct of other passengers etc...). There have been investments in trains but they remain expensive and travelling at peak times is still standing room only. There continues to be a cost of

living crisis for many residents in Wirral and these charges will not incentivise people to visit the area - quite the opposite. Many families cannot afford luxuries like holidays at the moment yet a cheap day out at the beach is achievable / it won't be with this policy. I understand the council is short of funding but this is a very short sighted policy that will drive another wedge between the public and the council. I really do wonder if the council proposing this policy have any sort of grasp on the problems facing residents.

This will be a very unpopular policy."

668. West kirby is a destination and attracts a vast number of visitors causing huge traffic congestion, I do think we need to have paid parking here to encourage people to move on and not block free parking areas and allow everyone teh oppornity to park. I do think an option to have the first hour or 1.5 hours free to encourage people to be able to spend time shopping in teh local shops to encourage business, but prevent those parking all day without paying anything.

669. I've lived on South Parade for many years so I look directly onto the road in question. The existing situation appears to work well and adding parking charges would make ABSOLUTELY no difference to traffic flows and is obviously just a way to squeeze more money out of long suffering rate payers. Allowing cash strapped families free parking is a necessity in this user pays world.

670. The scheme is frankly a stupid idea. Not only does it make the promenade not accessible to local people it would likely cause residents to not be able to park outside their own homes due to people parking up the side roads/roads coming up from the promenade to avoid parking charges

671. It'll deter visitors and affect businesses. The scheme won't pay for itself. Again, if I had to pay for parking I'd drive elsewhere. It would cost me the sane to drive to Otterspool in Liverpool and park up for free.

672. It's almost impossible to park in the side streets of West Kirby area without further restrictions being imposed along the promenade.

673. The council has for many years now consistently broadcast about how they are in a financially perilous position - however with all the regeneration schemes, cycle lanes plus the very controversial 20mph scheme (which was implemented without asking council taxpayers if they agree to it) leaves a sour taste in the mouth and make people wonder if the council are really as fiscally troubled as they make out. Congestion is not an issue along West Kirby promenade and the only reason I can theorise why these charges are being implemented are to raise revenue for the council, which would be in violation of the Road Traffic Regultion act. Charging for their use will drive people away from the area and may lead to businesses closing, reducing business rates for the council.

674. As above

675. Cost of living..! We want people to be able to go to places and use the facilities there and not go because of having to pay to park. You're putting businesses at risk if you charge. People are put off by being charged to park their cars. Another tax.

676. This is a terrible idea as it will massively harm the local area. The majority of people WILL NOT GO somewhere that they cannot park, which not only negatively impacts tourism but footfall in town centres and shops.

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"678. Free parking in Birkenhead can significantly boost the local economy by attracting more visitors and shoppers to the area. When people know they can park without incurring extra costs, they are more likely to choose Birkenhead over other shopping destinations. This increased foot traffic can lead to higher sales for local businesses, fostering a thriving community and creating more job opportunities.

Moreover, free parking can reduce congestion on residential streets. When parking is free and readily available in designated areas, drivers are less likely to park in front of homes, improving the quality of life for residents. It also encourages the use of local amenities, such as parks and community centers, as people can access these facilities more conveniently.

Additionally, free parking can enhance the overall appeal of Birkenhead as a destination. It sends a welcoming message to visitors, making the area more attractive for events, tourism, and new businesses. This can lead to a more vibrant and dynamic community, benefiting everyone who lives and works in Birkenhead."

679. As above. Businesses and visitors all suffering from covid lockdowns and sea wall building.

680. In my view this scheme will seriously affect businesses in West Kirby. Charging for parking on South Parade will result in serious congestion in all residential roads leading down to the promenade. It is a very ill-conceived idea and needs much more consideration of the ongoing damage it will cause to the area. This Coucil should listen much more carefully to the opinions of the people.

"681. All as above and as this is further out of town will impact residents even more.

Banks Road which is the next road back is already crowded on a sunny day with people wanting to walk around the lake and these charges on the front will worsen the problem. I am often already unable to get in my drive due to poor parking and emergency vehicles will struggle even more than currently to get down the road. This also includes access for West Kirby Lifeboat which goes along Banks Road due to the one way system on the front.

You won't raise as much money fast you think from the parking charges just move where the majority of people park.

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682. as above

683. There is absolutely no need to force people to pay to park here.

684. Car parking charges will isolate the poor and vulnerable

685. I'll just not bother in future.

686. This will discourage people from visiting the area and hit small businesses , while encouraging them to use out of town retail parks/superstores with free parking .

687. As the above

688. Same comments as above.

689. Same as previous comments, people wanting to go for a walk shouldn't be forced to pay for parking. This scheme here WILL displace parking to the surrounding streets.

690. Many people go to West Kirby and if parking charges are imposed it will stop people going and this will have a knock on effect to the businesses

691. This will have such a negative affect on businesses. Since COVID it has been such a struggle and this just adds another negative thing in the mix. We need to be enjoying the seaside town and encouraging visitors to visit and spend money in the local shops this will have the complete opposite affect.

692. This will lead to more visitor parking in all side roads off Banks Road, with further reduced access for residents.

693. Yes - its absurd because it will mean less people will visit - and local businesses will be affected.

694. DITTO

695. It will drive much needed visitors away and get them parking in front of peoples homes

696. Surely we pay enough in Council Tax to cover Wirral residents using and parking on the borough's roads?

697. Yes lots of people old and young love to go there to relax if you charge people lots won't be able to afford to go don't take this away from them everything else costs so much more

698. Not required. People will not visit the area. Take a cut in pay at Wirral Borough Council.

699. Same, except I don't live here. People will park in streets with no parking charges. If uou must kmpise, make first 2 or 3 hours free.

700. As above.

701. This will kill tourism for the area.

702. Parking should be free

703. Unaware of the areas needs

704. I think it will put people off being healthy, going for exercises and ultimately cause more mental health issues. Then who are you going to target for cash!

"705. Has a full cost analysis on the local business impact been done and using companies house P&L determined the relative impact that this will have. I.e. how many business may stop trading due to loss of income

What could the expected reduction in footfall be approximated to be

What would the consequential increase in alternative parking locations in other areas to avoid charges"

706. Currently West Kirby parking is already problematic. This scheme will only succeed in filling side roads with cars

707. You try this every few years, which is very annoying! I have dogs and need free access to open space, charging my family in this way would make impossible do! Why must everything have a cost attached to it. Its just disgusting!

708. Same as above

709. I walk dogs and this would be financially devastating

710. Should encourage people to get out the house, use local shops rather than internet and take walks. This proposal will have the opposite effect and be negative for the community.

"711. On street parking charges on south parade will drive visitors to park in local residential streets, already a big problem in west kirby. The extra congestion in these streets and people not wishing to pay for parking will put people off visiting west kirby. West Kirby has been kept a nice place to visit by the efforts of independent shop owners and the local community, with only passive support from Wirral Council. It is wrong and unfair for the council to now try and take advantage of this and potentially damage West Kirbys attraction to visitors arriving by car by further taxing visitors and locals who are outside of walking distance.

Additional pressure will be applied to West Kirby Sailing Club, whos members and visitors park on the prom, and to the lifeboat with parking on the slip likely to increase."

"712. Parking is difficult enough without adding in charging at this time of austerity.

You will impact greatly on mental health as people will be forced not to leave their homes."

713. Essential for local business. Adverse impact

714. Will reduce my visits to West Kirby

715. If the council is skint get rid of councillors not hammer the public

716. As above

717. Charging to park in a popular area for walking will deter people and will affect nearby businesses in West Kirby.

718. The majority of the arguments I raise in respect of Kings Parade / Coastal Drive also apply here. While West Kirby is a more vibrant town in terms of footfall and economy, the same issues around displacing vehicles into already packed residential streets, health & wellbeing, reduction in visitors & visitor spend, and the risk of driving struggling shops out of business, all apply here too.

719. As above, will destroy businesses & reduce visitors

720. Same comment as above

721. The parking charge would restrict already cash strapped residents, families and visitors from enjoying the coast of Wirral and all the health benefits this brings. I object.

722. Disgraceful that the council and MP's, voted in by the people, choose to ignore what the people want. This will affect everyone with parking spaces in adjacent areas being used instead of paying for permits.

723. Whenever I visit West Kirby I don't every stay for too long. If I have to pay for my short stay, it would make me think twice about visiting the area. I know there is a paid car park near Morrisons where I can park if I'm staying longer. Why do you need to charge for parking on South Parade too. It will ruin the local businesses.

724. Most as above.

725. Car owners are not cash cows.

726. West Kirby attracts a significant number of people who come to visit Marine lake, and surrounding area. Anything that deters this has the ability to impact local shops and their livelihood. Additionally the nature of the shops in West Kirby are often where people briefly pop in to pick up or drop off something quickly, whether dry cleaning, fruit and vegetables, or the lovely butcher. Parking charges will deter this natural behaviour and simply play into the hands of supermarkets with free car parks, rather than traditional enterprises that rely on parking flexibility. If anyone thinks implementing charges has environment benefits they are misled, they don't, people still have to go about their business regardless and will just go elsewhere, so the inconvenience of a charge won't be incurred. Its simply a measure to raise income with no thoughtful consideration to the local community and those business that operate in the town, without which it becomes a soulless community. Its an utterly nonsensical proposal and must be abandoned.

727. I would have preferred to abstain from selecting a yes or no option as I'm not familiar with the area.

728. The parking charge places the heaviest burden on people local to the area all of whom pay Council Tax.

729. As above

730. Parking charges will greatly reduce the chance for people to exercise.

731. What exactly do we get for all of our money paid in council tax? Perhaps if the finances cannot be managed properly we have the wrong people trying to run it despite their eye watering salaries.

732. Charging will put off locals from visiting , exercising, using local businesses. It will also lead to an increase in using local residents areas for parking instead

733. The side streets are already heavily congested and this will make it far worse for residents. It will also significantly reduce visitor numbers and businesses will have a loss of revenue

734. This is a busy vibrant tourist destination and we are already over-run with parked cars in every street in West Kirby. This absurd idea would only push drivers to park inconsiderately where ever they could. thus exacerbating the existing problem.

735. This unnecessary restriction is significantly hindering local businesses and adding yet another obstacle for customers to overcome. It's crucial for the community to have easy and affordable access to parking near our amenities, especially during these challenging times. Let's work together to ensure that everyone can enjoy our local businesses without unnecessary cost and disruption.

"736. I strongly disagree to parking charges at our coastal areas.

Parking at our coastal areas should be free for Wirral residents, we live on a peninsula and we should be able to enjoy our beaches for free. Elderly people go every day to enjoy the beautiful views and they won't be able to afford this any more. Young families who struggle to make ends meet should be able to take their children for a day out without having to pay for parking which they can't afford. I'm totally sick of having to pay wherever we go, we pay enough council taxes and shouldn't be charged for parking.

Councillors should be lobbying government for more revenue instead of charging residents for parking."

737. If parking charges are introduced a great number of visitors will not come to West Kirby. Consequently this will have a huge detrimental effect on local businesses who are already striving to keep afloat in the present climate.

738. There are people who like to enjoy a brief walk or sit in their car if immobile especially older Residents. May be have free parking for a limited period of time but why charge and all the hassle of paying

739. Same reason as above - this is a residential area and this will just have a bad impact on residents, and those of side streets and their visitors and those.

740. I strongly object to pay for walking along our beaches. They belong to the people of Wirral, not to the councillors. You work for us

741. People will avoid parking where there's any meters , block the side roads and discourage customers to the shops

742. We are already paying a lot for parking / road tax fuel tax/ and we are the most heavily tolled area as we cant go to Liverpool for free as some of us have T-flow and other account it still cost us to get to work and back home at least 2.80 / day also many of us work in industrial areas in Liverpool that are out of city centre. This is a full failure of the council spending due to the lack of understanding how things work and uneducated people sitting in those seat with a wrong-headed mind..

743. People should be free to take in the view

744. Residents of Wirral pay enough taxes and should be able to enjoy the area free from further charges.

745. fed up with council over reach and killing businesses

746. Charging for parking on South parade will displace parking to adjacent roads. When the wall was under construction there was considerable parking on MacDona Drive and roads by Cubbins Green. The council promised to re-evaluate parking in the area once the wall was completed but haven't appeared to so do as parking at times is a major problem. Such parking will increase if charging takes place and there MUST be suitable action by the council to limit the associated problems for residents - before charging is instigated!

747. During the closure of the parking in this area during the recent construction works, the number of cars dispersed to local residential streets was significant. Rather than utilise the concourse parking as instructed, visitors found free parking elsewhere. As a local resident this as frustrating and also increased the risk to children walking to and from school/park in the local residential streets.

"748. The objection is based on the detrimental impact this will have on local traders, it pushes people to the major supermarkets with free parking.

It stops local people using the facilities to exercise and enjoy the amenities available in our beautiful borough. We regularly go for a walk round the marine lake but i will not pay for parking to do so, this will clog up local streets for local residents.

The financial cost of implementing and servicing these schemes is a waste of money.

For me in particular the charges applying to certain car parks mean far more congestion on School lane putting the children at Dawpool at increased risk, which you as a council do very little about."

749. Same as above

750. Revenue generating scheme, harmful to local businesses, risk displaced parking into already congested side streets where no off street parking is available due to Victorian properties

751. local roads are full of parked cars already this will make parking a nightmare in West Kirby

752. Will put people off visiting the area. Local businesses will suffer as a result.

753. Think about residents of the area having to have visitors parking in the roads they live in :-{

754. Everyone is having it hard enough financially why put more charges on them . Local beauty spots should be able to be enjoyed by all

755. This is a public place. There should not be a charge to park in it.

756. Silly

"757. I live on Salisbury Avenue which adjoins south parade. Parking is already an ongoing battle with visitors often using our road as an alternative to paying for the council car park. My wife and I work unsociable hours within NHS. I will often return home at night to find I cannot park in the road and will therefore have to park on south parade. Considering continual escalating council tax rates, I would now face having to park when I return home from work. Inevitably, with free parking spaces becoming more and more rare, it will become almost impossible to park anywhere in my road.

Have residential permits been considered? "

758. Charging for parking will stop visitors and the area will suffer economically

759. Although parking can be a problem here as demand exceeds supply at some times it will discourage visitors and will have a negative impact on the leisure businesses locally. WBC is supposed to be supportive of business on the Wirral and the charging proposal fails to take this into account. Clearly WBC is trying to make the residents and businesses pay for its own failings to run the local authority.

760. Parking charges will deter visitors to the area, resulting in reduced footfall for local businesses. Furthermore, it is well-documented that mental and physical wellbeing is enhanced through spending time outdoors and in natural spaces (eg beaches, lakes, country parks) - charging people to visit these places will impede promotion of wellbeing.

761. What a ludicrous scheme that will kill the chance for locals to enjoy a walk and some exercise which will ultimately contribute to their overall positive health and thereby

decrease the strain on the NHS etc. In addition reducing the likelihood of locals visiting local amenities and spending money in the local region thereby reducing overall revenue.

762. Not necessary

763. The marine lake and Promenade are a very popular walking area, the pleasant views and waters ports encourage people to take exercise and the recent improvements have increased usage. Introducing parking charges will either discourage people from coming who cannot afford the cost or will encourage visitors to park in the already congested residential streets. This will have a knock on effect on the local shops, people will go to other retail areas with free parking making it impossible for all the small independent businesses with small profit margins to compete. Surely we want to encourage people to exercise for their physical and mental well being and also to keep local shopping and community growth.

764. Local businesses will be affected.

"765. You are taxing an amenity and making it more difficult for people to access the sea and fresh air. Not everyone can use public transport, particularly if they have mobility issues, and the cost of travelling on public transport can also be prohibitive for families. It is not a case of 'subsidising' people parking, but rather a case of taking more and providing still less in return. If this then leads to on-street resident parking charges, that will be a further cynical cash grab.

It is also likely that people will, simply avoid parking in charging areas, therefore bringing in less revenue than you expect.

I live close to but not on Meols parade and this means there is an increased likelihood of parking congestion on my and other roads near the charging area. I am a cyclist and this will significantly increase the danger of cycling on these roads. On Meols Parade, parking is currently predictable and safe and cycling is equally safe. This will inevitably change this. You are likely to be responsible for further cycling injuries and deaths if this and other on-street charges are imposed."

766. Congestion in side streets while people look for somewhere else to park.

767. Other than traditional freedoms, it impacts on poorer people disproportionately, reduces visiting, thence impacts local businesses and employment. Ultimately this reduces Council income, NOT enhancing it. It also increases local street parking problems as some people seek to avoid payment by parking in side roads.

768. West Kirby can be congested for parking, although I wonder if permits would be required for local residents.

769. Yes see above

770. The effect on local businesses, along with other cost of living impacts (energy/wider economic issues caused by lower footfall).will just create another push for shoppers and visitors to go elsewhere without parking issues/costs

771. The effect on local businesses, along with other cost of living impacts (energy/wider economic issues caused by lower footfall).will just create another push for shoppers and visitors to go elsewhere without parking issues/costs

"772. Once again it's another money grabbing scheme thought up by our pointless council who keep promising changes and yet still fails to deliver. The council recently spent millions on putting a flood defence wall in this location and what happened, the road became a river / canal when the wall was overtopped by the river dee which once again caused problems for the residents some of whom have had to foot the bill for repairs to property walls, vehicle repairs and whose gardens were wrecked because of the flood defence wall and what did the residents get from the council, nothing, not even any form of compensation for damage caused to the properties and vehicles.

The council should be ashamed of the problems it has caused because when it comes to money, the council is quick to demand it off us the paying public, but you make us fight hard to get any form of help / compensation.

Disgusting absolutely disgusting."

773. Yes. Car parking in West Kirby generally is now reaching saturation point because of the numerous new blocks of flats that the Council has authorised to be (or are being) built. To impose parking charges on South Parade, West Kirby, will exacerbate pressure on residential roads running off the Promenade, as drivers attempt to find alternate parking to avoid paying charges on the Prom. On many occasions residents of this road (Alexandra Rd) are forced to leave their cars elsewhere, as this road is inundated by non resident parking on many occasions.

774. £1 sounds too low for overnight. Given the expense to install meters etc, I wonder if it should be higher, eg £5.

775. Exactly the same points as previous objection (4) but a more pronounced effect on West Kirby with it being busier than Hoylake. Usually park and either walk around the marine lake, walk out to Hilbre Island or along beach to Red Rocks NR followed by meals and visits to charity and other shops but won't bother once parking charges are introduced.

"776. Objection to South Parade West Kirby

This area is currently enjoyed by every age and type of group young and old, walkers, runners, dog walkers, helping with the overall mental and physical well being of everyone.

Impact would affect everyone physically and mentally as they would either not be able to afford to use this area or reduce how often they come to this area, affecting the local economy etc shops and cafes."

777. I agree with the overnight parking charge, but putting parking charges during the day will deter locals from days out in the area. Tourists expect parking charges, locals have used this for regular days out I will go somewhere else where there are no parking charges.

778. We live just off south parade. It is already difficult to park by our house and we sometimes have to park by the lake. It would be fair to expect us to pay to park by our house. It will also affect local businesses adversely.

779. This proposal, if allowed to proceed will destroy businesses fledgling and well established. Ask the business owners for evidence. The loss of all banks in the town has reduced footfall already , and as a resident with a family close to South Parade it's already very hard to park near our home at times during the week and displaced vehicles, from the prom will decide to use the adjacent roads to avoid fees. And to the point of perhaps providing permits for residents, the Council seems to police the prom at present with vehicles speeding along the prom and cyclists going against the clearly marked one way system on the road and on the pavements. Come and spend some time having a look. In addition, a recent tendency for a growing number of people to park overnight will bring further social and environmental issues. This is a very short sighted proposal and will bring difficulties, not solutions. I did not expect Labour to systematically start to destroy the things in Wirral that make this a great place to live. Bin this idea please and shame on you for trotting this out again.

780. This seems a reasonable proposal to me, since it is targeting parking for leisure purposes, and is unlikely to have any significant impact on local businesses, although the impact of the any such charges, in terms of leading to an increase in parking in local residential roads, to the significant inconvenience of local residents, should be kept under review for the

781. I totally support the overall aim of the parking strategy but for it to be effective it needs to avoid unintended undesirable consequences. The likely effect of simply introducing charges along South Parade and is that drivers will simply park in adjacent streets instead. This will not only aggravate residents of those streets but it may well encourage them to turn front gardens into parking spaces. This is undesirable as it not only reduces the number of on-street parking space but also leads to the concreting-over of green spaces. My neighbour has already done this in anticipation of the charges.

782. This scheme will just drive people to park in the side streets off the promenade which are already rammed, surely the council tax payers affected by this should be considered.

783. If you are currently making a £400,000+ per year loss for the arrangements that are in place now how can you begin to justify increasing the quantity of areas you charge for? Also do you not think that this sort of additional charge will put people off visiting the area? Surely your ideas should be in the best interests of the residents and local businesses and therefore should be supported by them rather than enforced upon them, I thought ideas put forward should help revive and improve our borough, I believe such charges will have the opposite effects, most of the ideas I hear being put forward/proposed by WBC aren't supported by residents as the residents don't trust your ability to represent them and do what is best for the area. All I can see is total incompetence and lack of foresight leading to contempt from residents

"784. Live on 13 Salisbury Avenue West Kirby. Love it being busy & people visiting. But side roads will become more congested and they are already full.

People visit, bring business to area. Social and health benefits. People won't be able to afford to park. "

785. As per my last objection- taking away one of the only things that is left for FREE! The views and outdoors are vital for people's good health. People with financial difficulties will be excluded from these places.

786. People should be able to visit the coast as a cheap day out without having to pay car parking charges. Due to financial restraints many children will miss out on sea, fresh air and sand, not forgetting being involved with nature which is important for them to learn and appreciate as they grow into responsible adults and then contribute to society. I notice pensioners like to sit and admire the view. Pensioners' activities become very limited as they age due to their disabilities. It in my opinion is very cruel to take away what little they have left by charging them to park. Making people pay for such parking will DISCRIMINATE against those who are on a limited income. Also, the charges proposed are excessive especially when it is used on a regular basis.

787. Damage local businesses

788. This will increase parking in local streets and decrease visitors to the local shops and, therefore, likely cause the closure of some shops / cafes

789. South Parade is a residential road with many residents unable to park on their own property, so this will force them to pay dearly or seek to park elsewhere. The various feeder roads onto South Parade are typically close-packed terraced houses with no driveways. South Parade therefore provides a necessary overspill for those unable to find space in their own road – including overnight. This is a particular problem when there is a high level of visiting on the Prom and will be exacerbated if Prom charging is introduced because visitors will tend to seek the free option of the feeder roads. Without a decent resident parking scheme this represents an appalling imposition upon the residents.

790. It will have a negative impact on local businesses, penalise local people, cause parking problems for the surrounding roads & stop people from using the local area.

"791. This has a direct impact on me as I live on a road leading down to the Parade. It is already very difficult to park on this road on a winters day when there are no tourists and we have a load of flats going up on Dee lane and behind the concourse. Where are they all going to park. This is before you have brought in your accursed scheme.

Lots of residents already have to park on the prom. I understand this is a desirable destination to visit . Some pay and display on the prom might be lucrative for you but again there is a shortage of public toilets around west kirby. Just the ones a Dee Lane, what about the station? Ashton Park rarely open. You are excluding a lot of people because of this - and then you expect them to pay to park. Nothing left to spend in the cafes. Even cyclists occasionally need the toilet - but there are older people, children, a lot of women after childbirth have issues. You want people to use public transport but there needs to be access to public toilets. "

792. See below

793. Blatant money making from drivers who have already paid road tax or whatever you decide to call it. It is theft.

794. My husband and I work extremely hard and run a very successful and well established business in our local area. It is a home improvements company and we supply and install products to improve and enhance local people's properties. Our customers in Hoylake, Meols and West Kirby work and save hard to live where they live and spend their hard earned money on making their houses look nice. What is the point of striving to better one's property which in turn improves the look of the area where we live and thereby making it a more desirable district to reside and visit, when Wirral Council detract from all of this by imposing ugly and gaudy bright yellow lines and parking meters to our beautiful area. Along with the wreck that now is the beach at Hoylake and Meols, Wirral Council seem to be hell bent on making the Wirral scruffy, unkempt and undesirable. What are they doing to our beautiful peninsular? A place where throngs of people would visit and frequent, who ploughed money into our bustling local economy are becoming and soon will be a thing of the past. They are driving people away and Hoylake, Meols and West Kirby will become ghost towns. Businesses will suffer and more shops will close. We wholeheartedly oppose this plan and would urge the Council to rethink this very drastic scheme before it is too late.

795. As above

796. Affects local business and no need

797. This will stop people visiting. Utter lunacy.

798. As previous

799. This charge is totally unnecessary. It restricts local residents visiting the local beauty spots.

800. This should be an overnight charge only, and clearly identified as such.

"801. 1. There will be an increase in traffic movement as drivers drive around, up and down the perpendicular roads off South Parade looking for free spaces, and therefore increasing the pollution, traffic congestion and the risk of accidents.

2. There will an increase in road rage incidents as drivers get more and more frustrated over parking spots.

3. There will be an impact to visitors

a. Reduced health benefits as people stop using the lake and beach as a place of beauty.

b. Elderly & disabled who are poor stop coming and sitting on the front because they just can't afford it.

4. There will be impacts on residents

a. For all those who live perpendicular to South Parade this is either turn into a prison, knowing that as soon as you drive away, especially if you work outside Wirral (for work say), you'll never be able to park again or,

b. When one returns and can't park having to park further into other streets within West Kirby, pushing the problem further into the town. My husband (Andrew) has Parkinson's and needs to park near the house.

5. There will be significant impact on businesses in West Kirby

a. The implications of pushing traffic into other roads will eventually become inconvenient for visitors to visit the town. Even more so as resident parking becomes the local's natural response to this poor idea. I do realise this is part of financial sub-text of the council i.e. making more money. It will have the effect of killing off an already struggling town's business. This is a very has a significant negative outcome.

We believe that the action of charging on-street parking on South Parade will result in these guaranteed outcomes.

We have been residents in West Kirby for 30 years with only the ability to park on-street up those side roads so we know what a serious problem this will present..

We would urge you to reconsider this change considering these given negative outcomes.

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802. Same as above

803. Do you really expect anyone to say its a good idea other than the person who suggested it who I might add may need some new crayons to pass the day

804. It's utterly disgusting that you're trying to charge even more to Wirral residents.

805. This is the most ludicrous, vindictive scheme of all. This will damage our local economy and reduce visitor numbers. It will further create immeasurable turmoil for residents on adjacent streets. This really is one of the most hair brained schemes I have ever heard. Save 400k by renegotiating the current car parking enforcement contract.

"806. Yes I object on the following grounds:

1. It is illegal for the Council to introduce parking fees for money raising purposes.
2. The council has not done an impact study on introducing this scheme at this location
3. If it is implemented, it will drive what cars do park on the the promenade away from West Kirby and local businesses, which are dependent upon tourism, will suffer
4. Cars will then park on nearby roads -already greatly over-parked - and cause further parking and congestion issues and great inconvenience, especially on sunny days
5. The scheme cannot be cost effective, as the council is already making a loss on its parking contract.
6. The scheme will not bring in enough money to cover the cost of its parking contract
7. Attracting people to West Kirby is important to the local economy. Introducing parking charges will further affect the local economy which is already damaged by the unnecessary flood wall construction - that is the one that doesnt work.
8. You are planning an assault on all the coastal facing roads on Wirral - greatly impacting the mental health of the Wirral population. This is unacceptable.
9. You are allowing building of flats in West Kirby which do not have parking (Dee Lane). This will lead to further parking problems, as West Kirby is already short of parking. You have allowed building on the site of the old Fire Station on the Concourse. Residents here will be taking up many of the parking spaces already in existence on that site and for which they will have to pay."

807. Detrimental to businesses locals and visitors

808. Because it will effect side roads parking

809. This is a strategic attempt to discriminate against people who drive and actively discourage those who rely on cars from accessing public spaces, without financial penalty. We have a right to access spaces to walk and enjoy exercises without financial discrimination. The local authority actively promote healthy lifestyles and enjoying our

beautiful area, however, this is yet another attempt to make it difficult and inaccessible. Shame on you.

810. This is a money making scheme and tax by stealth. It is an unfair charge that penalises residents and businesses alike especially in the current economic climate/cost of living crisis. It will also have an adverse effect on local tourism and will lead to local businesses moving away to places where there are no parking charges

811. To help local businesses the parking here should be free .

812. TO many stored cars there making almost impossible to find a space, charging will give a turnover in vehicles

813. Access to the coast should be encouraged. It seems restrictive to introduce parking charges.

"814. as before will stop tourists and visitors. locals should have some sort of concessionary passes"

"815. See my comments relating to New Brighton and Meols.

Ridiculous from the council."

816. Yes, stop trying to take more money out of the hands of hardworking people.

"817. Would leave to huge congestion on the roads leading off the prom.

People should be able to access an area for a walk by the sea without having to pay for parking

The cost of putting this scheme in place and paying somebody to patrol the area to enforce the parking charges will be a huge costing"

818. The council using the motorist as a cash cow once again, it will drive people away which will affect local business incomes, possible closure and loss of jobs. Short sighted views by the council who are waging war against the motorist.

819. As living local and using this area to park for the past 30 years, this is now restricting my freedom of movement , also my mental health, I find the restrictions unhelpful to myself local people and people wanting to visit this beautiful part of the country , I completely object to this.

"820. I object to all these changes to car parking charges but am particularly concerned about the impact of scheme reference TO/24/42 South Parade, West Kirby. All the proposed schemes would have a detrimental impact on residents, businesses and visitors and my objections to scheme TO/24/42 are considered to equally apply to communities impacted by the other proposed schemes.

I have four objections to scheme TO/24/42

1) It will cause congestion in West Kirby

The statutory guidance for local authorities on enforcing parking restrictions under section 87 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 [“the statutory guidance”] requires that “Enforcement authorities should design their parking policies with particular regard to: managing the traffic network to ensure expeditious movement of traffic, (including pedestrians and cyclists), as required under the Traffic Management Act 2004 Network Management Duty”

This proposal will cause congestion in West Kirby by displacing parked vehicles from South Parade onto other roads which suffer much worse congestion. Anyone with a knowledge of West Kirby will know that, by being a one-way street with parking on only one side of the road, South Parade doesn't suffer from any significant congestion. Whereas the roads parallel to South Parade, being Banks Road and Westbourne/ Hilbre Roads, and their adjoining roads, are two-way roads with, in some places, parking on both sides of the road. By implementing parking charges on South Parade this will encourage motorists to park their vehicles on other roads in West Kirby increasing, rather than alleviating, congestion. This is in contravention of the statutory guidance.

The council's objective for its Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) is to “help manage traffic, congestion and to help keep people moving so that everyone who needs to, is more likely to have access to a car parking space.” This proposal does not support this objective, in fact, it undermines this objective by contributing to congestion across the rest of the town.

2) It will make roads less safe in West Kirby

The statutory guidance for local authorities on enforcing parking restrictions under section 87 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 [“the statutory guidance”] requires that “Enforcement authorities should design their parking policies with particular regard to: improving road safety”

By implementing parking charges on South Parade this will encourage motorists to park their vehicles on other roads in West Kirby resulting in a greater prevalence of vehicles parked on both sides of the road. This will reduce visibility for motorists and pedestrians

particularly at junctions. It will also make it more difficult for emergency vehicles to access roads across West Kirby. By discouraging parking on South Parade the council will be making our roads less safe (and hinder emergency vehicles), this is in contravention with the statutory guidance in respect of road safety.

3) It will harm the local environment

The statutory guidance for local authorities on enforcing parking restrictions under section 87 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 [“the statutory guidance”] requires that “Enforcement authorities should design their parking policies with particular regard to: improving the local environment”

This proposal, if implemented, would result in more residents in West Kirby paving over their front gardens and removing hedges, trees and lawns to provide off-road parking. At a time when the council should be encouraging residents to plant trees and hedges, protect wildlife and protect/enhance biodiversity, this proposal would have the opposite effect. A perfect example of unintended consequences. By encouraging residents to do so, this proposal is in contravention with the statutory guidance for local authorities.

In addition, by discouraging motorists from parking on South Parade, we would see an increase of motorists driving up and down other roads in an attempt to find a free parking place. Resulting in another unintended consequence of increased pollution.

As a result, these proposals are in contravention with the statutory guidance by damaging the local environment.

4) It will harm local businesses

This proposal will adversely impact on local shops and businesses. The displacement of parked vehicles onto roads normally used by shoppers will create greater demand for this kerb space. This will mean shoppers will be discouraged from visiting shops and businesses. In addition, anyone with knowledge of West Kirby will know that, particularly in the off-season, South Parade is often used as overflow parking by shoppers in West Kirby when they are unable to park on Banks Road. Surely a local council should be supporting its local businesses rather than discouraging people from visiting these businesses; empty business premises are not beneficial to anyone.

In summary, I strongly object to these proposals and consider them to undermine the council's objectives for their Traffic Regulation Orders and to be in contravention of the statutory guidance for local authorities on enforcing parking restrictions under section 87 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

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821. mpact on local business and tourism

822. It will deter visitors to the area .

823. As above

824. No

"825. I strongly disagree with the proposed charges to parking sites across the Wirral, especially Roslin Road in Irby. I run a business here and employ members of staff from across the Wirral. All of us travel into work by car, these proposed charges will mean it will cost us an extra £126 every month. That's £1,506 a year! I'm also confident I'm not the only business owner here in Irby that feels this way. We all employ staff and it's a huge added expense. Without our businesses here what would the town look like? Rows of empty shops, a lack of community and without any shops here your car parks would end up empty anyway. I strongly recommend you reconsider, or at the very least, consider the workers and provide permits for those working in the areas you're imposing these parking charges on.

The alternative is that we end up moving our businesses to areas where it's easier for our staff, free parking, away from the heart of communities. "

826. There is no issue with traffic congestion on South Parade where we live due to parking, so the proposed charging scheme is unnecessary and illegal.

827. It restricts how able the local community are able to access local outside spaces. Not everyone is able to walk and use public transport. People with children also need to be able to park closely to amenities. This would be an awful impact to our leisure and wellbeing activities. I regularly come here for my mental health and well being. I could not walk from home as it is too far. There is an irregular bus that could get me here but as a working parent of young children I would not have the spare time to complete this. It would be detrimental to my mental health. I cannot afford to pay for parking every time I go out.

828. This is an area of heavy traffic congestion, easily accessed via public transport and charges are not unreasonable for sites such as this

829. Detrimental to local economy

830. Should be free

831. STOP! robbing the public,

"832.

Any reduction in day visitors will be detrimental to businesses."

833. parking should be free

834. stop charging the public to make money for council

835. I don't necessarily object to this scheme, but there isn't a not applicable option

"836. This will

adversely affect use of the beach for healthy activities which help keep people away from needing NHS (social prescribing, dog walking, jogging etc)

just increase pressure on other side streets as cars circle looking for free parking

Obv. beach use is a seasonal so wld not generate income in winter but penalise residents of south parade who do not have driveways/parking already.

Good idea to ban camper vans from overnight parking though"

837. I will not visit , I retired on ill health, my pension only stretch so far my disability is not bad enough to receive a blue badge but I do need my automatic car

838. Will push people to park in residents areas and again is all about money and forgetting that businesses need places people can park for free to use local shops. You are killing local businesses for the sake of screwing over the motorist.

839. People will go to areas where parking is cheaper, and use different transport.

840. Will have a detrimental impact on visitor numbers and also local people using the area

841. I feel people will just park in the surrounding road , making it more congested outside peoples homes

842. If this was introduced it would discourage, people from visiting West Kirby. A place for leisure jogging, dog walking, elderly walking and it would affect business, while causing traffic jams in the resort.

"843. I have a number of objections and concerns

1. The charges go against a council objective to improve resident physical and mental health because Most people parking on south parade are local people so the charges will penalise local people and do fewer of local community will be able to use the prom and beach to walk , socialise , keep fit , walk dogs walk children , so the charges will negatively impact on physical health and mental health of our community ,

2. The parking charges for south parade do not appear to derive from the strategy and I have re-read it several times - it appears to be driven by the aim of raising money , I know the council is short of money and would be okay with council tax being increased

3. The scheme for south parade makes no reference to increasing turn over in spaces , so I recommend limiting the use of spaces during peak usage - July and august and weekends from say May to August to 2 or 3 hours with no return

4. The scheme makes no reference to camper vans / motor homes and limiting their length of stay .

5 . The scheme will cause parking problem elsewhere - car drivers will simply seek out parking spots on side roads , outside peoples houses, outside driveways and other inconsiderate locations, , car drivers will be competing for very few free spaces and will cause pollution in driving around the town, the

6. The displacement of cars from south parade will cause traffic delays , cause traffic congestion and discourage people from coming to west Kirkby and local businesses will suffer a drop in trade because of fewer visitors and fewer potential customers not being able park near their business

it is not simply sufficient for council to say we'll deal with it later - the only way would be to impose further areas to charge for parking until there is no free parking anywhere in the town

7. Lastly my main concern is that I live on south parade and I am being discriminated against because there is no provision for a residents parking scheme , the 2 must go together - there must be a residents parking scheme if there is to be charging to park in the road outside my house , I have to park my car somewhere and as I live on the street it is for 7 days a week and the cost of paying by the hour is prohibitive and I will be one of people forced to park outside someone else's house in a side street or outside a business - I don't want to do this as a good citizen but I will have no choice but to park elsewhere unless there is a residents parking scheme introduced in tandem with any parking charge

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844. It will deter people visiting and see parking in residential areas .

845. Would push cars away in an already busy town and side streets where residents would be struggling for space to park.

846. Let people come and spend money in the community without charging to park.

847. Absolutely a disgrace screwing the motorists again and again. Organise your own council first

848. More affluent area where people who can afford extra charges live close enough to walk

849. Stop proposing things and focus on fulfilling your constituent demands; on what people who you should be serving really need and want. If you like to make car parks changed, then

you firsts have to make sure that there are reliable, frequent, cheap and convenient transportation options night and day.

850. We travel into the area a lot to shop got to events and walk , we wont be doing that in future if charges are made and this loss of trade will effect the area greatly

851. This will destroy the tourism in the town and have a devastating effect on the local economy.

852. See comment below

853. Shouldn't have to pay for exercize

"854. ""I object to all these changes to car parking charges but am particularly concerned about the impact of scheme reference TO/24/42 South Parade, West Kirby. All the proposed schemes would have a detrimental impact on residents, businesses and visitors and my objections to scheme TO/24/42 are considered to equally apply to communities impacted by the other proposed schemes.

I have four objections to scheme TO/24/42

1) It will cause congestion in West Kirby

The statutory guidance for local authorities on enforcing parking restrictions under section 87 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 [“the statutory guidance”] requires that “Enforcement authorities should design their parking policies with particular regard to: managing the traffic network to ensure expeditious movement of traffic, (including pedestrians and cyclists), as required under the Traffic Management Act 2004 Network Management Duty”

This proposal will cause congestion in West Kirby by displacing parked vehicles from South Parade onto other roads which suffer much worse congestion. Anyone with a knowledge of West Kirby will know that, by being a one-way street with parking on only one side of the road, South Parade doesn’t suffer from any significant congestion. Whereas the roads parallel to South Parade, being Banks Road and Westbourne/ Hilbre Roads, and their adjoining roads, are two-way roads with, in some places, parking on both sides of the road. By implementing parking charges on South Parade this will encourage motorists to park their vehicles on other roads in West Kirby increasing, rather than alleviating, congestion. This is in contravention of the statutory guidance.

The council’s objective for its Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) is to “help manage traffic, congestion and to help keep people moving so that everyone who needs to, is more likely to have access to a car parking space.” This proposal does not support this objective, in fact, it undermines this objective by contributing to congestion across the rest of the town.

2) It will make roads less safe in West Kirby

The statutory guidance for local authorities on enforcing parking restrictions under section 87 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 [“the statutory guidance”] requires that

“Enforcement authorities should design their parking policies with particular regard to: improving road safety”

By implementing parking charges on South Parade this will encourage motorists to park their vehicles on other roads in West Kirby resulting in a greater prevalence of vehicles parked on both sides of the road. This will reduce visibility for motorists and pedestrians particularly at junctions. It will also make it more difficult for emergency vehicles to access roads across West Kirby. By discouraging parking on South Parade the council will be making our roads less safe (and hinder emergency vehicles), this is in contravention with the statutory guidance in respect of road safety.

3) It will harm the local environment

The statutory guidance for local authorities on enforcing parking restrictions under section 87 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 [“the statutory guidance”] requires that “Enforcement authorities should design their parking policies with particular regard to: improving the local environment”

This proposal, if implemented, would result in more residents paving over their front gardens and removing hedges, trees and lawns to provide off-road parking. At a time when the council should be encouraging residents to plant trees and hedges, protect wildlife and protect/enhance biodiversity, this proposal would have the opposite effect. A perfect example of unintended consequences. By encouraging residents to do so, this proposal is in contravention with the statutory guidance for local authorities.

In addition, by discouraging motorists from parking on South Parade, we would see an increase of motorists driving up and down other roads in an attempt to find a free parking place. Resulting in another unintended consequence of increased pollution.

As a result, these proposals are in contravention with the statutory guidance by damaging the local environment.

4) It will harm local businesses

This proposal will adversely impact on local shops and businesses. The displacement of parked vehicles onto roads normally used by shoppers will create greater demand for this kerb space. This will mean shoppers will be discouraged from visiting shops and businesses. In addition, anyone with knowledge of West Kirby will know that, particularly in the off-season, South Parade is often used as overflow parking by shoppers in West Kirby when they are unable to park on Banks Road. Surely a local council should be supporting its local businesses rather than discouraging people from visiting these businesses; empty business premises are not beneficial to anyone.

In summary, I strongly object to these proposals and consider them to undermine the council’s objectives for their Traffic Regulation Orders and to be in contravention of the statutory guidance for local authorities on enforcing parking restrictions under section 87 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.””””

855. To introduce parking charges to this area will damage the footfall to local businesses in a cost of living crisis. People will instead visit local shopping centres where shopping is provided for free, these shopping centres only feature large chain businesses rather than local independent business that feature in towns like West Kirby

856. I support all schemes which aim to make people think twice about using their cars as part of their leisure activities.

857. See above

858. Will lead to people parking in side roads and congesting residential streets.

"859. This will have a significant effect on visitors who would like to come to West Kirby. People use this to walk along for health and mental wellbeing, surely better than visiting a GP.

All local businesses will also affected too"

860. As above with effects on local businesses included.

861. Great idea, you can no longer sit in your car and look out over the marine lake and over to Wales due to the "Super efficient flood prevention wall" What a crazy scheme with your proposed new one to follow. Again it will take ages to recoup the expense of installing the infrastructure.

862. It will have a detrimental affect on local businesses and reduce visitor numbers from out of area.

863. Wirral council need to consider every1 and not just their badly managed finances. It is every1s right to enjoy our promenade without having to pay council charges. Sort yourselves out. Stop being top heavy with pay.

864. Charges will move parking into residential areas, causing disruption and potential safety issues in already congested residential streets. Vehicles will use the Morrisons car park instead of paying, causing issues for the business and creating a barrier to using the business for local people. Businesses in West Kirby will be impacted as increased parking pressure will deter people from coming in to the area. The Concourse car park is already underutilized. Increasing parking charges will exacerbate this and will move more vehicles on to residential streets. This will reduce the income from parking, not increase as the council intends.

865. Destroy business and make it harder for people to exercise.

866. Parking in West Kirby is already a nightmare with little or no parking available. Making people pay for parking on South Parade will mean parking in side roads where parking is already limited. Sheer madness and not joined up thinking on the part of the council.

867. See above

"868. I oppose the proposal to introduce parking charges on South Parade West Kirby. It is unfair to local residents who use the South Parade to park their vehicles. The roads that run from the Parade include Church Road, Alexander Road, Albert Road etc. 36 houses have dropped kerb and a parking space on their drive and obviously in front of the drive, meaning that parking spaces are already significantly reduced. Residents do not have enough parking spaces for existing vehicles so already there is great difficulty in parking close to home and South Parade is used as an overspill area for those vehicles. As well as people visiting the shore and shops, the large number of vehicles locally is because the roads contain houses that have been converted to flats. So this impacts greatly on the amount of parking spaces that are available. Also at weekends and bank holidays residents cannot find parking spaces anywhere near their homes. If the new parking charges are approved agitated drivers will be searching relentlessly up and down the adjacent narrow streets posing an obvious danger of collision.

Other issues are the impact of additional household costs and the negative impact on house prices. Also the terrible impact this will have on the many businesses in West Kirby.

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869. No parking should be charged outside the hours mentioned on the proposal

870. Wirral council using local people as their personal.cash cows yet again. This will destroy local.towns and businesses. Wirral.council.need to leave the free parking alone, lower the rates to their empty shops etc to get them.full again I stead of hiring rates and driving more independent businesses out. Surely this is obvious to all the people in the council.getting paid 100k+ per year???

871. Charging to park in this area will discourage people from visiting and enjoying walks.

872. People will be less likely to visit West Kirby, affecting local businesses. Additionally, congestion will increase in residential streets.

873. There has been no clearly defined "case for action" for applying a parking fee to this area. There is no evidence to suggest it is heavily over-utilized, and even if it were, that would likely only apply to peak season (i.e. summer). As such, this will penalize local residents in off-peak seasons when there is absolutely no need to "manage demand". The impacts on the coastal zones was not specifically addressed in the Wirral Parking analysis done in 2022. The requirements for these areas is different to all the following: residential zones, employment areas, shopping areas, congested areas (i.e. people needing to off-street park due to lack of space), and also local parks like Royden. The utilization of these spaces is for a variety of purposes, and especially beach access/walking paths.

874. Another area used by people on Wirral to get outdoor time. Discouraging people to use the green spaces, get exercise and getting into the great outdoors should not be a look WBC are wanting.

875. Will push parking onto residential streets around South Parade

876. As above

"877. It will discourage visitors, contrary to the stated aims of the council

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878. As an older couple, my wife and I often park here to allow us to walk on a flat route along the coast. Having to pay to park will restrict our opportunity to do this, which in turn will impact our mental well being. We find the walk along the coast close to the sea invigorating and be

879. As above

"880. I am objecting to this scheme for the following reasons:

Detrimental impact upon residential amenities

Need to avoid town cramming

Highway safety, inadequate parking and access

Environmentally damaging

This is a residential area, and is therefore not the same as introducing charges at a promenade or sea wall with no residences nearby; we can choose to visit or not to visit those beauty spots or country parks, or promenades because of charges, whereas this is a residential area and densely populated and residents do not have a choice.

This will force parking on to the side streets where there is already inadequate parking. The proposed charge to overnight charging will specially exacerbate this and is particularly vexatious as it is only residents who will be penalised by this.

Drivers' perceptions of this being an area which is very difficult to park in will further discourage visitors to local businesses. As of this date nine shop fronts in Banks Road alone are not trading.

Safety is a key issue as cars already park on pavements or two cars park in driveways designed for one which block the pavement for pedestrians. There are safety issues for children and other pedestrians with cars blocking pavements and driving or reversing on to the roads. This situation will be exacerbated by these proposed charges.

An increasing number of dwellings in the CH48 streets connecting to Banks Road and the South Parade are removing their front gardens to make driveways as a result of problems with parking. This removes the small gardens which were there previously, furthering problems with drainage, removing the little wildlife that is present and increasing risks of streets flooding. Many of these driveways do not pay to lower the pavement and therefore the pavements are damaged and broken with cars driving over them every day, increasing hazards for pedestrians. Even though some do have the pavements lowered, the majority drive into these driveways, and consequently reverse blindly, and illegally, on to the road,

endangering pedestrians and other drivers. As many houses do not have the space the pavement is blocked or partially blocked by cars on many streets. By Wirral Council allowing residents to do this to their houses they are allowing residents to essentially privatise the roads. At present, on the road on which I live which is primarily terraced houses, 50% of the road is privatised and nobody can use it for parking whether cars or there or not.

There are further safety issues for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers because of obscured visibility when navigating corners as drivers already park close to bends due to existing inadequate parking resources and this will increase with these proposed parking charges.

I object to these proposed charges on all the above grounds, and believe them to be shortsighted, unreasonable and poor planning and environmentally damaging.

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881. We need encourage visitor from near and far

"882. I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed implementation of car parking charges in these areas. This plan appears to be poorly thought out and will likely have significant negative consequences for both the local environment and the community.

By introducing parking charges, you risk discouraging visitors from coming to the area altogether. Those who do still come will likely seek alternative parking in nearby residential areas, shifting traffic congestion and creating additional strain on the local environment. This increased pressure on residential areas will not only contribute to pollution and noise but also diminish the quality of life for local residents.

Furthermore, many local businesses, which rely on a steady flow of visitors, will undoubtedly suffer from the drop in foot traffic. The reduction in visitors will have a detrimental impact on the local economy, harming both small businesses and the overall vibrancy of the area.

If Wirral Council is in need of additional funding, I would urge you to reconsider your approach. Instead of burdening residents and visitors with parking fees, focus on addressing the inefficiencies in council spending. For instance, the wasteful and poorly conceived consultations that often lead to misguided decisions should be reassessed.

A recent example is the situation in New Brighton, where Wetherspoons was allowed to expand its business, only to abandon the location when it became too costly to maintain.

Not only has this left an unsightly and hazardous empty space, but it also raises questions about why such poor planning was allowed to happen in the first place.

I urge you to reconsider these parking charges and focus on making improvements that will genuinely benefit the local community and environment."

883. Will cause absolute chaos to all side roads and residents.

884. Many People cannot afford parking charges

"885. I am an elderly resident of South Parade, I have balance difficulties but do not qualify for a Disabled Badge. I have been able to park outside my home for many years. Beginning to introduce parking charges would mean I would have to seek parking elsewhere; finding a free parking space within my walking capabilities is likely to prove impossible (leaving me stranded). My Council Tax grading already takes into account the fact that I live just where I do.. A similar sized flat two streets away would not be charged at Rate D.

I could afford an annual parking pass £40-£60 as is available to residents where on street parking charges have been levied (and to those regularly visiting the car parks associated with Places of Interest eg Wirral Country Park).

Any residents' permit scheme would not guarantee a parking space nor include the parking of caravans or motor homes.

Is no thought being given to those who have limited mobility but hope never to qualify for a Blue Badge that would allow them free parking more or less anywhere in WM District."

886. Forcing motorists to park in residential roads. They do not use carpark in Dee Lane because they refuse to pay

887. We often park here for leisure time

888. As above

889. Why if people want to say fit and healthy by the sea front do we have to pay

890. The beach is one of the naturally free things people of all ages can go to, charging people will reduce the opportunity people have for fresh air and exercise here.

891. This will reduce people coming to West Kirby and impact negatively on local businesses.

892. Why punish the public further? You've increased the council tax and other taxes, so please stop imposing more costs as it's very difficult to live with all these payments at the moment

893. Wrong

894. It's tax for tax sake and it's stopping people from enjoying the waterfront..its outrageous

895. As above

896. Will drastically reduce visitors to area, affecting local businesses. Introducing payment will increase parking in residential roads.

897. I recognize the financial predicament of the council and hope they will retain local services such as West Kirby library rather than continue to subsidize parking. Many car parks in the area already charge and this does not appear to affect people visiting the area.

898. If you introduce parking charges on the parade - visitors will park on Riversdale Road. I do not have access to a private parking spot - so as a resident, I will struggle to park near my home.

899. Scheme will drive people away from local area,

900. People can't afford these charges

901. Same as above

902. Now the new wall is up you can't even enjoy any view whatsoever sitting in your car when parked on the prom. There is such little to enjoy in the local area now so why make wus pay for it?

903. Impact low earners residents already hit with high cost of living. What free therapy is left if even parking here and walking on the beach cost money? Totally unfair.

904. Parking charges will mean the town and its businesses will suffer. Also there will be a negative impact on residential streets and the ability of residents to park. There is also a high risk of RNLI crew receiving parking penalties unless they pay for a ticket which would result in longer emergency response times.

905. Why are you determined to make everyone's life a misery?

"906. Although this area is often busy charging for parking in this area where there are a lot of older people could make what is possible there only opportunity for a bit of exercises or socialising unaffordable in the current financial climate. "

907. Same as above

908. You are going to force drivers off that road and onto side roads making it dangerous

909. will effect businesses and people visiting the area for pleasure.

910. Will keep people away from shops etc

911. You already have numerous pay and display carparks you are driving people away from our coastal areas it's a disgrace

912. Bad idea

913. West Kirby promenade gets many visitors a day to exercise....An introduction of a parking charge will drastically reduce those visitors many of whom are elderly...

914. You will kill the number of people visiting and getting exercise, fresh air , mental wellbeing. Big up. Ditch the idea.....again 🙄🙄

915. It's bad enough now that the wall along the prom has been built. Disabled people used to enjoy sitting in their cars and enjoying the scenes on the boating lake and the views of the hills on the other side of the estuary. Parking charges is another way of making people feel unwelcome and bidding them to stay away. The parking charges are not necessary.

916. Again asking public to pay to park on public roads when most side roads don't have enough space to park outside there houses

917. As above

918. See comments at questions 1

919. It will destroy local commerce. I realise that left wing politicians don't appear to understand how incredibly important that is to the local community because the public purse funds their lives but without our taxes, your lifestyle goes away.

920. Same as above

921. This will drive traffic into residential streets. It will also directly impact older people who are on limited budgets.

922. Residential parking is very limited at this end of West Kirby and throughout the town centre. Can residents apply for a parking permit and how much does this currently cost per annum? Where would I be able to use it?

923. As above

924. Will drive parking into the side streets which are already crowded with no driveways. People who live there will have to pay to park outside their own house

925. Damaging to local business residents and tourism

926. It discourages people from wanted to go for walks etc so helping people health and mind

927. Locals free pass

"928. You've already ruined the view from parked cars in inclement weather with a useless storm defence wall.This is unnecessary, anti tourism and a council money grab

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929. Coast should be free to all! Will cause visitors to park outside residents houses and other visitors to not bother in visiting the area at all! Plenty of parking space available - except possibly at peak periods only

930. People will stop going to West Kirby/New Brighton ect.

931. Charges will drive people away from our area which in turn will in the long run affect businesses. When will councilors who we pay to work for us the people do what we request if the majority do NI? Highly unlikely as they have never listened in the past so why would they listen now?

932. This is unfair. One shouldn't have to pay for parking at a beauty place.

933. As above

"934. Access to the coast is a key draw to bring people and money into West Kirby - the proposed scheme will negatively impact on all aspects.

I travel to West Kirby for sport. There is no option other than to drive due to the nature of the sports equipment (Canoes / kayaks), this will limit my ability to partake in the sport at these locations and lead me elsewhere. Additionally, I provide ad hoc volunteer coaching for local kids / residents, this will reduce likelihood of me providing such services."

935. Negative effect on local businesses.

936. Ridiculous

937. Restrict access to local businesses

938. The Wirral is called the leisure peninsula. By charging people to park, it will stop people coming to enjoy our beautiful seaside coast and kill off people visiting the shops, restaurants and enjoying the beach and walks around the marine lake and out the Hilbre and Little Eye.

939. It's disgusting, all you're going to do is stop people going there and instead they'll visit the big retail parks instead. If you want to save money then cut the number of local councillors by two thirds and cut the wages of the council chief executives.

940. See above

941. It's a greedy money grab and will only be detrimental to the area, less people will visit and overall local businesses will be negatively impacted, therefore community negatively impacted. It is cruel when people are already struggling to pay bills.

942. People will park on the side streets rather than pay parking charges on the promenades. This will discourage visitors to Hoylake, New Brighton, and West Kirby, and make it unnecessarily more difficult for local residents and businesses. These proposed charges should not go ahead.

943. Mostly residential area. Although busier than Hoylake, this again will most likely cause more congestion in other near-by, non chargeable, residential areas.

944. Parking fees will only make people avoid the area like they have done in town centres and other charged areas which will result in even more business closing or moving. It will also deter out of area visitors to come to the peninsular.

945. It is a local natural beauty spot and should be free to access and spend time without worrying about staying over a set time. It is morally repugnant to exploit a landmark that should be free for everyone to visit and enjoy without anxiety.

946. All parking should be free.

947. Residents in the roads leading down will find it impossible to park

948. People just won't go

949. It will stop visitors coming to the area which then will have a negative impact on the businesses in the area

950. Surprised? Visit our kitchen experts in-store or go online to see high quality design at affordable prices.

951. See both of my previous comments

952. See above.

"953. People need to get out and walk

It's too dangerous to cycle"

954. Local businesses will suffer. A lot of parking already had to be paid. Just limit the amount of free time along the parade - 1st hour free thru oay . So many others can enjoy the area.

955. Not required should be left for people to enjoy the prom and views. It will only drive people into side roads or not come to the town. if the poorly run council had spent millions on a vanity project they wouldn't need to try and fill a hole.

956. As above

957. Destruction of local business and tourism

958. Agree with parking charges for those vehicles/camper vans which are being parked for over 24 hours but we believe we should be encouraging people to the outdoors for their health and wellness.

959. I have exactly the same comments as above.

960. Your just looking at WBC revenue not what's best for the community.

961. Same arguments as previous scheme.

962. I regularly use this space to visit west kirby and its local businesses. Charges would discourage me from visiting as much.

963. Same reason

"964. let us move use and about our community at no cost , cars will be parked on residential roads instead, west kirby is already pushed for parking.

I want to nip out to my local amenities freely, not think twice about going for fresh air and exercise because it will be a cost. A walk seven days a week with parking will be a lot of money, enough to put people off going for air and exercise. Some people, especially elderly people, who enjoy time on the promenades can find using parking machines, apps etc anxiety inducing. It may mean they choose not to go for a walk. "

965. No

966. People will not visit, causing small businesses to close

967. As above, you are taking away the ability for people to have exercise without the associated cost

968. Sage reason as New Brighton

969. It will adversely affect tourism.

970. I live in the centre of West Kirby and already it is overcrowded with cars. This is becoming dangerous as people park wherever they can and cause obstacles for pedestrians and other drivers. It would be better to review train prices

971. As above

972. I work as a community carer along this road and need access to free parking to access my clients houses. I never have a problem accessing a space normally whilst this area is free to park

973. You'll kill local businesses.

974. same comments as above

975. As above

976. It will be detrimental to local businesses and the area as people will think twice about going to the area

977. This would stop so many people visiting for a free day out with kids!

978. As above

979. Charges will affect businesses, families ability to enjoy quality time and people's mental health

"980. Wirral Council are extremely greedy doing this. There are bins overflowing, almost every drain blocked in surrounding areas, they're flying tipping bin bags every week on the side of the roads feeding the rats and yet they spent £30M on a restaurant and wall of which both have failed in their purpose and in turn they now want to charge for parking all along the coast which is predominantly used by local residents.

We are not a seaside holiday resort along our coasts.. we are local residents working, visiting family or friends or wanting to enjoy what little free freedom we have as you've closed most libraries , swimming pools and other public services staying lacking of funds!"

981. There is no need for this. There's a huge pay and display car park. All this will achieve is busier side streets and more congestion. It will mean people just park in Morrisons, which is already busy, and will also deter people from visiting our beautiful town. People are already struggling financially.

982. Again it's a community asset .

983. There are two chargeable car parks so this will just be an extension to this scheme.

"984. I feel that charging for parking will adversely impact local businesses by driving people towards locations with no parking charges which tend to be out of town with large corporations.

The mental health and fitness of residents will also be impacted, people go to these locations for fresh air and exercise and will be discouraged from doing so if yet another charge is levied on car owners who seem to be an 'easy target' and treated as a cash cow. "

985. Again local independent businesses are struggling. They rely on people coming and being able to stay for long enough to visit as many of them as possible. Let's support local businesses. Let's support areas for locals to walk and relax without being charged for access to fresh air

986. Charging people to park will discourage people from using these spaces and will inhibit the growth of small businesses in the area.

987. People will not use the facilities at West Kirby.

988. Going to the coast to walk, exercise should remain a free activity. Imposing charges on activities that improve mental and physical health if Wirral residents and visitors is not acceptable

989. Parking is already difficult in West Kirby and this will cause more problems for local residents as visitors will try to park on in side streets instead, It will also discourage people from visiting and using local shops, with a detrimental effect on the local economy and local businesses. The marine lake is a popular and well used resource and this goes against initiatives to keep people active by discouraging walkers, especially those with children or mobility needs who might need to park nearer, and may also be on low incomes

990. Charging to park is detrimental to the economy of the area.

991. My comments above apply equally for residents living near the planned areas for on-street parking charges.

992. This area is always busy, but it may result in problems (for residents and businesses) elsewhere if people park in different places to avoid the charges.

993. West Kirby is well-served by public transport and local car parking charges are minimal as a proportion of the cost of private car ownership. A reduced car presence would benefit pedestrians, cyclists, horse-riders and mobility scooter users throughout this very busy location. More control of on-street parking is needed to prioritise residents' parking near fee-charging car parks, particularly in dangerously congested areas such as Bridge Road.

994. See answer to 1

995. I am a local resident and live in Victoria Drive, close to South Parade. I object to the proposed parking charges in the strongest possible terms. The proposal is vindictive, ill considered and targets the elderly such as myself who will no longer be able to easily park near their own homes. At present it is a struggle to park close to my home in winter and this is worse in the summer. This is largely because of the overspill of visitor traffic from South Parade when it is full. If charges are introduced tourists and other visitors will seek to park in the side roads and residents will be unable to park near their homes. I will then be forced to pay charges to park on South parade or try and find a parking space, which given current parking density is probably somewhere the other side Banks Road, and then walk several hundred yards carrying any shopping I may have. I, as many elderly people do, have a limited income and walking long distances with shopping is not practical. Deliberately victimising local residents such as myself is nasty and this parking proposal very badly thought out. The idea that there may not be any parking displacement is simply not credible and suggests that no-one involved in this proposal has visited the areas concerned.

996. This is my one haven. My one free thing to do when I feel low, or down. I can come for a drive, stay as long as I need and breathe in the fresh air. Or just sit in the car. Please don't start charging!

997. Will affect local business and drive traffic to side streets which are already congested

998. Need excellent public transport and active travel to precede charges. Need cargo bikes to become the norm in advance of restrictions to cars and parking

999. no

1000. Financial charges should not be put in place as they will discourage the local population using the area for exercise, which is important for the populations well being. Charges will discourage people using the area.

1001. As above, I'm ok with a £1 overnight charge, in principle. I am completely against daytime parking charges though. This strikes me as a tax (which we already pay in abundance) on those who just wish to enjoy the natural surroundings of the peninsula, or embark on a shopping trip.

1002. See my first comment

1003. We shouldn't have to pay to park at the sea front, everyone deserves fresh air and nature

1004. Spent money on a sea barrier that did not work. Why should the residents of Wirral pay for parking in these areas just to fund more of the councils ideas that do not work.

1005. I am objecting to parking charges

1006. Stop putting up parking meters

1007. Just another way to take money, there is hardly any parking as it is, make bigger car parks before trying to charge so we can go up the local town and shop to support our communities.

1008. I don't agree with parking charges

1009. We pay high council tax yet you spend as little as possible on highways and byways. Over pay senior management. Cost of living is hard enough and more cost in enjoying the coastal areas will stop people who can not afford to pay from helping with mental health and wellbeing.

1010. Money grabbing evil individuals

1011. often we park here to have a walk and use a local cafe. A parking fee would put us off and likely make us either go elsewhere or park on a residential street

1012. I disagree with the implementation of car parking charges as it will deter people from visiting the site and have a negative effect on the local economy.

1013. I object to this scheme as it is unnecessary and will put off visitors, again, people will just park in residential streets instead and it will cause needless congestion and overcrowding in side roads

1014. Local businesses will suffer.

1015. As above

1016. Just outrageous that we will have to pay in order to get decent fresh air from the coast. It will put a lot of people off therefore you are denying people good physical and mental health practices

1017. Parking charges will Deter people from enjoying what's good about the Wirral, and result in decline in local business

1018. It would restrict visitors and residents considerably.

1019. Charging to pay for parking without any benefits is ridiculous. It isn't a secure car park, there are no services provided this is a disgusting attempt to squeeze more money out of people during a cost of living crisis.

1020. As above

1021. stop nickel diming all batures beauty spots ... freedom should be free to access or free to those in wirral paying council tax

1022. Will affect local businesses too much i think tho not as much as new brighton

1023. The effect of the proposed changes is disproportionate. It will cause congestion in parking in surrounding roads and adversely affect the commercial economy of West Kirby,

1024. Implementing charges will have a detrimental effect on the area specifically local small businesses

1025. same comment as above

1026. Outcome of charges would be disproportionate in affecting local businesses and displacing parking to nearby roads in the marine lake area

1027. Discourages people, especially poorer people, from the area parking up and getting fresh air and healthy exercise. Will have a negative impact on public health and mental well being. Also will impact local small businesses as discourages visitors.

1028. The businesses in West Kirby are only just getting back on their feet after Covid and the delayed completion of the flood defence wall on South Parade. People park there and walk, followed by a visit to local cafes and shops. This business stands all to be lost, along with experiencing the joy and associated benefits to mental and physical health of walking locally.

1029. As above

1030. As above

1031. This is the nearest beach to me - I visit nearly every day & feel that I am being unfairly charged for living here & loving where I live. I understand the charges in the summer but in the winter months it is mainly locals who visit the beach. Charging on the prom will also make it impossible to park in Morrisons to do my shopping.

1032. Will drive visitors away especially the elderly who park up to look at the view. The view that is already spoilt by the awful seawall that doesn'teork road still flooded as no one put the gates up.

1033. People use this for recreation at the weekend. People will think twice or try every side road first.

1034. As this is a coastal recreational area, the price must be kept simple and low to not discourage outdoor activities.

1035. Appalling decision. Lazy option from Council that needs to review savings elsewhere. Beaches are open spaces are public resources that should not charge visitors. Supports community wellbeing and why people want to live in Wirral.

1036. It will stop people coming to West Kirby

1037. Yes. I strongly object to it. Wirral used to be called "The Leisure Peninsula". The NHS is crumbling under the nationwide levels of obesity. Families should be encouraged to use the coastal leisure facilities for exercise rather than discouraged by high parking charges. Also, this will have a massive impact on residential areas because people will try and park outside the parking zones and also businesses as people will avoid visiting the town.

1038. Unnecessary money making , will deter visitors and deprive people of the right to enjoy the area and take exercise

1039. As above

1040. I do not object to inflationary increases where charges currently apply. I believe expanding the list of streets where charges apply should each be considered on their individual merit, rather in a block. Overnight charges must be backed up by enforcement, in which case it may not always be cost effective to do this. Overnight charges must serve a purpose other than just revenue raising.

1041. Will have a detrimental affect to this lovely beach and the area

1042. By introducing charges you will drive away people from spending their money in the local community and this will result in closed shops and unappealing areas for the residents.

1043. 6.30 is too early for overnight parking.

1044. The introduction of charges will discourage people from visiting the area. This will have an effect on local businesses. It will also mean that visitors will miss the opportunity to walk along the marine lake as part of their well-being regime.

1045. Another busy tourist spot. Traffic is awful so we often avoid West Kirby, or park a behind the concourse. Paid parking would help manage traffic levels

1046. Negative impact on visitors to the area. Does not encourage spending time outdoors and regular exercise such as walking.

1047. Wirral is called the Leisure Peninsula. By introducing parking charges here the local people will travel to and park less on the coastal roads and will therefore not exercise along these promenades increasing the burden on NHS services. Also people from outside area will visit this area of Wirral less to avoid charges or they will be driven to park on congested side roads which are ridiculously too narrow in West Kirby anyway.

1048. Think it is unfair to charge for parking in an area where families and individuals have previously been able to go for a free day out. Lots of people walk or just sit in this area which is good for their physical and mental health. Putting a charge on parking will discourage many from visiting. Also will have a detrimental effect on local businesses. A very short sighted proposal which appears to disregard these knock on effects.

1049. As above and people already pay road tax ,this will have an effect on local businesses as it does now on Woodchurch road prenton.

1050. as stated above

1051. I visit West Kirby for R&R and fresh air. At times I will purchase a meal locally. My local bus stop is too far away for me to walk so a car is needed. The cost of parking for sufficient time to do this means I won't be going, thereby isolating myself even further. Just another place of interest I won't be able to visit.

1052. There is not an excessive demand for parking which would warrant charging here. This could also be potential harmful to local businesses.

1053. Car parking charges will deter cars parking and thereby destroy the character of the front

1054. This will deter visitors to an area beginning to struggle. If the bars, restaurants and shops get reduced visitors they will fail so no one will visit anyway so no parking fees will be paid anyway. another part of Wirral will fall into a sorry state.

1055. If you charge to park on the front people will simply park on the side streets. Residents won't then be able to park outside their own homes. I suppose then you're going to introduce residents only parking with residents parking permits and visitors permits etc. Another money making scheme. Argh!!!! Think outside the box. Stop punishing car owners.

1056. Perhaps visitors may look to park in the free areas of the town, with implications here for local business.

1057. I, myself family friends, acquaintances and many locals I know. And visitors to the area. Regularly visit this area with family, children, partners. They use it regularly as a form of exercise and to help mental health, and socialising ,walking around the area. And to use the local amenities within the area. To charge for parking will be detrimental to the local area as this will have a negative effect.

1058. It will have a detrimental impact to local businesses and mental health and wellbeing of the people that come into New Brighton

"1059. Cost of installing infrastructure and policing the car parks will make the proposal a burden, whilst worsening the financial position of the council... the scheme will see more people parking on adjacent roads, inconveniencing local residents and potentially creating more dangerous conditions for people using local amenities due to poor driving and parking behaviours. Rather than being a financial benefit you will be creating unsafe village centres with frustrated residents. Finally, this could have an impact on local businesses if people decide the new parking arrangements are too much hassle, at which point they may choose to take their business elsewhere... this could reduce occupancy of commercial spaces and see further revenue loss for the council as businesses choose to vacate premises and are no longer paying rates.

This is not the quick buck you think it is. Don't cause more frustration and challenges for those who are living through the cost of living crisis."

1060. The same as mentioned above

1061. This will discourage people visiting and affect tourism

1062. We pay enough now more charges . Wants you start charging this will just increase yearly

1063. We should be making it easier for residents to go to local areas and support local businesses, not bringing in charges that make this more difficult. West Kirby is a lovely area with plenty to offer and does not need any deterrents in the forms of parking charges.

1064. Mental health is important and being able to visit huge area of parking and having to pay seems not conducive for local residents who pay council tax to live

1065. I object in principle to parking charges at beauty spots because we should be encouraging enjoyment of our beautiful environment.

1066. We live at Church Road and, as residents, we already find it difficult to secure street parking now. If charges are introduced for South Parade but not Church Road, visitors to the area will seek to park on our road to avoid charges which will make it very difficult for us to secure residential parking. You need to either think about ways residential parking can be ensured or not introduce charges at all.

1067. Less likely to visit the area

1068. See comments for Questions 1-4 above and general comments in Q12

"1069. According to Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489), and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA), particularly Section 122, a 'Statement of Reasons' must be provided to explain the purpose of the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) in question. The 'Statement of Reasons' is a key part of ensuring that stakeholders can make informed responses to any proposed changes.

In the current consultation, this critical document has not been made available for public viewing through this consultation portal With the consultation deadline of 23/10/24 fast approaching, it is clear that this essential document will not be made available in sufficient time for meaningful public engagement.

The omission of the 'Statement of Reasons' renders the consultation non-compliant with the statutory requirements of transparency and public participation. This failure prevents stakeholders from understanding the rationale behind each TRO, and as such, the consultation cannot be considered legally valid.

I strongly object to the scheme on these grounds and request that the consultation be voided or extended until such time as the 'Statement of Reasons' is properly published, allowing for a full and informed public response."

1070. I do not object to paying to park, however I believe that Wirral Council should encourage visitors to our Borough by permitting campervans and motorhomes to park in all areas where other vehicles are permitted to park. As a campervan owner I travel to other parts of the UK and feel welcomed as a visitor when the Local Authority has considered that the majority of campervan and motorhome drivers are responsible adults and respectful towards the areas they choose to visit. Whilst in these areas, campervan and motorhome drivers put money into the local economy, whether that be daytime activities on offer (e.g. minigolf, arcades, funfair, museums, etc), or hospitality businesses which desperately need more support to survive, let alone thrive. I recognise that a very small minority of campervan and motorhome drivers 'may' not treat all areas with the respect they should, however this is just the same as any car driver who doesn't respect an area they are visiting i.e. litter is litter, mess is mess. I think it is a shame that the message from Wirral Council is basically, "You're not welcome here". Introduction of an overnight charge should be levelled at all vehicles based upon the size of the space they take up, and I believe this would increase the number of visitors to Wirral, which in turn would increase the revenue from parking charges.

1071. Don't agree with adding parking charges

1072. As above. Was the Wirral not previously designated the Leisure Peninsula?

1073. As the previous two points above you spent a fortune on an unnecessary sea wall & now want to reduce free parking which will force people to park in the residential side streets

1074. It is a place for Wirral residents to enjoy and relax in our beautiful outdoors, and local businesses will suffer

1075. Going to force cars into the residential streets which already have no driveways and are already full at most times. Residents are going to find it impossible.

1076. As above

1077. It will prevent people visiting and affect local businesses. We already pay road tax and parking on roads means we have to pay twice. Many parking charges signs and meters along the coast will totally spoil the scenic areas. Charges will also encourage people to park in side roads which are already congested and push the problem further. Also will encourage people to use residents private car parks, creating more cost in putting up barriers to prevent this.

1078. Will have a negative impact on local residents and local businesses. It will also impact on the health and mental well-being of people who can no longer afford to visit.

1079. An afternoon at West Kirkby is a right of passage for merseyside children and elderly residents this will be stopped dead with parking charges

1080. If parking is 'pay by card only', it will prevent many cash-only users from using it.

"1081. There are very few activities where families, who are hard pressed financially, can get together and enjoy the outdoors. Charging for parking here would take yet another possibility away. Kids will start hanging around in towns and causing chaos.

Also the local business will suffer from the drop in footfall. I believe the negatives far outweigh the benefits to the Council and the local community. "

1082. See comments in section 2 this still applies

"1083. People visit west kirby and enjoy the beach with free parking. They can also visit local shops and cafes, thus supporting local businesses.

If there are charges, people will park in local roads which are already highly congested. This will create issues for residents who may have to then pay to park instead. Most adjoining roads have no off street parking. This is a real problem for residents who already complain about this "

"1084. This will act as a barrier to peoples health and well being, people use this area to park there cars and go for a walk - the spaces are welcoming to tourists who will bring in revenues for our local area.

This is a false economy from a financial perspective - the loss of travelling in spend, will be far greater than any income generated from parking - simple equation, £2 income from parking or £20 spend coffee, cakes and treats!"

1085. By removing what limited parking which is not outside residential homes, it means it is going to lead to more congested side streets and residents struggling for parking. The sea wall has already reduced the number of parking places along the promenade and fewer parking places means fewer visitors and more empty shops. It is as if the Council are trying to destroy the towns of Wirral. It should be encouraging by allowing free parking.

"1086. I STRONGLY OBJECT. Cars will park in side streets which are already overcrowded.
BUSINESSES WILL SUFFER YET AGAIN"

1087. This will cause more parking issues on adjacent roads. In Victoria Drive we have a particular problem of a man running a car sales business from the house on the corner of Banks rd and he parks many acrs in the street and many have not moved in over a year. This is a disgrace and illegal. Will he get multiple parking permits if they come in?

1088. Damaging to local businesses and unfair for people who attend for health benefits of nice walks around marine lake/on beach

1089. This is used by local residents to enjoy their daily walk and to visit local businesses and they should not be made to pay for this

1090. It's an unfair financial grab from residents and visitors.

1091. Displacing cars to park in front of houses. You should be encouraging families to walk, cycle, use facilities, beach etc not adding to the cost of everyday living. You will be doing to WK, NB and Hoylake what you have done to Birkenhead, which is almost a ghost town. We visited Macclesfield recently, there you get two hours free, ensuring everyone had an opportunity to visit shops, park etc. The town was buzzing.

1092. This is a popular area for walkers, especially in summer and parking charges will simply displace parking elsewhere and almost certainly to residential streets in the area

1093. By introducing these ridiculous plans the Council will put people off visiting.

1094. As above

"1095. We should be proud of the fact that Wirral is one of the few areas in the country that allows people free access to open, natural spaces. We should be encouraging people to get out in nature, not putting obstacles in their way.

Additionally, adding parking charges will (as has often been the case) push people into the densely populated side streets, exacerbating the congestion already there.

I have lived here for over 30 years quite frankly, I am tired of having this debate every few years. "

1096. West Kirby is a popular resort which will be detrimentally affected by people having to pay to park just to walk along the promenade and/or around the Marine Lake. People simply won't visit West Kirby if they have to pay to park on the prom and this will affect local businesses, especially the many coffee shops & cafés.

1097. Residents shouldn't be charged. We already pay council tax and road tax. We are already a struggling area and it is hard to go anywhere where there isn't antisocial behaviour and going to someplace where public transport doesn't go to is fabulous for us with elderly disabled parents and young children. Charging here will remove this valuable safe area from not just us but the Wirral and visitors as a whole. Additionally charging to go shopping forces us to travel further to find somewhere where we can park.

1098. People are already struggling financially and charging to pay in this area will reduce the number of people who will be able to afford to park to take exercise or visit the amenities or shops

1099. As above. This scheme will discourage visitors and residents from coming to West Kirby. It will directly affect local businesses in a negative way, and will also negatively impact on people's ability to visit the beach and leisure activities. Many residents depend on their cars to get to this area (cars are a necessity, not a luxury) for their mental and physical wellbeing, and introducing parking charges will discourage people from coming,

and therefore have a negative affect on both mental and physical wellbeing. It is a short-sighted scheme, which may plug holes in the Council's finances in the short term, but will have long-term detrimental effects. At a time when other councils are backtracking on their parking charges (see Brighton), it beggars belief that Wirral is planning to introduce them. Free parking is one of the reasons why many people are attracted to come here and spend money in our local economy. Why the Council would actively try to threaten this is mystifying.

1100. Many elderly people like to bring their lunch and sit here getting fresh air and looking at our stunning coastline, this is a public road that should be accessible to all.

1101. Unnecessary

1102. At a time of rising prices parking charges will restrict access to these public spaces to those who can least afford it. Many elderly people come to these open spaces to enjoy the views and fresh air, as do you young families. This is good for people's mental and physical wellbeing. Parking charges will also result in increased parking in the surrounding side roads.

1103. I have no issues with the overnight parking charges, in fact I feel that they should/could be higher, however I do object to the introduction of charges at sites that allow people to enjoy the benefits of the Leisure Peninsula.

"1104. It will have an affect on local business as it will deter customers coming to the business.

It will also have an impact on residential streets as people will park there causing problems for local residents"

1105. Another busy local place for tourists. It can handle parking charges

1106. It is hard enough to park in West Kirby without having to pay. Along the parade cars parked cannot see the view because of the wavy wall so have to leave their car and try and walk round the wall which is often locked (for obvious reasons).

1107. Another way to empty people's pockets

1108. Absolutely ridiculous idea to charge people to park up and enjoy the Wirral peninsula it will have a huge impact on businesses etc shame on you

1109. See above

1110. Parking charges will deeply affect our community

1111. Thousands of local residents use this area for their daily healthy walk and they should not be charged for the privilege

1112. It will damage small businesses in winter months as it will stop passing trade

1113. All public highways are owned by the public and tax payers... authority and consent is not given to any corporation for charges to land and highways.. additionally this is unlawful and detrimental for the area...

1114. No issues with people being able to park free on this premises

1115. It's going to destroy tourism, leisure activities and severely impact local businesses

1116. This is a very bad idea for the local community and businesses alike. People/families will not be able to afford the simple pleasures of a day out in the fresh air, and it will affect local small businesses.A

1117. See comments in answer 2

1118. Parking charges will put people off from parking, therefore taking their business elsewhere.

1119. Same as above.

1120. It seems that the council are only looking to gain funds from making people pay for parking at any cost. These funds from parking charges can only be used for parking outlined schemes which impact on the community and independent business within them areas. I strongly disagree with any parking charges along or coastal area as these areas should be open to all for free, which they have been for over 50+ year's. In fact I believe that in some places a covenant covers land to be open and free of costs to access for general public and could be an illegal act if implemented. The general consensus is that we don't want parking charges but the consultation process only allows those with IT knowledge to put their point forward. If this consultation was in the site of the general public ie face to face with an easy petition to sign with your relevant postcode etc etc you would have 1000s signing against. But you'll pay our budget of 1000s to agency to develop a process that intentionally puts part of our community at a loss to participate.

1121. As above

1122. Very unfair

1123. As above. I object to having to pay to access our open spaces.

1124. As above

1125. The parking is already required for roads leading off the Promenade where residents do not have driveways or sufficient parking. This will cause considerable nuisance for those residents which is totally unreasonable. Parking must remain free on the Promenade.

1126. See first answer

1127. Will likely affect local businesses, which in turn will affect council tax revenue

"1128. Parking is already at premium and most people park at Morrison's to avoid current car park costs. Parking charges will limit the Morrison's demand even further for shopper's that could mean more people going hungry. Also, it will impact local residents as people will park outside houses and worsen the pollution levels around peoples houses with additional vehicle exhausts. It will also worsen the roads and pavements nearby due to more use.

Residents will also need to apply for permits of which additional resource will be required in the

council of which is already difficult to recruit to posts as it is.

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1129. This will discourage people from travelling here to exercise and use the beach. Surely in a society where health and wellbeing are a top priority we should all offer people free parking to be able to get out and about. This will also prevent pressure on the NHS.

1130. A £1 charge for overnight parking is reasonable. My concern is how long it will stay at that price. Once you have the go ahead the charges will increase dramatically

1131. It will deter people from visiting the area. The scheme is ill-advised and seems to be aimed at limiting the activities of those from certain areas of society.

1132. It's hard enough to navigate the prom and difficult to park now due to fewer parking spaces following the wall construction

"1133. Bringing in these schemes will not help support local businesses, because why would people pay to visit these shops when you can just go to a retail park or supermarket with free parking or buy the goods online for cheaper and more convenience.

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1135. This is just a money grabbing scheme for the council. This is not based on what is good or right for the people who live in these impacted communities or use these facilities

1136. This is going to affect tanskeys on the front who is also another small business

1137. Yes same reason as above

1138. Charges will kill local businesses

1139. Seems needless given the other possible income streams that could and should be explored. The reasons given for introducing the charges do not seem applicable in lots of the locations.

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1141. All people have a right to free access to enjoy this natural coastal recreational area. It is essential for the health and wellbeing of Wirral Residents and visitors alike. The importance of fresh air and exercise was highlighted during the COVID epidemic. The proposed charges amount to nothing more than yet another tax on motorists. Many motorists will simply park in nearby residential areas in order to avoid having to pay which will cause greater congestion and parking issues in those areas for local residents. The Council will respond with more yellow lines, further reducing parking availability for everyone and causing more aggravation for all concerned. Wirral tries to promote itself as the "Leisure Peninsula" and then subsequently does its best to tax anyone who tries to enjoy it. If the Council see this as a method of raising revenue from tourism, then it should provide free parking permits to Wirral Residents for all of these locations.

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1143. Same applies with small independent business will lose out and struggle more than they are. It will push cars in to residential streets and they're already overcrowded with cars.

1144. See above comments

1145. Again making people think twice about heading out. The system is unfair for parking when you couldn't know how long you'll need yet if you only purchase a ticket for a couple of hours you risk a fine by staying longer.

1146. South Parade, West Kirby is an another area where people should be encouraged to go and relax, or take exercise, indulge in sporting activities like sailing and swimming, exercise with their dogs and generally enjoy the seaside and the Council should actively be encouraging this and not introducing punitive charges for people wanting to avail themselves of the 'leisure peninsula'

1147. It will affect local businesses and cause parking issues in residential streets for wirral residents

1148. No problem here, just driving people away by restrictions

1149. We pay enough Taxes

1150. It will effect local business

1151. Will harm the economy

1152. Should be free so all elderly and young can enjoy the beach without being charged...it would be devastating 😞 if charges are applied for example dog walkers....people exercising all sorts of people enjoying themselves..

1153. Ridiculous money grasping project that will disrupt everyday life

1154. At no time have I seen the need for traffic management on this road

"1155. It will result in people parking in nearby streets making it difficult for residents - and eventually impact on shops on banks road

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1156. As above

1157. Yes, it should be free to be enjoyed for children, adults, exercise and dog walking for health reasons

1158. This will effect the tourism and the local businesses if you don't have these small companies will disappear and it will be a ghost area

1159. Free parking please

"1160. Charges will reduce the amount of people getting out to the coast to enjoy the fresh air and the scenery.

Charges will impact mental health, physical health and local business"

1161. People live on this road or their visitors - will they have to pay to park outside their own homes?

1162. It's disgusting to think that we have to pay extra on top of road tax because the council can't manage their finances.

"1163. This will result in a net loss of the coastal amenity to a huge number of people because:-

- People will not be able to afford the parking fees
- older people do not have smart phones or the ability to pay online.
- It will cause more congestion in the side streets as people use those for parking instead
- people will not get out of the car for that quick 10 minute walk or picnic on the benches

This will result in a reduction in physical and mental well being of residents and visitors."

1164. The council should be encouraging everyone to visit our coastline, for the many benefits which have been well documented since these Victorian towns were built.

1165. This will reduce access for leisure and impact on health of locals who travel to access the seafront. It will cause severe congestion in the side roads

1166. It will be hugely damaging to local businesses and will probably end up cash negative for the council. People should not be discouraged from exercising out of working hours

1167. The parking charges are illegal as they are principally designed to raise revenue. There is legal precedent for this and the council WILL be challenged. Law is clear under the RTRA 1984. The proposal is short sighted, will impact small local businesses and individuals using the carpark for voluntary work (litter picking etc). Coming to enjoy Wirrals wonderful coastline should not be taxed.

1168. Nowhere near for locals in the streets to park

"1169. 1) There will be increased pressure on the side streets which will impact local residents and businesses.

2) Businesses in West Kirby were badly affected when the prom was closed for the construction of the sea wall. Some even closed. This scheme would be adding to their problems.

3) Even if local residents only park their cars on the prom at night, this will be in effect a Council Tax increase of £365/366 a year - surely not allowable!

4) West Kirby as a coastal resort and part of the ""Leisure Peninsula"" has already been hit by the grassification of the beach, Covid and the building of the sea wall. PLEASE do not add these parking charges to its woes.

5) All the recent flat building without appropriate car parking spaces is already going to affect resident parking. This proposal will add to that."

1170. I

1171. No

1172. As above!

"1173. Yes it will take business away from the area and won't have as much footfall for leisure and business activities.

It will hugely impact local businesses who need all the support they can get. "

1174. This will massively decrease footfall and impact local businesses. We walk the dog here because the parking is convenient and free, if it wasn't we would park else where affecting local residents or go elsewhere. We always support a local business by getting a coffee or something. But this would not happen now and we would take the business to somewhere else, Chester, North Wales, or Liverpool.

1175. West Kirby is local to me so it's much easier to get a bus, train or cycle here, so that would be my preferred way to travel to avoid having to pay for parking.

1176. The same impact as previous two answers! Small independent businesses, restaurants, etc are injecting the town with life and a vibrancy again. This is still in its infancy. The introduction of parking charges will hinder how often I visit with my family and impact how much money I have free to spend with those businesses. A small monetary gain will result in a greater overall loss, businesses will close and you will lose the revenue currently made from those businesses. People visit for exercise and to improve mental health, less visits will impact significantly on this too and with greater costs being incurred elsewhere (strain on local GPs, NHS, etc.)

1177. As above

1178. No free access to coastline and detrimental scheme to local shops & businesses as people will avoid area due to charges

1179. Stop this stupid proposal now, local residents and businesses will suffer.

1180. As previous

1181. No

1182. People will stop using the parking if they have to pay. Working people are paying enough taxes and open spaces should not be taxed.

1183. The free parking brings much needed business to the area which will suffer if paid parking begins. People simply will decide not to go. Likewise people's health will suffer as the ability to exercise in our fantastic coastal environments will be drastically cut as they won't be able to afford to go daily.

1184. West Kirby struggles enough for parking as it is. People will not go there for a day out and support business if they have to pay for parking

1185. As above

1186. It will stop me from coming to the area.

1187. Parking charges taking customers away from local businesses

1188. Unfair to charge local people

1189. As above, local businesses are already being hit. You are driving away tourists and visitors.

1190. I visit regularly and this will affect me and my families free time and dog walks

1191. Same as above

1192. Same as above

1193. I am uniformed on this matter therefore can't give an opinion.

1194. as per answer 2

1195. See my comments above.

1196. As above.

1197. Charging for parking on South Parade will either divert vehicles to nearby residential streets to the detriment of residential amenity or will discourage people from visiting West Kirby, to the detriment of local businesses. The Council has provided no evidence from this location that introducing parking charges will bring any benefits in terms of traffic management, so the control of parking in this way is not necessary, and is not supported by the Wirral Parking Strategy

1198. Businesses will see a significant impact, especially those on Banks Road where parking is already difficult. This road is also used by residents where there is insufficient room to park on their own roads.

1199. Yes. This scheme is motivated by greed and it will be counter-productive in its outcomes. It will decimate visitors to New Brighton and the environs and will destroy the local economy, thereby reducing the amounts the council get through business rates etc. Just at a time when the economy needs a boost this is the last thing you should be doing. If you want get income from parking then place a Parking Tax on the big out of town shopping centres, but sadly I fear you are already in the pockets of organisations that inhabit such venues. You should be promoting town centres and encouraging people, businesses and

investment into them, not discouraging them with measures such as this. The evidence is clear of the damage you are doing. Look at Southport and Nuneaton town centres for example. They are a shadow of their former selves and it's due to a very large extent by greedy and penny-pinches schemes like this. Please take on board what I and doubtless many others have said in their objections and don't make the same mistake. The dire consequences if you do will be felt for many years to come.

1200. We pay enough out as it is. Road tax, council tax!

1201. As above - Detrimental to public health by deterring people from exercise and leisure. I suspect the costs of installing and maintaining payment hardware plus enforcement costs will considerably reduce the anticipated proceeds

1202. Cannot afford parking charges, love to get out and walk my dog for mental health and wellness.

1203. Access to leisure. Access to exercise areas.. Local business.

"1204. The imposition of parking charges on South Parade is unlawful as it has been proposed for revenue generation and not traffic management .

The Barnet case confirms that that Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 is not a revenue generation legislation."

1205. Parking should be free in order to promote and assist residents to maintain healthy lifestyles; this will in turn reduce healthcare costs and improve societal behaviours.

1206. If they can't park on the Parade, they will clog up the streets.

"1207. Parking should be free to promote a healthy lifestyle for residents and non-residents alike. The long term savings in physical, mental and elderly care clearly outweigh the short term revenue to the council.

Having a financial cost to being outside is not in the local or wider society interests."

1208. Charging will discourage people from taking much needed exercise.

1209. Discourages healthy access to the beaches for kitesurfing and access to local clubs and shops

1210. It's so difficult to park anywhere in West Kirby.

1211. Should be free

1212. I believe that the imposition of parking charges on South Parade will have an adverse effect on local businesses, as it will deter visitors and local residents from going to West Kirby for shopping, social and recreational activities.

1213. Introducing parking charges will deter people from exercising, and negatively impact mental health. This could be mitigated of people who pay Council Tax or Business Rates to

Wirral Council were either exempt, or could buy an affordable annual pass for all Council owned car parks.

"1214. The parking charge will cause many people to park away from South Parade in local residential roads causing even more difficulties for residents like ourselves to find spaces.

The parking charges will put many people off coming to West Kirby altogether which will in turn damage local businesses. It seems a short sighted plan which will cause more harm than good.

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"1215. This will cause visitors to park outside our houses. The roads running perpendicular to south parade are already crowded and residents have difficulty in parking close to their homes.

South parade gives visitors a chance to enjoy the beautiful views. This is a community asset and should be readily available to all. "

1216. It starts with overnight charges, how long until the charges increase in price and are applied 24/7? What do we as residents pay council tax and road tax for? This a slippery slope and I have no faith that Wirral Borough Council won't take this further if we lie down and take this now.

"1217. I have no problem with charging a reasonable amount for medium term parking.

But this has to be balanced against the potential to significantly impact local businesses where people are ""popping to the shop"" or something similar as they will go elsewhere/online.

This type of traffic is also more likely to then park outside of the car park eg on the nearby roads, annoying local residents

Therefore I would suggest that a compromise would be that parking is free for the first hour, then chargeable, targeting those who are staying for a while"

1218. We will not be able to visit due to our low income.

1219. I object on the grounds that there are enough charges levied on the tax payer and vehicle owners as it is. There has been no requirement to charge in the past so what has changed?

1220. This will add a cost to those regularly using West Kirby Sailing Club who sail on the marine lake and on the Dee. Could a discount parking pass be introduced?

1221. Let people enjoy the prom. I feel you will just push people into parking on the local roads which are already busy.

1222. You are penny pinching, show me the labour manifesto that stated the first meaningful change you are making post election is to create parking charges? It is a cost of living crisis where salaries have not even come close to inflation and you offer no financial subsidence but instead demand residents pay to park in run down car parks. There are no major attractions the car parks are near. You will close local businesses down. You need to remember that we pay car tax, council tax, massive income tax. We are already bled dry and you ask for more. It's a disgrace you are trying to push this through again and as a resident of 28 years I expect you to see sense.

1223. As above

1224. There's no need for this nonsense, it kills the enjoyment of our wonderful views and beautiful area.

1225. Charges will affect local businesses and cause the area to decline.

1226. Staff in the local shops will in effect be charged to come to work! Shoppers will be put off visiting the area!

1227. Open spaces should not be monetised... its a place for people to unwind, relax forget about the rat race and not having to pay for it

1228. This will damage trade and visitors to the area

1229. Will be detrimental to the area

1230. See comment below

Appendix 4: Do you have any comments about Birkenhead Controlled Parking Zone. Scheme reference number TO/24/39?

1. Of all the schemes this needs no alteration because the town is already on its knees and anything else that stops people going there will finish it
2. The town centre is like a deserted town the impact of charging and poor investment is the main reason for this we need to get people into the area not charge them out
3. You cannot tell the public to get out for their mental health then charge them for the privilege. This council really is trying to kill off our economy.
4. Birkenhead is one of the most deprived LSOA in the country!
5. This will damage local businesses as fewer people will visit the area. You need to invest more in cycling infrastructure. There is nowhere safe for people to park their bikes. There are not enough on-street bike stands. Crime is high in this area, you should provide a safe indoor location for people to park their bikes.
- "6. Introducing charges will impact local businesses.

Without the businesses, you, as a council will also lose out on businesses rates and the area will become rundown and unattractive to visitors and new businesses. Think long term impact."

"7. You also need to consider introducing other TROs on surrounding streets – particularly No Stopping on Verge or Footway TROs – otherwise entitled drivers will almost certainly dump their cars on footways on surrounding streets.

You also need to provide more secure bike parking – ideally outside every commercial unit, and in an unused commercial unit in the main shopping areas due to the understandable risk of theft – using Sheffield stands so people have an alternative way of arriving and staying at this destination other than by car."

"8. Public transport is completely unreliable on the Wirral. Cycling is too dangerous due to a lack of cycle lanes. Buses turn up when they want, trains break down all the time, and the private companies that run these services are not held accountable.

You've built an entire peninsula which is only hospitable to drivers, and now you're planning on charging more for parking. It's disgraceful and disgusting. "

"9. Shops in the Birkenhead are already struggling and applying charges for parking will only make it worse.

why not have a short leeway of free parking up to 1 hour."

10. I am a home owner in this area and need to allow access to tenants - should be free to park for all Wirral residents

11. Birkenhead is already a deprived area that lacks investment because you can't easily get there without paying a fortune to do so.

12. Birkenhead is already dying, don't introduce any further charges as it will completely kill the town

13. Times are Hard and the council are making times HARDER youll be charging for us to breathe soon

14. As above

15. Birkenhead is already an area of recognised poverty with severe decline in the town centre amenities. To add extra pressure on an already crumbling business area is just ludicrous and not community friendly.

16. It's not fair for people popping in town for 5 minutes

17. Damaging for mental health and cost of living crisis. People are already stretched to their limits.

18. Just park payments cost more anyway and the inflationary increases will put people of further from using the town centre. There is less and less to go to Birkenhead for so I go to Bromborough or public transport to Liverpool. As to the overnight parking what will be the cost of monitoring that when there is hardly anyone parking overnight. For those who work late into the night this is only going to affect them. There is no late night public transport as an alternative.

19. This will deter locals and in turn affect businesses in the area . Locals should be exempt or have pass to prove residency .

20. See comments in 12 below

21. In order to get people to go into Birkenhead then you need to encourage rather than discourage people to visit. If not then all the effort being spent to rejuvenate Birkenhead is going to go to waste.

22. Same as the other shouldn't happen.

23. People are used to paying to park in this area or having residential restriction.

24. If you're trying to attract shoppers into Birkenhead the last thing you'd want to do is charge them to park.
25. I don't know anything about this.
26. Listen to your residents, you are a council that pays no attention and ignores what residents want due to your inability to manage finances and to follow agendas unwanted
27. There are less and less things you can do now that don't cost anything. I get that the council need to find ways to make up the shortfall but it shouldn't be at the expense of the residence who are already paying more for a lot things like food, housing and energy. The government should be increasing budgets, not cutting them.
28. It will further reduce people using the shops and facilities
29. No consideration for residential parking and the knock on effect it will cause.
30. Will put visitors off & ruin local businesses
31. This scheme was voted no a while back, not sure why we are replicating the vote. People are sick of WBC take, take, taking. Don't ruin the few perks Wirral residents have left
32. You get enough money off us. Maybe try and spend it better and not help out other councils and make people go to work instead of giving money out for free! Whilst I am at it... get cleaning the roads and weeds. The Wirral looks scruffy.
33. Forcing people of area The place and business are already struggling so let's help them not charge for the very little free parking there is
34. Birkenhead is already a dying town so adding further parking charges will be the final nail in the coffin.
35. It is detrimental to local business, pensioners, people who enjoy the beach but can't afford to pay for parking! It's disgusting!
36. Same as above
37. All you are doing is forcing people to go to Liverpool to shop which is 100% better. You should be making all parking free in Birkenhead to encourage visitors.
38. There are a number of reasons why I object. I live adjacent to the prom and everyday i see people taking exercise. Very healthy exercise be it walking, running, walking the dog, yoga in the dips,etc. Many of these people have to travel to get here and they should not have to pay money in order to get some healthy exercise. Where does the council draw the line in trying to bring in more income? It never ends. Also, you will create problems because people will seek out nearby free parking in nearby side roads,etc. then residents will struggle to get parking by their homes. What then? A further cost to introduce a resident parking scheme?? I totally object to this scheme. It's a big open lovely free space and people ought not to have to pay to come and enjoy it. It will become cost prohibitive. Many of these visitors spend money in local shops too. This ill also suffer.

39. They already charge in the day time during the busy periods it should be free overnight when there is less demand for parking

"40. Will reduce tourism

Will reduce putting extra money into local businesses from tourists/visitors

Will push parking into residential side streets "

41. Yes this limits the accessibility for people entering Birkenhead. Also people on low incomes will not use the facilities.

42. No need for it

43. No

44. As before

"45. Car owners are not cash cows!!!!

They are not a luxury item, they are a necessity!!

People are struggling "

46. Local Businesses and tourism will be completely affected by this charge, with all the new developments going ahead, this may deter people from visiting the Town

47. Seems ridiculous to charge residents to park by their own property.

48. Ditto

49. No

50. This will deter people from being able to visit the area for social and leisure purposes, as well as hitting the local small businesses, who will lose out on trade. It will also just push parking onto the side streets, causing more congestion there.

51. Will destroy opportunities for growing businesses in the area.

52. As above detrimental to local businesses. Why park & pay for one or 2 items ?? Order online & have it delivered..

53. Not enough info.

54. It will have an adverse affect on local businesses by discouraging shoppers

55. I jog regularly around that area! It would stop me from coming to jog around the park which would not be good for my health; physical and mental

56. Don't know where this is.

57. Another nail in birkenhead's coffin.

58. With the cost of everything going up, we need free days out. Why would you take this away from us. We're suppose to be able to get out and enjoy nature but now you want to charge us for this.

59. No

60. As above

61. far too expensive

62. Wirral council absolutely milking everyone dry of all their money. This will contribute to making families struggle even more that are already on a tight budget. What is the need in this! How do you propose this will be enforced it's impossible to enforce efficiently. It is a waste of money to install meters, new signs etc just like the 20mph zones that nobody follows. You just love to waste money! This will make local businesses struggle even more than they already are. The residents/visitors get penalised for living here. What I don't understand is why it was charged so high in the first place and now you propose to increase this. There's nothing premium here. The place is a dump!

63. No

64. This will put people off visiting the area and have a negative effect on local businesses, whilst increasing traffic outside of this zone.

65. No

"66. Parking charges can negatively impact small businesses and local communities by:

1. Reducing Foot Traffic: Fees deter customers, pushing them towards larger shopping centres with free parking or online shopping, which I and my family are an example doing so.

2. Increasing Costs for Businesses: Employees and owners face higher parking costs, burdening small businesses. Which then has an obvious knock on effect.

3. Harming the Local Economy: Declining sales due to fewer customers can lead to business closures and a less vibrant community. Which in turn drags in lower quality shops like betting shops and more charity shops which drag down an area. Then a cycle of decline starts or continues.

4. Causing Inconvenience: Residents may find it harder to access essential services, leading to frustration and a lower quality of life. Speaks for itself as public transport etc is appalling.

5. Displacing Parking: To avoid charges, people may park in residential areas, causing congestion and inconvenience for locals. I can vouch for this as I do exactly that.

These factors can make the area less appealing for both businesses and residents, ultimately harming the local economy and community."

67. WBC's greed is never full

68. I work for the council and need parking to do my role in the community.i can't afford to pay with the cost of living crisis

69. This will have a detrimental effect on the elderly who use these car parks regularly to enable them to get out in the fresh air

70. Birkenhead centre needs encouragement for drivers to go and shop, not another reason to avoid it and go elsewhere! The new building work, with the new offices and traffic being rerouted are causing enough issues. Who is likely to want to take an office with nowhere for staff to park? Shoppers will go where is easier, cheaper and with more choice if another charge is added.

"71. If the council appropriately managed funds, the community wouldn't be required to further subsidise the council

Rather than review the council's management of funds and processes, the costs are distributed to those in the area. This will greatly impact those living near the parade, resulting in far more cars using side streets. No doubt this will offer the council an opportunity to make these permit parking offering yet another method for the council to bail out its mismanagement.

I don't believe you've considered how busy these side streets will be. When the roads are double parked and a child runs into the road invisible until the moment they are struck by a vehicle, this will have to be the responsibility of the council."

72. This is diabolical. The local residents in this scheme have NOT been taking into consideration, and once again the council is thinking about how they can make money not just for those who will pay to park, but also those who will have to pay for parking permits, outside of their own homes, at approx £600 a year per car. Families nowadays have up to 4+ members, this is an extortionate cost for no apparent reason. Why is it only now this scheme is being thought about? Because the council hasn't managed its previous funds correctly? There has been no need or requirement for paid parking now or in the history of the prom, so why now? Why suddenly change this? It is a money making scheme where if it is successful, I can assure you the council will spend the funds elsewhere, other than where it's supposed to be spent.

73. It will further kill the area with the potential and likelihood of moving parking to the residential streets. Since charges were applied to majority of Birkenhead I rarely go there at all.

74. It will force parking onto residential streets. Reduce the number of tourists and restrict residents from using the seafront our council tax pay for. It will restrict dog walkers and people who exercise there for free. Another waste of money by Wirral Council.

75. I believe that with the cost of living crisis - taking away people's ability to freely enjoy a nature reserve space is immoral. I also believe it will affect local businesses as it is off putting to those wanting to visit who will try to find alternatives. It is also unfair to dog walkers who rely on this space to let their pets have adequate exercise.

76. Will reduce visitors, so revenue will not be as high as forecast. Adverse impact on local business.

77. We pay enough in Council tax (nearly highest in country) to cover upkeep of car parks. THE COUNCIL WILL DESTROY THE HIGH STREET.

78. With buses not serving all areas, and certainly not at evenings and weekends I like to drive part way and get the bus the remainder. IF I have to pay to park I may as well drive the whole journey!!!

79. No

80. Parking charges will reduce footfall in the area and therefore negatively impact local shops, cafes and amenities.

81. Same as above

"82. Reduced footfall for businesses will ensure closure, and resultant loss of income for the council.

Counterproductive

"

83. Don't know enough about this scheme to comment. I don't live in the area so you should have an option to say this.

84. Birkenhead is already a ghost town which people do not visit. It will put off the few people who do visit currently.

85. Increasing charges will just stop people from going there.

86. The cost of living is tough enough as it is. To impose parking charges will limit local use of our natural beauty and few areas that can be a "free day out". This is blatant money grabbing by a corrupt council. Not only does this affect local access to nature, it will affect local businesses and tourism during the summer. Locals deserve to park in their community for FREE. Shame on you Wirral Council.

87. Will be damaging to local businesses

88. As 2

89. As above

90. I won't probably go there any more

91. Reference number means nothing to me. Should state which roads this affects

92. Will put people off visiting

93. This will stop people parking here, enjoying the outdoors and taking walks. This will impact people's health and therefore have a negative impact on the NHS.

94. No more

95. Birkenhead is run down and this will further reduce trade
96. I already pay road tax, and the prom is a public space for people of all income to enjoy. Labour seem to think only the rich and wealthy should have access to public spaces. The working class are already struggling to afford food never mind parking charges. Absolute disgrace getting charged to park in a public space.
97. Will reduce visitors to the area, impact business, and discourage people to get out in the fresh air. Particularly those on low incomes
98. Shortsighted, may make a pound or 2 in the short term but it's just going to stop people and local coming to the area to spend their money. Shops restaurants and theatre will close then nobody will come at all
99. It will do nothing to help the struggling town centre
100. I hope it does not deter car owners from travelling to the are.
101. If you are aiming to regenerate an area, why put in place, or increase parking charges?
102. Gunsite, Fort Perch Rock, Derby Pool. I object strongly to parking charges being introduced at these three particular sites. I am part of an active swimming group of all ages that regularly use these sites all year round. If these charges are put into force you will not only be denying people of an activity that brings people together but 100% benefits mental health. Mental health is such an important issue for people of all ages and the council should be mindful when making their decisions just how relevant this is.
103. Too expensive
104. See number 2
105. I realise it's difficult for local people to park if such schemes didn't exist.
- "106. Parking charges are already high, particularly for a quick visit to collect items from stores and business. The parking charges already discourage customers from businesses.
"
107. Again we need to encourage people to come into Birkenhead town centre with for the shops but also to use buses and trains.
108. my reasons are the same for all proposals for charges to current parking, as a labour controlled council we pay one of the highest council taxes in the country in an area of high deprivation, yet you seek to increase and enforce charges to parking in all areas stated which financially deprives ordinary citizens who are already struggling financially with council tax increases, gas and electric increases, mortgage and rent increases with crippling charges, cost of living increases to food and essential items are crippling, now you want to charge the everyday citizen additional parking charges with no due consideration of the local communities high levels of social deprivation high nos of food banks! plus the negative

impact to the local economy, many people stopped shopping in Lisgard cherry tree due to car parking fees and you show a lack of disregard of the effects to tourists and visitors who are also struggling financially, they will vote with their feet and visit places that do not charge them to park!

109. No

110. You make more money from people who already pay so much to the council. Everything seems a move to get cars off the road but public transport is rubbish

111. As above

112. Already Birkenhead is struggling. Why make people pay to visit when it's hard enough to get people there.

113. You will drive away visitors to the the area and struggling local businesses will go out of business. People will just park in side streets therefore causing congestion for local residents. Also charging money for parking your car to make profit is illegal as it should only be done to ease congestion and most of the places you are charging for are ghost towns

114. You will ruin local businesses and drive people to retail parks. Why not support YOUR communities.....that's your job!!!!

115. Nothing has changed from 2022, when a similar scheme had been proposed. There is nothing to go to Birkenhead to park for, this is futile, you would be better off making Princes Street Car Park into an urban sport and skateboard park. It looks like a scene from a post apocalyptic movie. Perhaps that's another option renting it out as filming space.

"116. Not everyone is able or willing to use ""Parking Fee apps"".

Businesses in Birkenhead are already in crisis due to lack of footfall.

Proposed additional/increased parking charges will kill the town off altogether."

117. You are driving people to out of town shopping centre

118. No

119. Yes Birkenhead is a ghost town. Why don't you name the area instead of codes, come on get a grip. Even this is complicated. If don't password you won't get on to air views make it more open advertise and get out into the community and get peoples opinions.


120. Birkenhead is already a poor area and businesses are far fewer than in past years, adding or increasing charges will further damage the already struggling area.

"121. Discourages people to come to the area and use local business. Pushes the cars to the surrounding streets so makes difficult for the residents to park. dissuades people to use outdoor areas and keep fit and healthy, creating added problems for the health service.

People who are unable to afford the charges will be disadvantaged and may become isolated if they don't go to areas they usually do and participate in activities they usually would."

122. local businesses depend on visitors who park in this area and will be negatively affected.

123. don't know the area

124. As above its another tax on the motorists we pay road tax and insurance and for petrol which we are getting screwed by the ...if we pay road tax itwe should be allowed to drive on any road and park because we've paid for road tax and not to pay for parking are car no other country rips you off like great Britain

125. Parking charges will drive visitors away and cause businesses to suffer. It will also result in people parking more in congested residential areas, which will be even worse if cycle lanes are introduced.

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127. Why

128. As a system we are looking to cut millions of pounds from our health care budget and spending more year on year on mental health and weight loss, launching apps and promoting a "healthy start" in life. This is ridiculous when the council proposition is to cut off peoples access to natural beauty and green space, widening health inequalities for those who does live within walking distance of these areas (or any green space in fact), for those who aren't able to use public transport.

129. Please keep this free for all and for people on low incomes who already struggle to put food on the table. You need to build up the flow of people into birkenhead not put fees in the way to deter people from coming in.

130. You seem determined to put more obstacles in the way of local small businesses by bringing in these charges.

131. Once again, it seems, our illustrious elected members and the officers of the Council have failed to learn anything from previous debacles of their own designing. One thinks of the multimillions of pounds wasted on the Hamilton Project which resulted, directly, from the end of Parking Discs in Birkenhead and the introduction of on-street paid parking. One can almost see the tumbleweed blowing down the deserted streets in that area of the Borough. Does anybody within the Council ACTUALLY look back at pet schemes which have failed? I am sure it is no coincidence that previous FOI requests for a P &L breakdown on net parking revenue were always refused (on spurious grounds).I despair!

132. The council represent the public of Wirral and they need to listen to our concerns. Parking charges will impact the poorest people and also local business's. The Council think they know best like when they wasted OUR money implementing ridiculous 20MPH zones, they can not be allowed to implement these parking ch

133. I would rarely even think about going to Birkenhead but would not even think about it with more reasons not to go.

134. If you want to make the wirral accessible to residents and visitors you should not charge for parking

135. See above comments about side street parking.

"136. The council is reputed to be keen to encourage more physical activity. Imposing these charges will deter visitors from areas where the are likely to go to be active - recreation areas, coastal areas.

Imposing parking charges was seen to be disastrous for traders in Birkenhead. Removal of the disc parking and replacement with pay stations resulted in an overnight desertion of the town centre by drivers. eg Europa Boulevard, which was always full of parked vehicles during shopping hours, became, and has remained empty. Similar results can be expected for traders in West Kirby and New Brighton.

Imposing charges on promenades will simply drive vehicles onto side streets and shift the problem onto the residents there. undoubtedly, this will result in WBC issuing permist, for which those residents will be expected to pay - a further uncalled for financial burden."

137. Proposal will be detrimental to the regeneration of Birkenhead. Money is being spent on new paving etc to Grange Road but these proposals will negate the efforts being made to improve the town centre by further deterring shoppers from using the town centre , with shoppers preferring to use the out of town centres that do not charge for parking. Parking will be displaced to local residential streets which will result in the need for residents parking schemes. Local shops, cafes and restaurants will be severely impacted by a reduction in the number of visitors which is likely to result in closures and further decline of Birkenhead.

138. I don't know enough about the situation in Birkenhead to comment.

139. It is not clear as to how you will enforce this or the impacts on residents and their visitors.

140. Parking should be free as this encourages people to go in local walks and shop locally which benefits surrounding areas and businesses

141. Parking overnight should not be charged for. There is no precedence on the Wirral for this.

142. This scheme may bring in some income but will result in local residents being put off from using those facilities that we have enjoyed for many years and are what makes this area so good. Also it will ultimately result in an overall loss of revenue for the area as other businesses and ventures will see a loss of users. A very shortsighted approach without actually doing anything to help or benefit the residents. Shocking!

143. No legal justification, it's purely to raise revenue.

144. I don't know enough about this area So I neither support or object

145. Same as comments in 2

146. Few enough people take advantage of these outdoor areas and putting restrictions would limit the use of these areas and potentially make places no go zone's.

147. Not familiar with congestion in this area

148. This would be sensible for town centre.

149. This will prevent people from visiting and will be bad for the local economy

150. This is damaging for the local area business

151. As above and below

152. Surely you are meant to be getting people to go to these areas so local business can pay rent , Taxes and staff. Again WBC killing the area and not listening to the people that they are meant to represent.

153. Ssme

154. I am unaware of this scheme

155. NA

156. Adding charges to every road in the Wirral is disgusting. As a local authority you're going to make it even more difficult for families struggling to have days out.

157. This scheme will deter drivers from parking where they have to pay and will just create chaos in surrounding areas, I.e in local roads. These open spaces are for people to enjoy, both physically and mentally, this will not happen if charges come into effect. Businesses in the local area will be impacted, you are, in effect, making Wirral a 'no go' area.

158. Absolutely disgraceful putting it up 500 % we are going from £10 a year to £60 for residents parking and visitors are going up from £10 to £40

159. The negative impact on local businesses and families who already struggle to provide leisure activities for children is not being taken into account.

160. A further way to kill off town centres

"161. As above

Disgraceful!"

162. Why is the council intent on further killing Trade for local businesses

"163. A. This is not 'an increase' as described in the justification it is an 'introduction of charges' as quoted directly from the webpage.

B. Public transport is poor in many areas of the borough. Use of a car is often the only practical option and is already very expensive. May we have realistic alternatives before adding more expense?

C. Many local businesses rely on evening trade. This is yet another barrier.

D. It is very inconvenient to end early at 8am. Many people could forget to top it up and end up being fined.

E. Payment methods: are they going to be app pay only? This already is deterring users from parking at Liscard Cherrytree.

F. I already use the parking app but some car parks are in mobile data dead zones eg Hinson Street. See point D."

164. Yes - your parking charges elsewhere are not working why do you feel more charges are likely to buoy WBC coffers

165. I'm not sure how much good introducing parking charges in Birkenhead has done for the shopping centre!

166. I'm not sure

167. It would deter me from using businesses in the area

168. Why on earth would you put any measure in place that could impact people using local business. Have we not learnt a single thing about how high streets are suffering compared to retail estates? Anything that can be done to keep people visiting and using local facilities and promoting a vibrant community should be done.

169. People shouldn't be charged to park, there are enough parking fees.

170. Parking here doesn't cost the council anything, it is a public highway paid for by taxpayers. This has nothing to do with the environment or traffic flow, it is just charging people - mostly locals - in order to raise more money

171. This will severely damage local businesses

172. We will discourage people from using local amenities and areas of interest by introducing parking charges.

173. The towns struggling enough with out increased charges making people shop elsewhere

174. Should be no charge for parking. End wasteful spending in ineffecient processes or non-productive employees, rather than price-gouging those who the council should instead be serving.

175. As above.

176. It is going to put visitors off coming to the Wirral

177. Birkenhead town is on it's knees, is it WBC intent to destroy it completely I wonder.

178. I am sick and tired of Wirral Borough Council mis-managing our money. Stop lending the money out to other councils. Get this loan back.

179. I would no longer visit the shops in this area.

180. This scheme is not got for small businesses whose customers just need to nip in to a shop for some necessities

181. See answer to Q2

182. people are already paying for parking and it will just never stop being a cash cow

183. I think this will damage local businesses and the community when businesses go under and people are made unemployed

184. The town is dying .. adding to costs will stop people visiting.

185. Paying to park outside my own house !!! Once again I say stop wasting OUR money on stupid things like cycle lanes, 20mph, and extortionate salaries that you all the. Gangsters

186. I have no particular issues with increasing current charges, but charges of £60 for current 'residents parking' and £40 for visitor passes is ridiculous. This significantly impacts the 'poorer classes' and will have no impact on people who dont need or have residents parking outside their house. How will the council police the £1 overnight parking charges - does this mean 24 hour wardens and at what cost

187. People use it for leisure its costly and should be free to be able to keep fit

188. Introducing parking charges will be detrimental to local businesses and the health of residents.

189. Any restrictions just puts people off.

190. Disgusting.

191. Only in favour if a majority of residents in a road agrees to them. £60 is a lot of money for hard presses residents.

192. Yes. An illegal tax grab on the poorest of the area. Shame on you!

193. It will affect not only people who are a cross section of population of pensioner's, young families etc but the shop keepers

194. Not lawfully presented

195. Local shops will suffer

"196. You will just move the problem to other streets and make residents pay for parking outside their own homes!

At the moment there aren't any issues with parking just a case of bad management of the the council needing to make more money. "

197. As above

198. I have no knowledge of this area so I am not able to comment effectively

199. I object to having to pay in the road where I live. Many of our residents including myself struggle to park in our road let alone outside our own house. I object to paying for the privilege to Park in our own road. How would you possibly manage it?

"200. I live in Parkstone road ch429ju.

I think this proposal is a disgrace. To actually think about charging residents for parking in our own street, outside our own homes is immoral.

We already pay council tax and road tax, so surely this scheme, is agreed on by a very small minority of people, who quite frankly must have no family values. People are already finding it difficult to manage day to day

Please throw this scheme out and put our minds at rest."

201. To try and make residents pay to park in their road is outrageous when it's not even guaranteed we can even park in our road. We already have permits for match days, I think it is disgusting a council is trying to make more money off residents.

202. It's completely out of order to make residents have to pay £60 to park in their own road, and an extra £40 a guest pass...this is pure greed from the council

203. I object to having to pay on a public road outside my own house. I pay my road tax. It's disgraceful we are being asked to even consider this.

204. No

205. Birkenhead and areas are struggling as it is, why would the council add to this?

206. Disagree with charging residents to park in own road. The cost is ridiculous and will not ease traffic. To do that you can simply provide resident only parking. This victimises those of us without driveways. We were not informed or consulted and saw a Facebook post and note on a lamp post.

207. I currently avoid Birkenhead shopping areas - Grange Precinct, Grange Road West, Oxton Road etc. anyway because of the parking. It will make things worse for local businesses.

208. Don't visit Birkenhead due to parking charges

209. Paying for parking will kill off the trade and put families off going to that area.

210. Will effect business in Birkenhead
211. How much can you tax us council road etc
212. Again it will have a negative impact on the shops
213. Making it less attractive to visit. Distroying business opportunities
214. Charging for people to park outside their own property is disgusting. I can't even guarantee I can park each day due to one side of the road already double yellows. How are WBC going to guarantee if I'm having to pay £60 that I actually get a parking space. They can't! There is zero justification for this residential parking charge and is another money grabbing scheme from an overspending council to recoup from its own mistakes.
215. Birkenhead is already struggling to stay alive. This scheme would finish it for good
216. Stealth tax on people who cannot afford it.
217. Small business will suffer
- "218. I don't agree with charging local residents to park their own cars on the street they live on
Charging all local car parks will drive business away from local shops / businesses"
219. It will close businesses
220. This will harm businesses and prevent people being able to easily access services and walking for mental health
221. The scheme will stop people going to these places which will have a negative impact on local businesses, also make parking on side streets worse for local residents
222. Ruining local businesses
223. We already pay enough to park
224. Undermining effect on local economy and congestion on side streets from cars seeking free parking.
225. Destroys high streets, leads to unsafe parking blocking residential areas.
226. There is no need to punish people who live on the Wirral with more charges. It will affect people wanting to come to the area and local business
227. Do some real work
228. It's not a major city why are we charging to park here??? You already have to pay to park in most places in Birkenhead anyway
229. It's a money grasping scheme. The people of Wirral have to pay to use most of the roads out of here and now we have to pay to travel around/ park where we live

230. In a cost of living crisis, the last thing the people need are more charges for trying to survive. Less and less people are going to visit the area causing a decrease in interest/funds for the area.

231. Chipping away at Birkenhead again, when will you be happy when there is nothing left??? I certainly wouldn't pay to visit Birkenhead, it used to be a thriving town, now no one visits as other free options to go so only coffee shops and charity shops left.

232. Will negatively impact local businesses and make it difficult for local families to enjoy the area

233. It will severely impact local businesses

"234. Subject: Objection to Proposed Changes Affecting Public Car Parking Across Wirral

I am writing as a resident of Wirral to formally object to the proposed changes regarding public car parking across the area. These changes will have a significant negative impact on residents, particularly in light of the ongoing cost of living crisis. Below are my key concerns:

1. Financial Impact on Families

Introducing charges for car parks and on-street parking that were previously free, along with increasing existing charges, will further strain already stretched household budgets. Many residents are grappling with rising costs of energy, food, and other essentials. Adding parking fees to this burden is not only inconsiderate but will also disproportionately affect families, especially those with lower incomes who rely on local services and community facilities.

2. Overnight Parking Charges

The proposal to introduce a £1 overnight parking fee (6:30pm - 8:00am) will negatively affect residents who may need to park overnight due to lack of off-street parking options. This charge also affects workers in hospitality, healthcare, and other sectors that operate during evening or night hours. For these workers, who often face unsociable hours, this fee is an additional tax on earning a living, effectively penalising them for circumstances outside of their control.

3. Impact on Local Businesses

Increasing parking fees will deter visitors from using town centres and local high streets, pushing them towards out-of-town shopping centres where parking is free. This risks harming small, local businesses that are already struggling to recover from the effects of the pandemic. It is crucial to support local trade rather than inadvertently encouraging people to shop elsewhere due to parking costs.

4. Increased Cost of Resident Parking Schemes

Raising the cost of resident parking permits places an unfair financial burden on households, many of whom have no other choice but to park on the street due to limited driveway or garage space. This increase is unnecessary and will particularly affect those living in more densely populated areas, where parking space is already at a premium.

5. Inflationary Pressures

The proposed inflationary increases come at a time when inflation is at historically high levels. Any attempt to link parking charges to inflation risks creating a continuous and unsustainable rise in parking costs. This will place a constant strain on residents, who are already dealing with the effects of inflation on essential goods and services.

In conclusion, the proposed parking changes place an unfair financial burden on local residents and will exacerbate the cost of living crisis. I urge the council to reconsider these proposals, taking into account the significant financial strain already felt by Wirral residents, and to explore alternative ways of generating revenue that do not disproportionately impact families, workers, and small businesses.

I hope you will take these concerns into serious consideration before proceeding with these proposals.

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235. See above

"236. It'll cost the council and ultimately residents more money in the long term. Maintenance of machines etc.

GIVE SOMETHING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY INSTEAD OF TAKING !!"

237. No mention of what these charges will fund. Reduce tourism to area and reduce business for local businesses

238. Why are we being charged?

239. Permits for residents around the town centre should be free. People without permits should be charged for parking to avoid residents not being able to park at their own homes because shoppers are using the space.

240. Will impact local businesses

241. I already pay to use the road

242. See comments in 12

243. As above comment

244. Penalising residents who already pay large council tax bills. It will also deter visitors from spending time and money in the area, often at local businesses.

245. As above

246. As above

"247. I think this scheme is disgusting and disgraceful

You need to manage yourself first and create wealth within before making the poor suffer further - why is it the poorest areas affected and not the richer areas IE caldy / west Kirby and heswall - where the residents are more likely to be able to afford it ... oh wait that's right because that's probably where the people who are introducing this are living and they don't want to pay!!! It's a disgrace "

248. isn't morally correct to just post letters on lampposts informing people you intend to change the rules, public consultation should be first. NOT DEMANDS. The people of Wirral are fed up with not being informed on council decisions ie 20 MPH- Cycle lanes popping up left right and centre it's all wasted money, regenerating Birkenhead town centre it's been dead for yours it will not be bought back because nobody wants to walk the streets of Birkenhead because it's not safe or pleasant

"249. I live on grange road west. Postcode Ch43 4xb. I bought my house in 2020 and there was free residents parking on my road for which I have recently got a permit. I don't understand why we should pay to park on this small part of the road outside my house. It is not in the town centre and is a fairly quiet road. There are roads closer to the town centre such as Alvanley place and Merton that do not have to pay for parking.

It is not a particularly affluent area and I feel most of the area where residents need permits are in poorer areas. The idea that the poorer area are being made to pay 60 per year just to park near our own houses is outrageous. Half the time I come home and there are cars with no permits on the permit area, so I end up parking on a near by street. I could pay 60 and not even find a space.

People will not want to pay and will start to clog up near by streets to park that have no restrictions.

When I was consulted about the new project on the bottom end of grange road west, I was very supportive. Now myself and my neighbours feel very taken aback and let down by the new proposed charges.

Please do not charge us to park near our homes. Most people are already struggling to financially hold things together

Kins regards, Caroline G"

250. With cost of living being so high, I believe it's both unfair and unnecessary to increase parking charges.

"251. Despite the green claptrap, increasing charges for parking is just a cynical exercise in raising money and penalising those who wish to visit and shop in Birkenhead.

I, and huge numbers of residents, stopped shopping in Birkenhead market and the Pyramids when there was a huge increase in parking charges some years ago and I'm sure this contributed to the decline so apparent in the area."

252. I don't have an opinion on this scheme but the survey does not have an option for me to say that, so I clicked No.

253. Paying to Park on the Wirral disadvantages the poor and restricts peoples freedom of movement. It also discourages people from exercise so will have a knock on increase in the cost of the NHS. Cancel this scheme.

"254. We live in Parkhurst Road, Prenton and have just found out that we will have to pay to park in our own road. We are pensioners and pay rates and car tax and find this unacceptable. I have tried to fill in survey but it closed on 25/9/24 that is why I am doing this instead. £100 a year is a lot of money when you are struggling to get by especially without heating allowance etc. Its annoying that there isnt a number that puts you through to speak to someone its all on line and we are not tech savvy. We get people parking in our road that dont live here so we wont be paying for them to park for free it should be residents only. We are only a permit road because of Tranmere Rovers. Who can we speak to about this, the notices have been attached to posts in the road when it should have been letters sent out to all households involved."

255. Loss of revenue

256. Why should we have to pay when we pay road tax and council tax

257. No

258. Birkenhead already is in a dire situation with visitors

259. Birkenhead is dwindling and is not the thriving community it once was. Scrap parking restrictions, encourage independent shops and other businesses. Make Birkenhead attractive again. We have the best view of the iconic Liverpool skyline so let's make the best of that. Make more bus routes available but get people back to shopping in Birkenhead.

260. People are fleeced enough by the council after paying their council tax with never ending increases. I would suggest if you want to save money reduce some of the council bosses salaries which for their stress and workload and vastly disproportionate to that of the people they are meant to represent.

261. No

262. Parking charges kill the area

263. You charge enough for parking already.

264. These areas should remain free to park. There is little to do in Wirral and charging for parking will deter people from enjoying one of the simple pleasures that Wirral does have to offer. It will also impact local businesses

265. Should be free to Wirral residents

"266. I didn't vote this local council in to start hitting car owners with more finances.

Start looking closer to home for your funds."

267. Dissuade visitors, impact local businesses, no pressure on parking. Therefore proposed scheme is illegal. Minimal revenue following cost of implementation, consultant fees etc. Other savings options available. People will just park in nearby residential area annoying residents and causing potential safety problems

268. Not necessary or wanted

269. Impact on businesses

270. This will discourage tourism and local people from enjoying local amenities and shopping in the town centre

271. Residents living in these areas are already suffering due to economic and cost of living issues. Additional financial burdens will cause more debt, more use of food banks, children going to school without food. If visitors also have to pay for permits many already isolated residents may become further isolated causing social service issues resulting in additional costs to the council.

272. It's an atrocity what you're trying to implement.

273. We should be encouraging folk to exercise and shop locally and to park responsibly in designated parking places. Charging for parking discourages people from enjoying local beauty spots and from supporting local businesses. In Birkenhead we should be thankful people use car parks rather than obstruct residential areas.

274. Detrimental to local residents and businesses.

275. Stop charging local residents to park all over the Wirral

276. Detrimental affect on area and local businesses

277. Parking charges will have a detrimental effect on local area and businesses

278. I need to know more about the reason why.

279. Ditto

280. Tend not to visit Birkenhead as providing poor facilities/ shopping etc.

281. It's extortionate and immoral

"282. Surely you want to attract visitors to the area., not deter them.

The motorist pays Road Tax / Road Fund Licence to use their vehicle on the public highway regardless of if it's moving or stopped.

You should pay the motorist when they park as when parked they are NOT:

- 1.) Causing congestion.
- 2.) Not causing pollution.
- 3.) Not wearing out the road surface.
- 4.) Not making a noise.
- 5.) Not risking an accident.

And many other reasons.

Why does this Council HATE the motorist so much?"

283. Birkenhead is high poverty area, why do you feel the need to target and cripple these people financially. This is why these areas end up with a higher crime rate.

284. Greedy, unjust and completely against everything Wirral stands for. You will DESTROY what we have left of the independent shops / restaurants

285. People should not have to pay to park outside their own homes. The only instance where parking permits may be necessary is in places where people are unable to park by their houses due to excessive use by other road users (eg by schools) and permits should be provided for free.

"286. Disgraceful idea - we need people

To be able to get out & use facilities - this will be another restriction & all the money that has been ploughed into here already will sit go to waste as people will stop visiting "

287. Residents should get free passes each year if the goes ahead

288. Same as above

289. This will again affect the local businesses and have never been needed before.

"290. Residents should not be charged to park in their own streets!

There should be more enforcement of current regulations, non-resident parking and residents who do not have white lines but park on their driveways so that people cannot use the parking spaces on the road."

291. Having to pay to park outside your own home, and families visiting them area's is disgusting. This will reduce the house prices round these areas as people won't want to buy.

292. It will affect local businesses

293. It will stop people visiting the area.

294. Birkenhead has already become a place where people avoid. The town centre is a shadow of its former self and I will only visit now if I have to.
295. Birkenhead is losing business as it is. - this will seriously affects economy of town
296. Anti business
297. Birkenhead is not as busy as it used to be putting up charges will only drive more people away
298. A do not park in this area so do not express an opinion.
299. The council have no legitimate right to impose any parking charges on any highway. The council is a registered business, and has no right to make rules based on erroneous climate emergency claims, and agendas driven by minority fringe groups and activists....it will also negatively impact across all age groups, and firmity...will make recreational days difficult for young families, large families, disabled, those with limited income. It will also destroy business both large and small...as witnessed by many town centres, especially liscard.
300. Adding parking permit charges when parking is not guaranteed is just cheek. You are punishing poor people for living in the area and trying to work.
301. too many shops closing due to parking charges . people will travel out of town every day .slash parking charges not increase
302. As above
303. Parking charges deter people from coming into Birkenhead. Not everyone has access to a bus service.
304. I OBJECT! All the points above apply. All businesses will suffer and close and we will be left with charity shops and boarded shops.
305. ...
306. I have no opinion - this is a terrible waste of time when someone might only want to comment on a very local carpark.
307. Will Adversely affect businesses in this area and people who live in this area who need to park their cars on streets outside there homes
308. Yes, it's down right ridiculous ! This will ruin the local trade & visiting tourist trade. A terrible decision. Shame on you.
309. This seems generally reasonable.
310. How to ruin a town. Wirral is expert at putting people off coming to Birkenhead. Put the charg s down and maybe more will come.
311. As above

312. Parking charges in a town centre deter shoppers, reducing foot traffic and harming local businesses. They disproportionately affect lower-income residents, discourage tourism, and push visitors to out-of-town shopping centres with free parking, undermining the vitality of the local economy. Do this and you will destroy the town.

313. Why should I have to pay to park outside my house. I work just about managing and now i will have to rejugle my finances to pay to park my car. I would be better off if I stopped working got rid of my car go on benefits as this appears what the council is trying to do get cars off the road by pricing the vehicle drivers off the road get public transport in order before you start charging the public who use their vehicles for every day living

314. This does not help local business

315. It's an area mostly of shops, but it might affect the people in the area if they do not have parking passes for their streets

316. It will prevent a lot of people nipping to local shops for items they can get from larger supermarkets if they have to pay to park. This will have a massive detrimental effect on small local businesses

317. See point 12.

318. No

319. I live near tranmere rovers due to this I need a parking permit, which is currently free. Why on earth should I have to pay to park outside my own home. I am unable to put in a drive way so I have no choice to park on the street.

320. Just again affecting trade in the shops

321. You say you want better health and then you take away our freedom to enjoy without charge our beautiful area. You say you want nicer areas and yet you litter our areas with your virtue-signalling-nudge signage everywhere. You say you want to improve business opportunities and then you deter people from going to areas which desperately need customers by your excessive parking charges. You have already killed Birkenhead with your excessive parking charges. We the people of Wirral do not want your parking charges. We already pay enough in taxes etc to local and national government. We have little enough money now. These roads and car parking spaces belong to us, not you. You are public servants who take money from the public purse to implement what should be our will but you do not listen to what we want. You, as a public servant, can also be held liable in your personal capacity if you do not act in the best interests of those you claim to represent (the public). Is this the route we now have to go down or will you listen? How many times do we have to say NO NO NO to more council parking charges in Wirral. I will not pay your parking charges. We are sick of government overreach. Your fines (without conviction) are illegitimate, unlawful and fraudulent under the Bill of Rights 1688. I will park elsewhere and walk - outside someone's house if necessary - others with less health will not have this

option - and it's not my preferred option as I do care about others. But I will not pay your council parking charges to park on our land. Will you listen?

322. This will significantly impact those on low incomes who visit the area for their mental wellbeing and will also impact on tourism numbers and local businesses as visitors will just visit elsewhere outside of the Wirral. It appears Wirral Council is very short-sighted and is doing its best to kill local businesses and Wirral's beautiful tourist spots

323. As above increase immidions loss to local buisness economy people dtivd for longef out also within area looking for altegnative free parking.

324. See 2 above

325. will be the death of local businesses!

326. As no 5

327. Trade is poor in Birkenhead anyway any additional charges will impact further

328. Deprived area, a back handed tax

329. Stop people coming

330. As above.

331. Wirral Council should be doing all it can to improve the lives of residents and businesses on the Wirral. This scheme is damaging for all. The simple fact is that the council have incompetently mismanaged £millions and are now expecting hard working people to fill their black hole.

332. I strongly object

"333. IF THE COUNCIL HAVE A £15 MILLION BLACK HOLE IN THEIR FINANCES TO FILL. IT IS WRONG TO EXPECT THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO PAY FOR THE INEPT MANAGING OF THE BOROUGH'S MONEY.

TO ENCOURAGE BUISNESS GROWTH AND BETTER HEALTH FOR THE PUBLIC. ALL PARKING SHOULD BE FREE."

334. This is a scheme that is detrimental to the lives of local businesses and residents and is essentially a tax to fill a budgetary hole created by the significant waste of money of failed council projects.

335. No one wants to go to Birkenhead even less so if we have to pay.

336. No.

337. Being able to enjoy our local attractions for little cost is what makes the Wirral so great. With these parking charges you'll soon see many people opt to travel to Liverpool or Chester. Short sighted money grabbing scheme that will end up having a negative impact on businesses on the Wirral.

338. As above

339. Unfair on small businesses and people who work in the area
340. Birkenhead residents are not affluent, particularly the areas with zones. If they were affluent they would have a property with off street parking. All areas should be treated equally, for instance is there a charge for residents parking on Osmaston Rd, Davenham Ave etc. How about limiting the number of permits per household, or introducing a charge for 2nd or 3rd if there must be a charge.
341. Again, birkenhead is our main shopping centre, you can clearly see its struggling and not thriving as it used to be yet implementing this would just make people consider visiting.
342. It should be free to park if you visit a leisure centre.
343. The shops are losing customers, free parking will bring in more visitors with the changes.
344. A proper scam
345. You are putting people off visiting local shops, parking should be free in streets for 1st hour
346. It will drive people away and the money they bring to spend in local businesses, given the economic pressures on families to add another burden on people paying taxes, road tax, council tax and taxes on many other areas of their lives is abhorrent
347. Unfair on residents.
348. As above
349. another hit on the motorist & I STRONGLY Oppose .
350. This is just a money making decision. This has not been thought through and will cost Wirral in other ways.
351. People need access to free of charge parking to access and support their local businesses and services. They will move to larger retailers where it is free to park or contest local roads to park in rather than a car park that starts to charge
352. Disgraceful to charge people who are already paying enough taxes - especially the elderly
353. Paying to park will reduce visitors
354. no
355. I don't visit Birkenhead for shopping because the previous cost of parking has made me show in Liverpool. I'm sure I have contributed to the decline of Birkenhead shopping opportunities which could be reversed if parking charges are dropped.
356. Do not bring in parking charges it will drive away visitors - no one on the Wirral wants this - you need to listen to the people that you represent - we all say "NO" to parking charges

357. Unfair and not needed.

358. Yes it will ruin trade and businesses

359. Birkenhead is already run down with decimated shopping area and market why stop more people visiting???

360. As above

361. Homeowners pay for their home, they pay council tax and if car owners pay VED so why should they have to pay to park on a road they live on, the building infrastructure of some areas means a lot of hard working people don't have the ability to have off street parking and these schemes punish them for that and potentially drive property value down

362. Birkenhead is an extremely struggling area, with most businesses on the brink of collapse except for the obvious money laundering schemes that I suspect wirral council benefit from. Stop targeting the working class.

"363. I appreciate that this zonal control impacts man of the residential areas of Birkenhead and don't feel qualified to comment on these directly.

Regarding those that impact the shopping areas directly, Wirral residents have seen the decline in these areas. Whilst I realise that this is due to a multitude of factors and not parking charges alone, consistent spread of and increase in parking charges adds further barriers to the use of local shops. On line shopping is more and more convenient and postage is often cheaper now than parking fees so there is little incentive to visit. Again, it feels like an opportunity for revenue generation is taking priority over reducing barriers to increase visitors for local business. If figures were more openly published than maybe this feeling would be quashed.

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"364. Against the wishes of the majority of the public.

Not cost effective.

Costly for residents.

Costly for employees at a time of hugely inflated costs.

Prohibitive for businesses.

No mandate to conduct this."

"365. Introduction of car parking charges makes it less convenient for people to use their local shops and drives them to big supermarket chains.

This also negatively impacts on people's health and well being and deters people from using public transport - short sighted

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366. Birkenhead needs to be rejuvenated and the cost of parking would prohibit this.

367. Stop creating more ways to get money from the general public.

368. Just another nail in the coffin of Birkenhead shopping centre.

369. Nobody will visit because of this

"370. Absolutely outrageous to charge us for parking when we already pay high levels of car and council tax. We understand the strategy to streamline council charges but this was not introduced by the resident or was liable to be controlled by the long suffering resident.

Our area (F) invariably has no parking spaces left in it especially at weekends. ... it also doesn't appear to be attended carefully by the local wardens as many cars do not have the current badges displayed.

This issue has also been brought to your attention by myself and I'm sure others weeks ago, I still await a reply.

It's a simple tax on the hard working stressed resident. We have no issue paying a small levy but to go from nothing to 100 pound is effectively taking bread off our table and adding to our stress and mental anxiety of yet another bill to pay. "

371. Some of these car parks will put small businesses out of business

372. Will affect local businesses

373. no

374. The motorist is not a cash cow !

375. Unfair to businesses

376. We pay enough in tax. Charging for parking will destroy local businesses & visitor numbers

377. I'm unfamiliar with Birkenhead Controlled Parking Zone as I stopped shopping in Birkenhead when the car parks were removed and free parking disappeared. I used to shop there often but now never go. I probably would object but have insufficient data.

378. Money grubbing and short sighted.

379. Birkenhead needs all the footfall it can get - you should be incentivising people to go!!

380. see above

381. Elected representatives not listening to what is wanted by their, Flock..??

382. Keep parking free

383. The damage to the local economy and knock on effect of visitors parking in nearby residential streets, where parking is already at a significant premium.

384. People are already struggling. Give them a break.

385. Local Councils are NOT just a business. They are supposed to have a duty to represent the community, provide facilities for the community and encourage their use. Wirral Borough Council seems to have completely lost sight of these things in its pursuit of increasing revenue at the expense of the community who happen to be motorists.

386. Birkenhead is already struggling to attract visitors due to the exceptional facilities in Liverpool. This would be another nail in the coffin for Wirral

387. No comments

388. Businesses will struggle to compete with out of town shopping centres

389. Plenty of places already charge to park in birkenhead

390. I don't know enough about the area to comment

391. Visitors will be reluctant to pay charges and will go elsewhere.

"392. Introducing parking charges is going to turn our small towns and villages into 'ghost towns'. For the period where businesses continue to operate, workers will be hit with having to pay to park their car, further inroads into incomes already under pressure. Businesses will close because of reduced trade as customers will go to shops offering free parking. The Council's fantasy that people will walk or travel by bus instead, is pure political posturing, thinking policies like this are 'on trend'. 20mph almost everywhere is in the same category, a total lack of rationale joined up thinking. People in Bristol walking or cycling more oh yes in our Winter!! Consulting? What a joke you've ignored the wishes of the majority on the 20mph consultation and no doubt you will do the same on parking charges- you're a socialist dictatorship not a social democracy- a disgrace.

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393. I object to this scheme if it means an increase in the parking fees. Any increase will reduce the number of people visiting Birkenhead and so could jeopardise the viability of many of the surrounding businesses.

394. Many drivers are already struggling to afford their cars with rising fuel, insurance and other cost of living problems. This may be the last straw for many drivers. Public transport is not frequent and reliable enough to enable residents and visitors to go without using their cars

395. My objection is that it will impact the economy of the area where I live. What is the use of businesses trying to develop if the council introduces parking charges. People will just go out of town. I don't accept that we should have to follow your strategy, I don't care about it.

396. It will discourage people from spending money in the local area

397. You are penalising people for having their own transport and you have not consulted with residents. Pensioners, whose budgets are already under pressure will be adversely affected. You are simply penalising residents for living on the Wirral. Absolutely disgusted by your thoughtless decisions

398. It will negatively impact all businesses and people's health and wellbeing. Public transport isn't sufficient for people to rely on this.

399. As above

400. As above

401. The car parking in Birkenhead is expensive now! Birkenhead needs investment and for people to be encouraged to the town not put off!

402. Birkenhead town centre area is like a ghost town. Shops and businesses are closing and the council wants to charge people extra to visit these areas. It will just kill off the remaining trade. The council should consider free parking for these areas for a limited time with a view to increasing footfall to the Birkenhead central area.

403. Yes it's disgusting

404. People will just park elsewhere.

405. There is nothing to see or do in Birkenhead. How anyone thinks adding parking charges is going to improve that situation is a mystery. I don't see any joined up thinking around the drive / desire to regenerate the area whilst at the same time introducing more reasons to not visit. Public transport is better than to coastal areas but remains comparatively expensive, inconvenient and unpleasant to take as per responses to other questions. All this policy will do is ensure fewer people visit the area.

406. The council has for many years now consistently broadcast about how they are in a financially perilous position - however with all the regeneration schemes, cycle lanes plus the very controversial 20mph scheme (which was implemented without asking council taxpayers if they agree to it) leaves a sour taste in the mouth and make people wonder if the council are really as fiscally troubled as they make out. Congestion can be an issue, but people who park overnight often do if they live nearby and have no other option, to charge them is cruel during the ongoing cost of living situation, and as for charging residents for a permit to park outside their home, this is cruel even for this council's standards - to ease congestion FREE permits should be issued. The only reason I can theorise why these charges are being implemented are to raise revenue for the council, which would be in violation of the Road Traffic Regulation act. Charging for their use will drive people away from the area and may lead to businesses closing, reducing business rates for the council.

407. Cost of living..! We want people to be able to go to places and use the facilities there and not go because of having to pay to park. You're putting businesses at risk if you charge. People are put off by being charged to park their cars. Another tax.

408. This is a terrible idea as it will massively harm the local area. The majority of people WILL NOT GO somewhere that they cannot park, which not only negatively impacts tourism but footfall in town centres and shops.

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"410. Free parking in Birkenhead can significantly boost the local economy by attracting more visitors and shoppers to the area. When people know they can park without incurring extra costs, they are more likely to choose Birkenhead over other shopping destinations. This increased foot traffic can lead to higher sales for local businesses, fostering a thriving community and creating more job opportunities.

Moreover, free parking can reduce congestion on residential streets. When parking is free and readily available in designated areas, drivers are less likely to park in front of homes, improving the quality of life for residents. It also encourages the use of local amenities, such as parks and community centers, as people can access these facilities more conveniently.

Additionally, free parking can enhance the overall appeal of Birkenhead as a destination. It sends a welcoming message to visitors, making the area more attractive for events, tourism, and new businesses. This can lead to a more vibrant and dynamic community, benefiting everyone who lives and works in Birkenhead."

411. Restricting ability of elderly and disabled to go out.

412. There is absolutely no need to force people to pay to park here.

413. Car parking charges will isolate the poor and vulnerable

"414. Why bother with the consultation?

We all know you're going to do it regardless. "

415. This scheme will hit local businesses, discouraging people from visiting the area , while encouraging them to drive longer distances to out of town retail parks and supermarkets with free parking .

"416. This council is hell bent on hitting the poorest people

Swimming pools shut golf courses saved how many people play golf ???"

417. Birkenhead has lost so many businesses over the years. The market has almost disappeared. Birkenhead would become even more of a 'ghost town' if controlled parking was implemented.

418. Council promoted "The leisure Peninsula " a few years ago. Charging motorists and visitors to view the beach/sea will deter visitors and not encourage spenders supporting the local community

419. Same comments so above

420. I think you have done enough damage to birkenhead and now its costing millions to try bring people back!! You need to learn from your huge mistakes... you killed the town yet take no responsibility! Were does it end? U need to address this scheme... parking should be free in town centres..

421. N/A

422. Yes - its absurd because it will mean less people will visit - and local businesses will be affected. Also this is a poorer area, you don't need to try and make people's lives harder, especially pensioners who have had their winter fuel allowance removed and now won't be able to go to the shops.

423. DITTO

424. New council offices instead of upgraded market the town is dying thanks to mismanagement. I would not mind but your staff have not returned to offices

425. yes birkenhead is on its knees charging people to visit is the most bizarre way to encourage people to come it need's people to survive not be penalised the town centre is a disgrace asda has killed it and the ongoing roadworks are atrocious it's obvious the planners don't have to live and work in birkenhead no sensible person would allow the decline of this once great thriving town i hope your all proud of yourselves

426. Not required. People will not visit the area. Take a cut in pay at Wirral Borough Council.

427. I do not know enough about this area to comment

428. As above.

429. people enjoy Birkenhead still and paying for parking will cause people to go less.

430. Parking should be free

431. Unawre ofthe needs of this area

432. I think it will cause misery to lots of local businesses and local people. People will go to retail parks like The Croft and local business will suffer.

"433. Has a full cost analysis on the local business impact been done and using companies house P&L determined the relative impact that this will have. I.e. how many business may stop trading due to loss of income

What could the expected reduction in footfall be approximated to be

What would the consequential increase in alternative parking locations in other areas to avoid charges"

434. This is a very short sighted approach to raising money. Open spaces such as parks and coastal walks are necessary for preventing obesity and poor mental health.

435. You try this every few years, which is very annoying! I have dogs and need free access to open space, charging my family in this way would make impossible do! Why must everything have a cost attached to it. Its just disgusting!

436. I don't know where this is so not sure.

437. I am not aware of this scheme

"438. Parking is difficult enough without adding in charging at this time of austerity.

You will impact greatly on mental health as people will be forced not to leave their homes."

439. Essential for local business. Adverse impact

440. If the council is skint get rid of councillors not hammer the public

441. While local visitors to Birkenhead are used to paying for parking to some degree, I question this scheme on economic grounds. Birkenhead is, & has been, in desperate need of investment and people to come in to spend money to support the town centre. I don't see how this scheme does anything but drive away those Wirral residents that might go to Birkenhead.

"442. Birkenhead is already a ghost town business have gone council no longer get business rates as no worth going there any more. Ship

Out of town instead"

443. Disgraceful that the council and MP's, voted in by the people, choose to ignore what the people want. This will affect everyone with parking spaces in adjacent areas being used instead of paying for permits.

444. Most as above.

"445. Birkenhead is on its knees. It's cheaper to bus to Liverpool & shop, eat & drink, than park in Birkenhead. Businesses are seriously struggling.

Bidston & Bromborough retail outlets booming. ??"

446. I would have preferred to abstain from selecting a yes or no option as I'm not familiar with the area.

447. The parking charge places the heaviest burden on people local to the area all of whom pay Council Tax. This will certainly diminish the footfall with the inevitable consequences.

448. You seem to have gone out of your way to make life as difficult as possible for Birkenhead traders. All schemes should be scrapped.

449. I dont know enough about the scheme to comment

450. This unnecessary restriction is significantly hindering local businesses and adding yet another obstacle for customers to overcome. It's crucial for the community to have easy and affordable access to parking near our amenities, especially during these challenging times. Let's work together to ensure that everyone can enjoy our local businesses without unnecessary cost and disruption.

451. I object, Birkenhead is like a ghost town because of parking charges, going to buy an item becomes £3 more, this encourages people to shop on line and local businesses suffer, it's time it was stopped.

452. Encourage people to go to Birkenhead. It is shambolic as it is with Charing Cross closed for 12 months so I am told.

453. Detrimental impact on Wirral residents lives and businesses.

454. Birkenhead is struggling, what do you think this is going to do? It's a ghost town now.

455. We are already paying a lot for parking / road tax fuel tax/ and we are the most heavily tolled area as we cant go to Liverpool for free as some of us have T-flow and other account it still cost us to get to work and back home at least 2.80 / day also many of us work in industrial areas in Liverpool that are out of city centre. This is a full failure of the council spending due to the lack of understanding how things work and uneducated people sitting in those seat with a wrong-headed mind..

456. Charging people to park outside their own house is ridiculous

457. Residents of Wirral pay enough taxes and should be able to enjoy the area free from further charges.

458. fed up with council over reach and killing businesses

"459. The objection is based on the detrimental impact this will have on local traders, it pushes people to the major supermarkets with free parking.

It stops local people using the facilities to exercise and enjoy the amenities available in our beautiful borough. We regularly go for a walk round the marine lake but i will not pay for parking to do so, this will clog up local streets for local residents.

The financial cost of implementing and servicing these schemes is a waste of money.

For me in particular the charges applying to certain carparks mean far more congestion on School lane putting the children at Dawpool at increased risk, which you as a council do very little about."

460. Unfair on residents.

461. Think about residents of the area having to have visitors parking in the roads they live in :-(

462. Car parking charges are having a detrimental effect on retail businesses, why go shopping in Birkenhead when I can drive to shopping complexes that don't charge and in many cases offer better chose and facilities than the Council is offering. When car parking was introduced there was a need, in 2024 the system is killing off the town centre and to the depriment of the Rates from those town based businesses. Parking should be controlled by hours allowed i.e. 3 hours then no return and this should apply wherever there is a group of shops that are serving the local community.

463. Silly

464. Charging for parking will stop visitors and the area will suffer economically

465. Parking charges will deter people from travelling to the area, resulting in reduced footfall for local businesses. Some folk rely heavily on their own transport (eg. Elderly/disabled) and it is not fair to penalise them when they need to go shopping

466. What a ludicrous scheme that will kill the chance for locals to enjoy a walk and some exercise which will ultimately contribute to their overall positive health and thereby decrease the strain on the NHS etc. In addition reducing the likelihood of locals visiting local amenities and spending money in the local region thereby reducing overall revenue.

467. Placing extra expenditure on people who may already be struggling

468. Other than traditional freedoms, it impacts on poorer people disproportionately, reduces visiting, thence impacts local businesses and employment. Ultimately this reduces Council income, NOT enhancing it. It also increases local street parking problems as some people seek to avoid payment by parking in side roads.

469. Yes see above

470. The effect on local businesses, along with other cost of living impacts (energy/wider economic issues caused by lower footfall).will just create another push for shoppers and visitors to go elsewhere without parking issues/costs

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472. Why shoild residents pay to park outside their own homes, we oay the council far too much and get nothing in return, isn't that what council tax is for because it seems to me that afain this is money which we the public need ourselves but are forced and essentially blackmailed into paying because the council continues to waste OUR money on pointless rubbish and promises of changes which we don't see because the council FAILSto deliver everytime.

473. This will negatively impact on retail shopping

474. This will have a negative effect on businesses in the area.

475. I agree with the overnight parking charge, but putting parking charges during the day will deter locals from days out in the area. Tourists expect parking charges, locals have used this for regular days out I will go somewhere else where there are no parking charges.

476. Birkenhead needs a whole new plan. It's not safe or secure.

477. Why should I be penalised for working or visiting family and friends.

478. If you are currently making a £400,000+ per year loss for the arrangements that are in place now how can you begin to justify increasing the quantity of areas you charge for? Also do you not think that this sort of additional charge will put people off visiting the area? Surely your ideas should be in the best interests of the residents and local businesses and therefore should be supported by them rather than enforced upon them, I thought ideas put forward should help revive and improve our borough, I believe such charges will have the opposite effects, most of the ideas I hear being put forward/proposed by WBC aren't supported by residents as the residents don't trust your ability to represent them and do what is best for the area. All I can see is total incompetence and lack of foresight leading to contempt from residents

479. People visit, bring business to area. Social and health benefits. People won't be able to afford to park.

480. As per my last objection- taking away one of the only things that is left for FREE! The views and outdoors are vital for people's good health. People with financial difficulties will be excluded from these places.

481. Damage to local businesses

482. This will increase parking in local streets and decrease visitors to the local shops and, therefore, likely cause the closure of some shops / cafes

483. It will have a negative impact on local businesses, penalise local people, cause parking problems for the surrounding roads & stop people from using the local area.

"484. Birkenhead's vital signs are critical but it has one good thing - the free toilets in the Market by the bus station.

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485. See below

486. Blatant money making from drivers who have already paid road tax or whatever you decide to call it. It is theft.

487. My husband and I work extremely hard and run a very successful and well established business in our local area. It is a home improvements company and we supply and install products to improve and enhance local people's properties. Our customers in Hoylake, Meols and West Kirby work and save hard to live where they live and spend their hard earned money on making their houses look nice. What is the point of striving to better

one's property which in turn improves the look of the area where we live and thereby making it a more desirable district to reside and visit, when Wirral Council detract from all of this by imposing ugly and gaudy bright yellow lines and parking meters to our beautiful area. Along with the wreck that now is the beach at Hoylake and Meols, Wirral Council seem to be hell bent on making the Wirral scruffy, unkempt and undesirable. What are they doing to our beautiful peninsular? A place where throngs of people would visit and frequent, who ploughed money into our bustling local economy are becoming and soon will be a thing of the past. They are driving people away and Hoylake, Meols and West Kirby will become ghost towns. Businesses will suffer and more shops will close. We wholeheartedly oppose this plan and would urge the Council to rethink this very drastic scheme before it is too late.

488. As above

489. Affects local business and no need

490. As above

491. It is far too expensive and will put people off coming to Birkenhead to the shops , park etc. If the council wants to encourage use of these, then on-street parking should remain free.

492. Same as above

"493. We live on parkend road, CH42. Half of our street is permit and the other (our side) is not. It is already difficult enough to try and get parking here & this charge will only mean we pay £60 without any guarantee of even being able to park.

The issues that would be better being resolved would be irresponsible parking. The council will be aware of someone repeatedly reported for parking in someone's disabled bay. They continue to take up more than required for a space and they park illegally on the curb. The council has not done anything about this. There is also a business that has now begun to put cones on the street taking up another space but there isn't any yellow lines & they do not require access at all times as their business is not open 24/7.

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494. It's sh**e

495. It's utterly disgusting that you're trying to charge even more to Wirral residents.

496. This is a strategic attempt to discriminate against people who drive and actively discourage those who rely on cars from accessing public spaces, without financial penalty. We have a right to access spaces to walk and enjoy exercises without financial discrimination. The local authority actively promote healthy lifestyles and enjoying our

beautiful area, however, this is yet another attempt to make it difficult and inaccessible. Shame on you.

497. This is a money making scheme and tax by stealth. It is an unfair charge that penalises residents and businesses alike especially in the current economic climate/cost of living crisis.

498. As above and with better enforcement of footway and yellow line parking

499. no comment.

500. as long as charges are not too exorbitant

501. Yes, stop trying to take more money out of the hands of hardworking people.

502. Why should you pay to park outside your house when you pay road tax you are being penalised for living in a certain area I contacted the council and spoke to a manager who told me the reason why nobody's coming out to parking issues is because there's no money to employ them

503. The council using the motorist as a cash cow once again, it will drive people away which will affect local business incomes, possible closure and loss of jobs. Short sighted views by the council who are waging war against the motorist. Empty spaces at weekends due to excessive cost of parking stops people wanting to visit the U-Boat story, Hamilton Sq; Transport museum...the list is endless.

504. It will deter visitors to the area .

505. I would like to know where the money generated would go, will it be put into that local area that it affects or go to plug the hole that is caused by the mis-management of funds within the local council

506. No

"507. I strongly disagree with the proposed charges to parking sites across the Wirral, especially Roslin Road in Irby. I run a business here and employ members of staff from across the Wirral. All of us travel into work by car, these proposed charges will mean it will cost us an extra £126 every month. That's £1,506 a year! I'm also confident I'm not the only business owner here in Irby that feels this way. We all employ staff and it's a huge added expense. Without our businesses here what would the town look like? Rows of empty shops, a lack of community and without any shops here your car parks would end up empty anyway. I strongly recommend you reconsider, or at the very least, consider the workers and provide permits for those working in the areas you're imposing these parking charges on.

The alternative is that we end up moving our businesses to areas where it's easier for our staff, free parking, away from the heart of communities. "

508. You've already driven me away from Birkenhead, particularly with the nonsensical Sunday parking charges when the town is a ghost town. I have no interest in visiting Birkenhead for either recreational use or as a shopping venue

509. Detrimental to local economy

510. Should be free to all

511. STOP! robbing the public,

512. parking should be free

513. stop charging public to raise funds for council

514. I don't necessarily object to this scheme, but there isn't a not applicable option

515. Paying for parking puts me off visiting

516. It's a cash grab nothing to do with parking.

517. People will go to areas where parking is cheaper, and use different transport.

518. I am a resident, I regularly cannot park near my home, we are in our 70, s and find it difficult to walk, but we do not qualify for a disabled bay. If we return home after 5 PM, we have to park in the next road, or two roads away. Why should we pay to park on a first come first served basis when we get nothing in return. If anyone has to pay it should be people with three cars or more in one house.

519. Don't know enough about this area to have a comment

520. Birkenhead is failing as it is. With an additional charge it will be doomed.

521. Absolutely a disgrace screwing the motorists again and again. Organise your own council first

522. Unwanted and not needed

523. Stop proposing things and focus on fulfilling your constituent demands; on what people who you should be serving really need and want. If you like to make car parks changed, then you firsts have to make sure that there are reliable, frequent, cheap and convenient transportation options night and day.

524. This will destroy the tourism in the town and have a devastating effect on the local economy.

525. See comment below

526. The council should not be generating funds by increasing the cost of parking, it should be looking to cut costs within the council itself rather than making their residents pay more in a cost of living crisis.

527. I support all schemes which aim to make people think twice about using their cars as part of their leisure activities.

528. See above

529. These days Birkenhead is not a very attractive place to come to anyway. Making people pay to park is just crazy!

530. N/A

531. Stop, just stop, wirral residents are not here to get the council out of their own financial mess due to mismanagement

532. Destroy business the place is a ghost town because why wouldn't anyone pay to park there when they can park for free at the Croft or spend the same money and have a better shopping experience in Liverpool.

533. Most residents in these areas do not benefit from off-road parking, why make them pay (permits) to park close to their own homes - without a visitors permit they are unable to have visitors... thoughtless on the part of the council.

534. Birkenhead has almost disappeared as a shopping destination and the introduction of this scheme will only further deter people from visiting the town something that the proposed multi-million pound investment will not address.

535. Wirral council using local people as their personal cash cows yet again. This will destroy local towns and businesses. Wirral council need to leave the free parking alone, lower the rates to their empty shops etc to get them full again instead of hiring rates and driving more independent businesses out. Surely this is obvious to all the people in the council getting paid 100k+ per year???

536. Charging to park in this area will discourage people from visiting and harm local businesses.

537. Again, will reduce visitors to local business.

538. As above

539. I have not regularly shopped in Birkenhead or many years due to the difficulty and cost of parking.

540. As above will effect local tourism and businesses

541. I am not a resident of this area and therefore if I go I am a visitor so do not object to parking fees.

542. We need encourage visitor from near and far

"543. I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed implementation of car parking charges in these areas. This plan appears to be poorly thought out and will likely have significant negative consequences for both the local environment and the community.

By introducing parking charges, you risk discouraging visitors from coming to the area altogether. Those who do still come will likely seek alternative parking in nearby residential areas, shifting traffic congestion and creating additional strain on the local environment. This increased pressure on residential areas will not only contribute to pollution and noise but also diminish the quality of life for local residents.

Furthermore, many local businesses, which rely on a steady flow of visitors, will undoubtedly suffer from the drop in foot traffic. The reduction in visitors will have a detrimental impact on the local economy, harming both small businesses and the overall vibrancy of the area.

If Wirral Council is in need of additional funding, I would urge you to reconsider your approach. Instead of burdening residents and visitors with parking fees, focus on addressing the inefficiencies in council spending. For instance, the wasteful and poorly conceived consultations that often lead to misguided decisions should be reassessed.

A recent example is the situation in New Brighton, where Wetherspoons was allowed to expand its business, only to abandon the location when it became too costly to maintain. Not only has this left an unsightly and hazardous empty space, but it also raises questions about why such poor planning was allowed to happen in the first place.

I urge you to reconsider these parking charges and focus on making improvements that will genuinely benefit the local community and environment."

544. We object to the parking scheme

545. This will hurt a business district that desperately needs more customers.

546. Detrimental to small businesses

547. I pay a huge amount of council tax why do I also have to pay to park

548. But there needs to be easily accessible passed for people, like carers and home tutors

549. Why punish the public further? You've increased the council tax and other taxes, so please stop imposing more costs as it's very difficult to live with all these payments at the moment

550. Wrong

551. It's tax for tax sake. its outrageous

552. Will drastically reduce visitors to area, affecting local businesses. Introducing payment will increase parking in residential roads.

553. Scheme will drive people away from local area,
554. People can't afford these charges
555. I don't know this area so can't comment on this
556. Please stop trying to stop people driving by making it increasingly unaffordable.
557. Just stop.
558. Same as above
559. will effect businesses and people visiting the area for pleasure.
560. Let people park in their own residential area without charge we pay enough council tax and road tax and shouldn't be charged to park outside your own property
561. Not good
562. You will kill the number of people visiting and getting exercise, fresh air , mental wellbeing. Big up. Ditch the idea.....again 🙄🙄
563. I am not a resident of Birkenhead so cannot comment.
564. You want to encourage shoppers not discourage them
565. This will be the end of an already struggling shopping centre - area
566. Not sure where this is
567. Don't approve as we often walk in Birkenhead park itself as it's all off road and however parking permits in the roads around the park would encourage resident to park off the pavements
568. It will destroy local commerce. I realise that left wing politicians don't appear to understand how incredibly important that is to the local community because the public purse funds their lives but without our taxes, your lifestyle goes away.
569. As above
570. This will drive traffic into residential streets. It will also directly impact older people who are on limited budgets.
571. We are all struggling and been taxed enough .
572. Will drive parking into the side streets which are already crowded with no driveways. People who live there will have to pay to park outside their own house
573. Damaging to local businesses and residents alike
574. Birkenhead needs to encourage visitors, not put them off. Also this is an area where many residents are on low incomes.
575. ! Will cause visitors to park outside residents houses and other visitors to not bother in visiting the area at all! Plenty of parking space available - except possibly at peak periods

only. Adverse effect on shopping facilities causing more vacancies and general image of dilapidation.

576. Birkenhead is already empty so parking charges will finish it off.

577. Charges will drive people away from our area which in turn will in the long run affect businesses. When will councilors who we pay to work for us the people do what we request if the majority say No? Highly unlikely as they have never listened in the past so why would they listen now?

578. As above

579. Ridiculous

580. We shouldn't be paying to park anywhere as we pay enough in our taxes and council tax. The council have wasted too much money on the 20 MPH zones and unused cycle lanes.

581. It's disgusting, all you're going to do is stop people going there and instead they'll visit the big retail parks instead. If you want to save money then cut the number of local councillors by two thirds and cut the wages of the council chief executives.

582. See above

583. It's a greedy money grab and will only be detrimental to the area, less people will visit and overall local businesses will be negatively impacted, therefore community negatively impacted. It is cruel when people are already struggling to pay bills.

584. No issue in non-residential areas.

585. Parking fees will only make people avoid the area like they have done in town centres and other charged areas which will result in even more business closing or moving. It will also deter out of area visitors to come to the peninsula.

586. There are enough parking restrictions already in situ.

587. All parking should be free.

588. It will stop visitors coming to the area which then will have a negative impact on the businesses in the area

589. This will discourage people to shop locally and damage small businesses, and create more hardship.

590. Birkenhead is dying, there are no charges at the big shopping centres and supermarkets and this will just add to the decline of Birkenhead

"591. The first two hours should be free

People who live in the street should not have to pay"

592. B'head will really become a dead area. Businesses will suffer even more. Direct conflict with the economy .

593. See below

594. Increase in passing trade and reductions of all day parking.

595. Stop trying to destroy every last business in Birkenhead that you haven't managed to sabotage yet. You're screwing over everyone who doesn't have the luxury of their own car park. PEOPLE WONT GO!

596. Business will suffer people will not want to shop

597. Offer free parking instead of charging for parking and sack the parking officers who do nothing more than aggregate the electorate

598. Residents should not have to pay to park outside their homes.

599. No

600. Just a greedy council making money

601. It will be detrimental to residents and businesses

602. As above.

603. You have destroyed Birkenhead it is just full of charity shops now.

604. Birkenhead is already suffering from lack of footfall here. Parking charges will steer even more people from. Coming to area.

605. Birkenhead needs every person possible in order to help shops and businesses otherwise people go to Liverpool or out of town shopping areas where parking is free

606. It will be detrimental to local businesses and the area as people will think twice about going to the area

607. As above

"608. Wirral council are extremely greedy doing this. There are bins overflowing, almost every drain blocked in surrounding areas, they're flying tipping bin bags every week on the side of the roads feeding the rats and yet they spent £30M on a restaurant and wall of which both have failed in their purpose and in turn they now want to charge for parking all along the coast which is predominantly used by local residents.

We are not a seaside holiday resort along our coasts.. we are local residents working, visiting family or friends or wanting to enjoy what little free freedom we have as you've closed most libraries , swimming pools and other public services staying lacking of funds!"

609. Basically I park at the Pyramids

"610. I feel that charging for parking will adversely impact local businesses by driving people towards locations with no parking charges which tend to be out of town with large corporations.

The mental health and fitness of residents will also be impacted, people go to these locations for fresh air and exercise and will be discouraged from doing so if yet another charge is levied on car owners who seem to be an 'easy target' and treated as a cash cow. "

611. Charging people to park will discourage people from using these spaces and will inhibit the growth of small businesses in the area.

612. Charging to park is detrimental to the economy of the area.

613. The number of people and services in Birkenhead seem to have dropped significantly over the years. It is an area that seems to be struggling, why drive away more people?

614. Need excellent public transport and active travel to precede charges. Need cargo bikes to become the norm in advance of restrictions to cars and parking

615. no

616. As above, I'm ok with a £1 overnight charge, in principle. I am completely against daytime parking charges though. This strikes me as a tax (which we already pay in abundance) on those who just wish to enjoy the natural surroundings of the peninsula, or embark on a shopping trip.

617. See my first comment

618. Birkenhead is hard enough to park in at the minute

619. No one goes Birkenhead anymore due to the council wrecking the area getting rid of all the things worth going for e.g. the markets

620. I am objecting to parking charges

621. Stop putting up parking meters

622. Just another way to take money, there is hardly any parking as it is, make bigger car parks before trying to charge so we can go up the local town and shop to support our communities.

623. I don't agree with parking charges .Affects negatively small business trade. Covert tax

624. We pay high council tax yet you spend as little as possible on highways and byways. Over pay senior management. Cost of living is hard enough and more cost in enjoying the coastal areas will stop people who can not afford to pay from helping with mental health and wellbeing.

625. Money grabbing evil individuals

626. I disagree with the implementation of car parking charges as it will deter people from visiting the site and have a negative effect on the local economy.

627. Completely needless scheme. Since parking charges were introduced in Hamilton Square, no one visits and the same will happen here, impacting local businesses and the local area

628. You have parking restrictions in industrial areas on a Sunday , miles from shops and not on bus routes - why?

629. Town is already dead, this isn't going to help.

630. Dont know what this is.

631. It's wrong. People shouldn't have to pay to park at home

632. Parking charges will Deter people from enjoying what's good about the Wirral, and result in decline in local business

633. It would restrict visitors and residents considerably.

634. Charging to pay for parking without any benefits is ridiculous. It isn't a secure car park, there are no services provided this is a disgusting attempt to squeeze more money out of people during a cost of living crisis.

635. all public areas should be free to access with monetry gain ... stop nickel diming our beauty spots or free to locals paying council tax

636. Implementing charges will have a detrimental effect on the area specifically local small businesses

637. Same comment as above

638. Need to offer free parking in Birkenhead to attract more people to shop. It's currently a ghost town

639. As above

640. Sadly, I do my best not to visit Birkenhead these days. I used to shop here regularly. All very depressing . Lots of litter, fly tipping etc.

641. Not required

642. As above

643. I do not object to inflationary increases where charges currently apply. I believe expanding the list of streets where charges apply should each be considered on their individual merit, rather in a block. Overnight charges must be backed up by enforcement, in which case it may not always be cost effective to do this. Overnight charges must serve a purpose other than just revenue raising.

"644. will stop people going into Birkenhead

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645. Again you are driving out footfall to local shops - well what is left of Birkenhead and if drivers receive charges for not parking correctly in your controlled parking zone then they will not return.

646. Controlled parking in residential areas is really important to manage the number of cars left parked. People shouldn't have too many vehicles, or should pay a fee if they want to. The price rise is fine. I'd like to see a lot more controlled parking zones around Wirral

647. I object to increased charges on existing parking bays. It is already at a reasonably high amount for drivers. Increasing will only encourage drivers to drive around to find free parking polluting the atmosphere and discourage more people visiting Birkenhead. Increasing charges will not increase revenue when less and less people use it. The cost of adding charges at free areas by paying for frankly ugly parking machines and road painting. Not to mention the cost of more traffic enforcement officers.

648. I don't know enough about this area.

649. No

650. I very rarely visit Birkenhead these days. The market is no longer appealing. But for those who do, or who visit the park, this charge is a burden.

651. As above. Start thinking ahead WBC instead of the usual narrow minded approach.

652. I really don't know enough about this area but I'm sure it will bring the same problems here as it will elsewhere. People won't pay. They'll park in nearby residential streets with the sequential problems that will bring!

653. Perhaps visitors may look to park in the free areas of the town, with implications here for local business.

654. This is utterly ridiculous to be wanting to charge for parking on these roads. I myself run a local business and so to many friends. This will impact the business in a very negative way. The parking machines are always card only or app. Which a lot of people especially old people who find it a struggle to use these. You are driving the local small businesses into the ground. This is not right, as you are meant to be a council helping the local people and this is not the case.

"655. Cost of installing infrastructure and policing the car parks will make the proposal a burden, whilst worsening the financial position of the council... the scheme will see more people parking on adjacent roads, inconveniencing local residents and potentially creating more dangerous conditions for people using local amenities due to poor driving and parking behaviours. Rather than being a financial benefit you will be creating unsafe village centres with frustrated residents. Finally, this could have an impact on local businesses if people decide the new parking arrangements are too much hassle, at which point they may choose to take their business elsewhere... this could reduce occupancy of commercial spaces and

see further revenue loss for the council as businesses choose to vacate premises and are no longer paying rates.

This is not the quick buck you think it is. Don't cause more frustration and challenges for those who are living through the cost of living crisis."

656. The same as those mentioned above

657. This will discourage people visiting and affect tourism

658. We pay enough now more charges . Wants you start charging this will just increase yearly

659. I don't go to Birkenhead on principle - the ludicrous number of roads with yellow lines means I shop elsewhere . The only people who benefit are the suppliers of yellow tarmac paint.

660. Insufficient knowledge of the area and what is involved to express a view or to comment

"661. According to Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489), and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTA), particularly Section 122, a 'Statement of Reasons' must be provided to explain the purpose of the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) in question. The 'Statement of Reasons' is a key part of ensuring that stakeholders can make informed responses to any proposed changes.

In the current consultation, this critical document has not been made available for public viewing through this consultation portal With the consultation deadline of 23/10/24 fast approaching, it is clear that this essential document will not be made available in sufficient time for meaningful public engagement.

The omission of the 'Statement of Reasons' renders the consultation non-compliant with the statutory requirements of transparency and public participation. This failure prevents stakeholders from understanding the rationale behind each TRO, and as such, the consultation cannot be considered legally valid.

I strongly object to the scheme on these grounds and request that the consultation be voided or extended until such time as the 'Statement of Reasons' is properly published, allowing for a full and informed public response."

662. Don't agree with adding parking charges

663. As this is already controlled parking I am happy this continues

664. Charging for parking in an area where people exclusively use the facilities for exercise or recreation, as well as retail will drive consumers and users away to other sites. Parking overnight represents a different demographic, one I do not in principle have an objection to. Birkenhead especially is a struggling town at the best of times. Increasing the charges only encourages people not to visit.

665. It will prevent people visiting and affect local businesses. We already pay road tax and parking on roads means we have to pay twice. Charges will also encourage people to park in side roads which are already congested and push the problem further. Also will encourage people to use residents private car parks, creating more cost in putting up barriers to prevent this.

666. Hitting the poorer community again, what are you thinking about Wirral Council

667. There is no where to park free . Free parking attacks customers

668. It's an unfair financial grab from residents and visitors.

669. For the same reasons as above. Displacing cars to park in front of houses. You should be encouraging families to walk, cycle, use facilities, beach etc not adding to the cost of everyday living. You will be doing to WK, NB and Hoylake what you have done to Birkenhead, which is almost a ghost town. We visited Macclesfield recently, there you get two hours free, ensuring everyone had an opportunity to visit shops, park etc. The town was buzzing.

670. Yet another plan from a local authority determined to undermine Birkenhead as a vibrant shopping centre. The number of boarded up former shops around the town centre already testifies to their success to-date in destroying Birkenhead town centre.

671. By introducing these ridiculous plans the Council will put people off visiting.

672. As above

"673. We should be proud of the fact that Wirral is one of the few areas in the country that allows people free access to open, natural spaces. We should be encouraging people to get out in nature, not putting obstacles in their way.

Additionally, adding parking charges will (as has often been the case) push people into the densely populated side streets, exacerbating the congestion already there.

I have lived here for over 30 years quite frankly, I am tired of having this debate every few years. "

674. I rarely visit Birkenhead, but I don't see why the local residents who make use of the parking zone should have to pay more than they do already.

675. Residents shouldn't be charged. We already pay council tax and road tax. We are already a struggling area and it is hard to go anywhere where there isn't antisocial

behaviour and going to someplace where public transport doesn't go to is fabulous for us with elderly disabled parents and young children. Charging here will remove this valuable safe area from not just us but the Wirral and visitors as a whole. Additionally charging to go shopping forces us to travel further to find somewhere where we can park.

676. Unnecessary

"677. It will have an effect on local business as it will deter customers coming to the business.

It will also have an impact on residential streets as people will park there causing problems for local residents"

678. We need lots more controlled parking in residential areas to manage the number of cars parked on our streets.

679. Let's kill Birkenhead introduce more charges

680. Please see above

681. Parking charges will deeply affect our community

682. All public highways are owned by the public and tax payers... authority and consent is not given to any corporation for charges to land and highways.. additionally this is unlawful and detrimental for the area...

683. No issues with people being able to park free on this premises

684. It's going to destroy tourism, leisure activities and severely impact local businesses

685. Will have damaging effects on residents, visitors and local businesses who are already struggling financially.

686. No, can't comment as the decline in Birkenhead is already prevalent

687. Parking charges will put people off from parking, therefore taking their business elsewhere.

688. It seems that the council are only looking to gain funds from making people pay for parking at any cost. These funds from parking charges can only be used for parking outlined schemes which impact on the community and independent business within them areas. I strongly disagree with any parking charges along or coastal area as these areas should be open to all for free, which they have been for over 50+ years. In fact I believe that in some places a covenant covers land to be open and free of costs to access for general public and could be an illegal act if implemented. The general consensus is that we don't want parking charges but the consultation process only allows those with IT knowledge to put their point forward. If this consultation was in the site of the general public ie face to face with an easy petition to sign with your relevant postcode etc etc you would have 1000s signing against. But you'll pay our budget of 1000s to agency to develop a process that intentionally puts part of our community at a loss to participate.

689. Surely this will restrict people's ability to live & work in the area?

690. Disagree with most forms of parking charges, because it sends people to shopping centres ie. The Rock etc

691. This will discourage people yet again to get out and about and also support local businesses including Birkenhead town centre.

692. It will deter people from visiting the area. The scheme is ill-advised and seems to be aimed at limiting the activities of those from certain areas of society.

693. It's already a ghost town!

"694. Bringing in these schemes will not help support local businesses, because why would people pay to visit these shops when you can just go to a retail park or supermarket with free parking or buy the goods online for cheaper and more convenience.

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696. This is just a money grabbing scheme for the council. This is not based on what is good or right for the people who live in these impacted communities or use these facilities

697. To introduce charges in an area which the council is desperately trying to revive is political suicide

698. Seems needless given the other possible income streams that could and should be explored. The reasons given for introducing the charges do not seem applicable in lots of the locations.

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700. I have experienced many problems trying to pay by card or App due to faulty card readers and poor phone coverage or problems setting up accounts to pay so I am not in favour of these

701. Local businesses struggling.

702. NA

703. Parking charges in Birkenhead does not encourage people to visit the shops and a lot of small businesses are find it hard enough to make ends meet. The council should be encouraging people to visit Birkenhead. Increasing parking charges and introducing more parking charges will only encourage potential customers to go to out of town retail parks.

704. It will affect local businesses and cause parking issues in residential streets for wirral residents

705. We pay enough Taxes

706. It will effect local business

707. Will harm the economy

708. Ridiculous money grasping project that will disrupt everyday life

709. They did this in Southport and Formby - consequences were awful... there's a reason why big shopping malls don't charge for parking - the Council may lose more than they make in long term.

710. Controlled parking is just another money making scheme, it will not benefits and cause headaches and stress for visitors

711. Free parking please

712. People live in these locations or their visitors - will they have to pay to park outside their own homes?

713. It's disgusting to think that we have to pay extra on top of road tax because the council can't manage their finances.

714. Cost of living has increased so much . It's becoming more and more difficult to go out.

715. Reduced access and usage of small local businesses in the area

716. No

"717. Yes it will take business away from the area and won't have as much footfall for leisure and business activities.

It will hugely impact local businesses who need all the support they can get. "

718. This will massively decrease footfall and impact local businesses. We walk the dog here because the parking is convenient and free, if it wasn't we would park else where affecting local residents or go elsewhere. We always support a local business by getting a coffee or something. But this would not happen now and we would take the business to somewhere else, Chester, North Wales, or Liverpool.

719. Birkenhead needs a huge injection of cash to get it up to the bustling town your used to be. I'm hoping Wirral Council are going to invest heavily there, so I don't oppose the parking charges, as it has an easy train and bus route to provide an alternative method of transport there.

"720. I think that walaslay vans parking there was very bad and broke the system. Theres plenty of parking space available and no need for charges. Also 1£ per vehicle wont generate any income for coucil coffers after costs and will hinder wirral public access to the site

Public transport cannot fill the void either"

721. As above

722. detrimental scheme to local shops & businesses as people will avoid area due to charges

723. Stop this stupid proposal now, local residents and businesses will suffer.

724. People will stop using the parking if they have to pay. Working people are paying enough taxes and open spaces should not be taxed.

725. The free parking brings much needed business to the area which will suffer if paid parking begins. People simply will decide not to go. Likewise people's health will suffer as the ability to exercise in our fantastic coastal environments will be drastically cut as they won't be able to afford to go daily.

726. It will stop me from coming to the area.

727. Parking charges taking customers away from local businesses

"728. 1. Parking apps discriminate against people who are not tech-savvy. I do not believe parking meters would be vandalised if they only accepted credit/debit cards.

2. Birkenhead town centre is dying on its feet already increasing parking charges will not do anything to reverse this."

729. Unfair to charge local people

730. Not required

731. I visit regularly and this will affect me and my families free time and dog walks

732. See above

733. I am uninformed on this matter therefore can't give an opinion.

734. As above.

735. Yes. This scheme is motivated by greed and it will be counter-productive in its outcomes. It will decimate visitors to New Brighton and the environs and will destroy the local economy, thereby reducing the amounts the council get through business rates etc. Just at a time when the economy needs a boost this is the last thing you should be doing. If you want to get income from parking then place a Parking Tax on the big out of town shopping centres, but sadly I fear you are already in the pockets of organisations that inhabit such venues. You should be promoting town centres and encouraging people, businesses and investment into them, not discouraging them with measures such as this. The evidence is clear of the damage you are doing. Look at Southport and Nuneaton town centres for example. They are a shadow of their former selves and it's due to a very large extent by greedy and penny-pinches schemes like this. Please take on board what I and doubtless many others have said in their objections and don't make the same mistake. The dire consequences if you do will be felt for many years to come.

736. We pay enough out as it is. Road tax, council tax!

737. Cannot afford parking charges, love to get out and walk my dog for mental health and wellness.

738. Can't really directly object as won't personally affect.

"739. The imposition of parking charges on South Parade is unlawful as it has been proposed for revenue generation and not traffic management .

The Barnet case confirms that that Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 is not a revenue generation legislation."

740. Parking should be free in order to promote and assist residents to maintain healthy lifestyles; this will in turn reduce healthcare costs and improve societal behaviours.

741. Don't know where it is

"742. Parking should be free to promote a healthy lifestyle for residents and non-residents alike. The long term savings in physical, mental and elderly care clearly outweigh the short term revenue to the council.

Having a financial cost to being outside is not in the local or wider society interests."

743. Allow 2 free hours before levying a charge.

744. Discourages healthy access to the beaches for kitesurfing and access to local clubs and shops

745. Another area that needs to encourage visitors.

746. Should be free

"747. Charging to park in Birkenhead is financial suicide for the town. There's hardly anything there to encourage people to visit there instead of Liverpool, Chester, or out of town shopping such as Bromborough. For example, I won't visit Vue Cinema in Birkenhead despite it being cheaper than competitors, because of having to pay to park.

For"

748. Generating revenue from local residents.

749. It starts with overnight charges, how long until the charges increase in price and are applied 24/7? What do we as residents pay council tax and road tax for? This a slippery slope and I have no faith that Wirral Borough Council won't take this further if we lie down and take this now.

"750. I have no problem with charging a reasonable amount for medium term parking.

But this has to be balanced against the potential to significantly impact local businesses where people are ""popping to the shop"" or something similar as they will go elsewhere/online.

This type of traffic is also more likely to then park outside of the car park eg on the nearby roads, annoying local residents

Therefore I would suggest that a compromise would be that parking is free for the first hour, then chargeable, targeting those who are staying for a while"

751. Fees would remove visiting affected areas as options for us. We are of low income and cannot afford it.

752. I object on the grounds that there are enough charges levied on the tax payer and vehicle owners as it is. There has been no requirement to charge in the past so what has changed?

753. You are penny pinching, show me the labour manifesto that stated the first meaningful change you are making post election is to create parking charges? It is a cost of living crisis where salaries have not even come close to inflation and you offer no financial subsidence

but instead demand residents pay to park in run down car parks. There are no major attractions the car parks are near. You will close local businesses down. You need to remember that we pay car tax, council tax, massive income tax. We are already bled dry and you ask for more. It's a disgrace you are trying to push this through again and as a resident of 28 years I expect you to see sense.

754. I don't agree with this at all.

755. People will be put off shopping in the area due to the charges!

756. This will damage trade and visitors to the area

757. See comment below

Appendix 5: Do you have any comments about Other Off-Street Car Parks. Scheme reference number TO/24/38?

1. People park at bromborough and eastham to go to the local shops. If you charge for parking people will just go to the industrial estate and you will impact local businesses. I understand charging for parking in areas like beaches where we get tourists coming using the beach and potentially not putting back into the economy, but charging for parking in small villages towns which people are only stopping at to spend some money, doesn't seem right.

2. I'm at a loss to see how this scheme helps residents or improves traffic measures. It appears to be a money grabbing exercise dressed up as a benefit.

3. Yes. The Thurstaston Common car park is used as a safe drop off and pick up point for schoolchildren attending Dawpool Primary School which is accessed via the footpath between the car park and the school. A few years ago, the WBC Road Safety Officer recommended this method of school drop off to alleviate severe congestion on School Lane and illegal pavement parking on Thurstaston Road. It is used by many parents/grandparents for this purpose each morning and afternoon. A £1.20 fee twice a day for 40 weeks of the school year would be £480 for the year. As an alternative, could we have "first 30 minutes free of charge" to avoid further congestion on surrounding residential roads? Or maybe free between 08.30 and 09.00 and again between 15.15 and 15.45?

"4. Mill Park drive. Cars already park on side roads. Causing damage to roads and paving stones. Vision getting in and out of crosthwaite avenue is often restricted due to people parking on the junction or on side of carpark. If introduce parking charges then this will encourage it more. People aren't going to park to nip tescos or a local shop in and out in 5 mins. Perhaps offering 2hours free or something might be a slight incentive. But parking charges would have a massive affect on the already struggling small local shops.

St David's Church site on the corner of crosthwaite and Millport drive is being demolished soon and flats built. So imagine all the construction traffic with cars parked all over too. It will be dangerous and affect vision.

It is the main road in and out of the estate so there is a high foot fall of people walking. So we need to encourage people to park in carparks off road.

There are 2 bus stops directly opposite each other right by entrance to the carpark. So people continue to park poorly it will affect that also.

With Bromborough library and other libraries local closed we need to make Eastham library as assessable as possible. So charging to park seems detrimental to this. "

5. feel overnight parking hours should be reduced or may prevent morning traffic going to shops before work

6. Other areas should not be subsidising free parking in some areas that are more affluent. Maintenance costs for these carparks need to come from somewhere.

7. The local shops need the business if you charge people to park they will all go else where and more business will fail

8. Local business would be drastically effected and people would use large shopping parks instead or push parking to local streets

9. If you take away the free parking areas, you could destroy the local shopping etc in all of these areas. People aren't going to pay to pop into a local shop, all they'll end up doing is parking on the roads instead, causing more blockages & bottlenecks.

10. Driving people to already very congested retail parks and leaving local shops deserted and end up closing.

11. Whilst it is only overnight I feel that the start time is too early and will affect local businesses

12. this will destroy the important small local businesses in Eastham and cause congestion and dangerous parking on surrounding roads.

13. You cannot tell the public to get out for their mental health then charge them for the privilege. This council really is trying to kill off our economy.

14. I object to any areas having parking charges introduced that are at beauty spots where people will go to walk or spend an afternoon for pleasure. People are inactive and overweight enough in this borough without adding in another factor that may cause them to change their minds about going out.

"15. This will damage local businesses as fewer people will visit the area. It will push more people to areas that offer free parking, such as the Croft Retail Park in Bromborough. It is deeply unfair that traders in this area will benefit from free parking, but those in the area above will see reduced takings because people will no longer be able to park nearby.

You need to invest more in cycling infrastructure. There is nowhere safe for people to park their bikes. There are not enough on-street bike stands. Crime is high in certain areas and you should provide a safe indoor location for people to park their bikes.

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16. This will hurt local businesses as no one who just wants to pop in a shop for 2 minutes to pick something up will pay to park! Local roads will be clogged up with people parking on them instead of using the car park!

"17. With the exception of a couple of shops, most of the businesses in these areas are small independent businesses. Introducing charges will impact local businesses.

Without the businesses, you, as a council will also lose out on businesses rates and the area will become rundown and unattractive to visitors and new businesses. Think long term impact."

"18. Parking isn't free, and someone has to pay for it. It costs money for the land, the tarmac, to maintain it etc. Right now, we all pay for these car parks as residents through our council tax, regardless of whether or not we drive or even own a car – and bearing in mind according to the latest census, 1 in 4 households in Wirral do not own or have access to a vehicle. It is only right that those using these facilities bear the full cost of it, rather than relying on everyone else to pay for it – even if they do not have the ability to do so.

I fully support these car parks having charges introduced. However, you MUST introduce No Stopping on Verge or Footway TROs on surrounding streets – many of them narrow – to ensure that selfish, entitled drivers do not simply move where they park their vehicle into the surrounding streets. This is a well known phenomenon and will happen. In particular, it is known they will start dumping them on footways impacting those who rely on wheelchairs and mobility scooters, people with limited vision or who are blind, parents with prams or small children, people walking dogs, and pedestrians in general. This doesn't even take into account the cost to the council of having to resurface these footways earlier than anticipated due to the damage of weight not intended to be on them causing damage and risking legal challenges against the council, costing even more money.

No Stopping on Verge or Footway TROs allow residents to easily submit photographic evidence of offences of drivers failing to keep their vehicles on the road to Merseyside Police as clear failure to follow road signs under the Road Traffic Act and lifts pressure on the council to enforce these rules."

"19. Public transport is completely unreliable on the Wirral. Cycling is too dangerous due to a lack of cycle lanes. Buses turn up when they want, trains break down all the time, and the private companies that run these services are not held accountable.

You've built an entire peninsula which is only hospitable to drivers, and now you're planning on charging more for parking. It's disgraceful and disgusting. "

20. Do you think it's a coincidence that the areas with parking charges are struggling and those which don't have them are in comparison thriving?

"21. It's not difficult to find spaces in this area overnight so I don't understand the requirement for overnight charges.

This will push people onto local roads instead.

why not have a short leeway of free parking up to 1 hour"

"22. By the time the council set up meters and have attendants and process fees the benefits will be low especially as the Parker's will bleed into residential areas.

The council would be better looking at efficiencies within teams and offering benefits for more money to those willing to pay.

Also look at sickness rates of council staff to make changes on how managed and how to exit poor performers"

"23. It will be a big mistake to introduce this. Any businesses nearby will suffer badly and this may be the final straw for them.

In particular Roland Avenue, this car park is close to two primary schools which enables parents to stop well away from the schools to walk and collect, or meet, children. People lazily, already park dangerously/ illegally to go into the shops next to the car park, charges will only increase this behavior. This area of Higher Bebington has already been run down by WBC with the loss of the library, the pitch and putt and crazy golf. The car park is small and part of the shops, and peoples general activity and belongs to the people around about, who should not have somebody taxing them for stopping to shop go to school or go out for the evening. "

24. Charging to park will stop people using local shops and facilities. It will send people to retail parks and supermarkets who don't have parking fees. This will destroy local communities who are already struggling to survive.

25. This scheme is too broad in scope compared to others and so a reasonable focussed comment cannot be made. In general there are large and small car parks and large and small towns / villages included, which demonstrates an approach that is too general and not considering local resident and business needs.

26. Will just push cars onto local residential streets and cost money to enforce.

"27. I am not concerned about paying for parking at most car parks, we live near Heswall and are used to paying for parking. I don't even mind paying £1 to park after 6.30 but I do hugely object to charging for parking at 1 particular car park which is thurstaston common car park.

My son attends Dawpool Primary school and this car park is used by many parents for dropping off and picking up, this takes around 20 plus cars off the already busy roads, there is really limited spaces to park around school and given the location of the school it's not possible for many people to walk to school so have to drive, this is our family included. If you charge for parking there it means more cars will try and park along the busy road which will lead cars right up to the roundabout and it's already incredibly difficult to get past there and more chaos onto school lane which is already busy and the reason many people use the carpark in the first place.

We park there no matter what the weather and would be devastated if we were no longer able to use it, we could not afford to pay each day and would not pay each day."

28. This will be extremely detrimental to local businesses and people will stop coming to these locations and will mean they go to retail parks, like the Croft instead for free parking

29. I am a NB resident. Do you expect my visitors and I to pay £6 a day to park? There are no residents parking schemes near my home. It will be over £2k a year to park!!!! I would have to move if this scheme comes in.

30. Times are Hard and the council are making times HARDER youll be charging for us to breathe soon

31. This will have massive impact in Hoylake to all the businesses Parking for residents in Hoylake is very limited and these charges will push people into residential streets which are already stretched. Just a money making scheme with no benefit to the local Communities

32. We need to ensure that this stays as only overnight parking and is not a prelude to full daily payments

"33. Barlow Avenue Car Park, Bebington.

Charging parking here is absolutely ridiculous. This car park is mainly used by commuters using Bebington Station to Liverpool and Chester. By imposing parking charges here it would make it cheaper to drive to Liverpool. Therefore you would directly be negatively impacting carbon net zero goals, increasing congestion and overall damaging the environment and going against all previous goals to encourage public transport use. Many people drive here to use the station, and whereby cars are still being used, they are used less than the alternative to drive to Liverpool and Chester should you impose charges. It is already £4.75 return to Liverpool, adding in additional to this is absurd. Nobody would benefit from this and you make commuters lives utterly miserable just as they are being made to go back to the office full time. Family budgets are already constrained, Wirral Council would be directly making people worse off.

Church Road Car Park, Bebington. Roland Avenue Car Park, Bebington

These car parks are used to support local businesses which are already struggling to stay afloat. Charging at these locations would reduce footfall and divert people back to out of town supermarkets, destroying the local and economy and the local community. You are directly impacting people's lives doing this, what about the people who work in these shops? You would effectively price them out of working and encourage them to stay at home and claim benefits. It's an utter disgrace that any of this has even been in consideration. Maybe remove the top heavy leadership structure of Wirral Council who clearly do nothing to benefit the community and have screwed up the local economy. "

34. It will impact the number of visitors which will in turn impact local businesses

"35. People only pop into the shops for quickness , it would put people off using the local shop as need to pay on top of their shopping .

It will kill all local businesses already paying into the system.

You brought in parking charges down Eastham ferry , by doing this it has caused people to park in dangerous locations .

This will happen on Millpark drive and will cause people to park on the roads "

36. Stop taxing your residents to death on everything, it is all about taking money from the good people from the Wirral. Pure greed.

37. You are alienating residents and causing more on street parking in already over populated areas.

38. I work in the shops opposite the mill park drive car park , and almost all of my colleagues including myself use this car park on a daily basis, if this goes ahead it will cost us a considerable amount out of our wage packet a month to which not everyone will be able to afford, with the result of an empty car park and busy surrounding streets which will cause a lot of inconvenience to local residents, if this goes ahead will you be offering any staff permits to the staff in the local shops ?

"39. Banks Road, Heswall.

As a resident, has any consideration been given to houses with no driveways that park on the road, outside our houses?

- visitors will avoid parking charges by parking on the road where we park, meaning we will be forced to pay daily or park a long way away as there is nowhere else.

- according to Wirral website we would be unable to apply for residents parking as there has to be 80% of 300 residents. There are approximately 8 old fishing houses without driveways

- some of these are elderly and unable to walk far.

- We have also had an EV charger installed and have 1 fully electric and 1 hybrid car, in support of reducing environmental impact. We charge our car on the road outside our house no problem, but would likely be unable to if the scheme is implemented as people will avoid parking charges.

Has any consideration been given to the buses and any other large vehicles using it as a turning space?

Banks road and its car park is quite a unique spot in its use and impact on the area, careful consideration is needed to ensure residents aren't just hugely inconvenienced but forced out of the area, unable to park. This will also significantly impact our house prices. Areas with on street parking can usually find a spot close by, even in big cities but unfortunately we would be unable to.

The solution would be either to not implement it, or consult with residents about a small residential parking scheme. "

40. This really will have a detrimental effect on local businesses who are already struggling. Even introducing a 'free 30 mins' scheme would be preferable.

41. This will cause obstruction on residential roads and adding yellow lines etc is another unnecessary maintenance to our funded council these car parks help assist local residents and local community shops taking that away and charging for them will stop people using local shops and cause obstructions on local roads increasing complaints to the council and the cost of maintenance for applying and monitoring traffic measures

42. How dare you charge people to park to see a gp, we have rights and its hard enough to see the gp stop making it even harder

43. It will destroy tourism and day trippers and devastate the local economy. Once you start charging for parking the whole area starts to deteriorate. It is a terrible terrible idea . It's low hanging fruit for the Council but you are failing to consider the downstream consequences.

44. I use the Roslin Road Car Park, Irby frequently. This is often used by elderly residents to access the pharmacy to collect prescriptions, and the other local shops in Irby - they don't park for more than 15 minutes at a time for the pharmacy, and approx 2 hours for other shops (eg hairdressers, cafes, post office, vets etc). Parking spaces are already sparse due to daily bus commuters hogging the car parking spaces all day - charge them instead for 8-9 hours of parking - the rest of us have to park on the roadside!

"45. Thurstaston common car park is used by parents of Dawpool school so children will be affected by the charge.

Local shops will suffer if charges are put in the Fishers Lane car park."

46. I and members of my family park their cars in church road car park. They do this as there no parking space outside my home which is situated in The Wiend Bebington. I tried to get residents parking but wasn't dealt with properly. People use this car park when they are visiting local businesses in the village it will be catastrophic for them. Especially after Covid many businesses haven't yet recovered. People also use it to park when they travel to Liverpool and Chester. I won't be able to pay anymore as I pay out a fortune for gas electric insurance council tax ect ect . I could end up parking my car hundreds of meters from my own front door.

47. As a single parent of 2 young children with limited finances, this is an area we and many other families visit because it is an affordable and enjoyable option that is achievable on a limited budget. By applying additional costs will remove this as an option for many people. Also, a popular area for the elderly and disabled, a lot of whom who rely on private transport to get about and often don't benefit from the blue badge scheme - this vulnerable demographic will be impacted severely by additional costs, especially in the current economic climate.

48. Many people use these small car parks to go for short shopping trips to local shops, especially in Irby and Pensby. The chemist, the post office, the grocery shops in particular. These trips are short. Could there be free parking for half hour or 1 hour to keep local shops easy to access? It is vital not only for the business but also for local people who need to access essential needs. I am perfectly happy for stays over an hour to be charged, so that people don't use the car parking areas for all day parking. The knock on effect of needing to park locally will negatively impact nearby housing access roads.

49. Shouldn't charge people, even there plenty of car parks you need to pay

50. As a resident of Silverburn avenue (moreton cross) we quite often have to use pasture road car park or garden lane car park when there are no spaces left on our road. Unfortunately, with 25 houses (some households with 2-3 cars) and only approx 10 parking spaces we just don't have anywhere to go. This new scheme will see us moreton residents, trying to park legally rather than on the double yellow lines, paying to park overnight. This is very unfair as more often than not, these car parks are almost empty anyway. Makes it clear this is simply a money making scheme from the council and NOT looking out for local residents

51. I park here a few times a day . I can not afford to be paying parking charges . I also know lots of pensioners who park in these places to walk their dogs and to be able to get company and socialise with other people .I know they can't afford these parking charges ,they walk the beaches every day . It gets them out of their homes to have company . They pay enough in road taxes and have paid taxes all their lives .you will be taking their means of contact with others away from them ,as they do not have that kind of money to be spending

each day on parking ,and live to far away to walk from their homes to these locations . I think it's awful. This will cause so many mental illnesses . You are taking people's freedom away

52. Charging for a number of these car parks will negatively affect businesses and will reduce number of people using the library. People who rely on their cars to get around will stop using local facilities . Some people will choose to park in neighbouring roads negatively affecting home owners. Street parking permits are an unfair tax on people who live in roads by shops and will possibly reduce the value of their homes. Public transport is not good enough to expect people to reduce use of cars so they will use out of town parking that is free.

53. Local businesses will be affected by this

"54. All the smaller car parks serve small shopping areas which are particularly sensitive to alteration in footfall. People won't pay for parking to nip to their local shops for what may only be a 15 minute visit . They will choose to use supermarkets with free parking instead. Irby has a large proportion of elderly residents who use the post office and pharmacy for a short visit regularly..there should not be parking charges inflicted for this reason. If there are to be charges perhaps make the first hour free which will allow for such essential services to be used.

Introducing car parking charges in all of these car parks will just increase the nuisance of on road parking and congestion in the surrounding areas.

Finally, there is a massive health crisis caused by obesity and sessile living ...we need to encourage residents to exercise and use our open spaces rather than charge them to park near Country Parks and green spaces. "

55. Pay enough road tax. Stops people taking their kids out, some people cannot afford it

56. As a resident who lives on double yellow lines on manor road 5 houses away from this car park, this is going to make parking impossible. My little girl is disabled and has a blue badge and parking here has already been a nightmare due to people who work at the post office or doctors and other local businesses using this car park to avoid paying at the bigger car parks. There are at least 3-4 residents in these couple of houses by the car park who all hold blue badges and there are only 2 disabled bays. Turning this car park into pay and display is going to make it extremely difficult for myself and those residents when there arnt going to be enough disabled bays to cover us all so we will be left out of pocket and expected to pay £6 a day to park In a regular bay. This is ludicrous. If the council insists on making this pay and display it's going to have a negative impact on people's already struggling finances. at worst case senario it should be turned into a resident only car park. £60 a year although still disgusting it's more affordable than £6 per day

57. On street parking is never a good idea to reduce traffic and pollution outcomes as well as well being due to stress

58. By charging people to park on the front at New Brighton, you will drive people away, and therefore lose trade and visitors. Worse still, it will encourage people to park in neighbouring streets and cause upset to residents in the area. It really is a short sighted plan, that will have a detrimental effect on the area

59. Banks Road , carpark, do you intend to resurface before you start charging , currently being used as a compound, full of potholes and mud , fly tipping. Used by residents of The Moorings when they can't access their properties at high tides. Cafe opposite will lose trade and probably close and no street parking available!

"60. Sometimes I need to pop in to 1 shop for 5 minutes. I am not paying £1.20 for something I quickly need to get. Paying for parking will damage business that are currently thriving due to the free parking. When the big companies have free parking in the Croft a few yards away. Business just recovered from the pandemic failing again due to car parking prices.

Living close to Mill Park shops too people already park like idiots around the green, on Crothswait and the row of shops already. Making people pay will only encourage people to park in more residential areas which can be unsafe for elderly residents, children and families and for people wanting to getbiff their drive because people want to shop.

Again on Mill Park there are some amazing small business which will be massively effected! People don't normally spend an hour in the shops/library so I think that it is really unfair to charge over £1 for less 1 hour of parking.!

Find your money else where please, not targeting small business.

Shouldn't of spend £££ on 20mph roads which nobody adheres to. Not many people of the community agreed to this either. The only time I agree with 20mph zones which are directly outside schools. There is no need for then, it creates more pollution as cars are going slower and people getting more frustrated. "

61. Please see comments from Q2

62. Bromborough village businesses will be massively affected by these proposed charges, these carparks have always been free to park in, I don't see any benefit to the people of Bromborough by introducing charges.

63. I use this car park a couple of times a week to go open water swimming with the Wirral Bluetits, charged for this car park will have such a detrimental effect on a great community group.

64. It's going to kill, small, local, independent businesses. Those that may survive will find it difficult to recruit staff if they have to pay to park near work. Will affect local residents whose streets will be filled with cars whilst there's an empty car park nearby.

65. Its

66. We should not pay to access local green spaces

67. This will affect local residents from using these as places of recreation . Locals should be exempt or have pass to prove residency . I use Gunsite park park regularly to go cold water swimming which impacts in my health and wellbeing . The car park and access road does need better management . Widening of road and maybe barrier to limit access when full as this is regularly affected by congestion in summer months and weekends . As a local who pays my community tax I feel aggrieved that as a regular user I would be expected to pay . If this is to go ahead consideration for annual parking pass irregular users with concessions .

68. The car park at Mill Park Drive Eastham is used mainly for local residents (many elderly or infirm) to access local shops or the local council 'one stop shop' for a short period of time. That's what makes this particular scheme different than other charges, in my view. Because of relative deprivation in the area too, it will really discourage residents from using the shops. Many of these shops are locally run. It will affect these people badly, who are struggling to keep their local Eastham businesses going, in these difficult times. I know because I have spoken to them (Tina's Hairdressers, Gilly Gems Cafe etc etc). Five visits to the local shops per week will cost elderly residents an extra £20 per month, on parking. There is free parking at local large chain supermarkets. This will have a devastating effect on local businesses. And over time, there will be another line of empty shops, caused this time by backward-looking council parking policy. Please ask locally to confirm this concern. Councillors Gilchrist and Carubia will confirm this. As will local church vicars, residents and shop owners. Please see sense for the Eastham community - don't destroy our business and facilities with your ill founded parking policy.

"69. You will destroy small local businesses with parking charges.

Any charge to use the Church Road Bebington car park will penalise sick people using the Dr's surgery! An absolute disgrace."

70. These car parks are needed as there is no convenient and timely transport from all areas of the Wirral so the council are penalising drivers who would have taken other means of transport if available. You should only start charging when other reasonable options are available. This is also going to have an effect on the shops as less people will go to the shops and will either order on line (more traffic on roads) or go to out of town shops and will cause the demise of the towns. This also an additional penalty for being old or disabled as they can't walk or cycle and difficult to carry shopping long distances. Also, this will penalise those people who need to use the Drs at Civic medical, the opticians, the pharmacy and put parents off taking children to the library.

"71. Throwing all these in together is ridiculous.

Fort Perch Rock id get charging. Mill Park Drive is penny pinching"

72. Charging will discourage people from using local shops and kill the village communities We have a huge retail estate in Bromborough and people will go there instead this is a very busy estate and extremely busy at seasonal times ie Xmas. Too much teadfic

73. Like the other shouldn't charge.

"74. - People use car parks such as Carr Lane and Barlow Avenue as park and rides for the trains into Liverpool. This reduces congestion in city centres and means more people using public 'Green' transport. Bebington station and hoylake station car parking is limited and having the park and ride car parks encourages train use.

- Carr lane and the two other car parks in hoylake are well used by people who not only live in hoylake but also work there. I use carr lane car park everyday for work and cannot afford £6 per day to park there. There is very little space elsewhere to park in hoylake and the only other free areas are down busy residential streets. Charging for car parks in these areas will force traffic from quieter areas like Carr lane into busy areas that people live in at a time when the council are trying to reduce congestion. Carr lane car park is also important for the industrial estate and helps keeps business going there.

- Roland avenue is used by people visiting Teehey Lane shops. This will have a financial knock on effect onto local small business such as the Pet Patch, Indian Restaurant, Mediterranean Kitchen and others when punters have nowhere to park. Teehey Lane is already busy and Roland avenue helps stop cars parking dangerous through the Village. The coop has no parking so people will favour Sainsbury's over going to the coop as it has it's own car park. This is unfair to the coop.

- People use council car parks all day as part of their work, public transport networks are patchy in many areas of the Wirral and people rely on their cars to get to work. £30 per week to park all day is unaffordable for people in a cost of living crisis.

- Currently the car parks are poorly maintained, Carr lane is full of weeds and people do not want to spend money when the infrastructure isn't well maintained. "

"75. There is absolutely no reason to make people pay to visit these places. You will have to pay for people to enforce them. You will not make any money - which I know is all you are thinking about. People will then park on residential roads, meaning there will be no parking for residents. You will then implement parking permits or charges on those roads. It is an absolutely disgusting proposal and is clearly simply money-grabbing. Hoylake is a place to be enjoyed by all. You are commercialising everything you can possibly commercialise and it is absolutely horrible that you think this is okay.

There are places on this list where people will not be able to afford a parking charge. You are pricing people out of being able to afford to go to their local shops. Given the state of poverty in the borough, do you not think you are better off spending your time and energy supporting these people, rather than costing them even more money that they simply do not have? There has clearly been no actual consideration for anyone that lives in the borough in these proposals. I will vote out anyone that I possibly can that had any hand in this, if it goes ahead.

Many of these locations are also beautiful natural sites. There are no shops there. People do not go there to spend money. There are no toilets now that you have closed them all. And now you want to force people to pay for the privilege to visit their own local natural sites that you publicise so nicely when the Open is here? How do you expect people to visit these sites when there are no buses them? You have not considered any actual human beings in this proposal, and I wish that you all stop and think about how absolutely horrible and immoral this is."

76. Car parks require servicing so no objection.

77. Yes introduce parking charges even just a small amount for each car will raise monies and some of these car parks are heavily used yes people will not want to pay but remember a lot of locals use these car parks not just tourists and visitors maybe a loyalty scheme for locals would help as there are not many local loyalty schemes for locals

78. Several of these car parks serve small village shopping locations that are already under threat from larger shopping complexes such as The Croft. If these stores eventually close due to lack of foot fall you will deprive residents of shopping choices and yourself of business tax from the businesses

"79. Again my comments are the same as in comment 4.

I am a resident of Hoylake and I strongly disagree with this scheme, it will encourage street parking in residential areas which is already a huge problem. Taking away public parking where it is needed will affect local businesses which are already finding it difficult.

If you are going to do this you will have to bring in resident permit parking, I would rather pay for that so at least I will be able to park outside my own house!!

Please think hard before you do this. "

"80. NHS health and wellbeing statistics show obesity and mental health crises. People need to be able to ""get outside"" and enjoy nature for the health and well-being. Adding these charges could prevent people from being able to do so. We need to encourage residents to exercise and use our open spaces rather than charge them to park near Country Parks, beaches and green spaces.

Roslin Rd Irby (and others) - Elderly and vulnerable people will have to pay to park to access essential services such as pharmacy and post office.

Roslin Rd Irby (and others) - People won't use local shops but will go to supermarkets where there is free parking

Thurstaston Common, Roslin Rd Irby (and others) - There will be more congestion in surrounding roads as people will park in these areas. The parking in Sandy Lane and surrounding areas increased massively when charges were added to Royden Park, if they are now also added to Thurstaston Common this problem will increase, especially at school (Dawpool) drop off and pick up times (which are already dangerous) - If there have to be charges, could the first hour be free in order to facilitate this?"

81. Once again Wirral council is out of touch with what residents want. This will decrease the amount of people coming to the area which businesses rely on and is wholly unfair on motorists. Your anti motorist agenda as well as failing to listen to the public on multiple consultations is a very bad look for the council. These charges are not wanted by locals or visitors and should not be forced on us because of the council's inability to manage its finances properly.

82. There are less and less things you can do now that don't cost anything. Lots of people enjoy watching the sun set/go for a walk around those areas. I get that the council need to find ways to make up the shortfall but it shouldn't be at the expense of the residents who are already paying more for a lot of things like food, housing and energy. The government should be increasing budgets, not cutting them.

"83. It will put people off using the car parks so impact shops and small businesses. It's totally unnecessary."

"84. Access to these car parks are essential for local residents to be able to access our promenade for exercise, leisure & recreation.

Our children rely on access to this space. This is not ok. "

85. No consideration for residential parking and the knock on effect it will cause.

86. Will put visitors off & ruin local businesses

87. This scheme was voted no a while back, not sure why we are replicating the vote. People are sick of WBC take, take, taking. Don't ruin the few perks Wirral residents have left

88. Introducing parking fees in areas where the public park for leisure (fishing, walking, jogging, swimming, sailing, kite surfing etc) is going to have a detrimental effect on people's health and well-being, especially for low income families. Wirral Council seriously need to reconsider this scheme.

89. The proposed charges will result in significantly lower numbers visiting these areas, resulting in lower footfall & reduced revenues to businesses in the area. This will damage the local economy resulting in businesses & retail premises closing.

90. Its unfair to charge people for wanting to go for a nice walk and distress, money is tight for everyone and the prices you charge is so unfair when a disabled badge you get to park free.

91. I regularly use this car park for walking my dog and for access to the sea for paddle boarding, surfing and swimming. Having to pay charges each time would make using the area expensive. The car parks are only ever really full around high tide and empty otherwise. Please reconsider charging for this area

92. Many of the car parks listed are vital for the public. The one on Pasture Road in Moreton services a doctor's surgery and Holt Avenue in Moreton services small local business. Many of the others are the same. This is unacceptable.

93. You get enough money off us. Maybe try and spend it better and not help out other councils and make people go to work instead of giving money out for free! Whilst I am at it... get cleaning the roads and weeds. The Wirral looks scruffy.

"94. You are driving people visitors residents away from the areas. What are you looking to science ? The local businesses will suffer. Parking areas that have been free for years. Why now ? This is no doubt linked to the cycle lane farce you're pushing on with trying to prevent residents from driving. Floral Pavilion for example this car park is used for shows and events. It's not people will pay they won't go or the vehicles will be displaced into side roads .

The car parks at Morrisons and Bubbles will be utilised until they charge or charge less than the council.

Will someone please wake up and redline what's going to happen. If it's not broken it doesn't need fixing. "

95. The car parking charge will kill off all local business and eastham carpark people use for library so that be affected this is just council get more money of public for there funds .worked years with out any issue .this cause huge issues

96. In my opinion, it will have an effect on the local shops and retailers, as alternative retail shops have free car parking.

97. I despair with this council and who comes up with these absolutely moronic ideas, stop driving local residents away

98. These parking charges will have a huge impact on several communities who use the beach for water based sports. These sports are so important for mental health, physical health, community wellbeing and happiness. There are no public transport links to Leasowe

Bay. We have no alternatives, especially for individuals who are disabled or have limited mobility. I am admin of the Wirral Bluetits and our group has a large population of women over the age of 50+, many of whom have limited mobility. They should not be isolated from participating in their group by parking charges. They meet daily and are a huge lifeline for each other, but if they have to pay every time they visit (daily), this is going to be an enormous charge. We also dip in the New Brighton Marine Lake, and park in Perch Rock. We often visit the cafe afterwards. By charging for this car park, you are cutting off local businesses. Furthermore, the parking in Bebington needs to remain free. Nobody is going to pay to park in Bebington to go the shops. They will simply not go to the shops anymore, thus killing local businesses. These charges are not considering the communities who rely on parking. They are discriminatory against people who have limited mobility. It is completely unfair to charge parking in places which have no public transport. Please reconsider these charges and think about the communities you are affecting. I would be happy to have a meeting with you at the Gunsite Carpark, and you can talk to our group members who will tell you how much dipping at Leasowe Bay has changed their lives for the better, and how this would be jeopardized by parking charges.

"99. Many people walk daily in this area with obvious benefits to both physical and mental health. The introduction of charges would dissuade many, including myself, from doing so as a daily walk, with charges of even £2 per stay, would incur a considerable cost of approximately £60 per month. You would thereby restrict the option of cheap, easily accessible exercise at a time when the cost of living is a major issue for many.

Additionally it serves as yet another targeted attack on motorists who are resident in the local area. There appears to be a dedicated strategy to make Wirral a ghost town. Cycle lanes will result in the closure of businesses, and will encourage new businesses to set up elsewhere and this new scheme will result in reducing the quality of life for residents still further."

100. Pasture Road car park is fir Moreton Group Practice. It's disgusting that you should want to charge people to see their doctor or get their vaccinations

101. Holt Avenue Car park Moreton is an absolute disgrace pot holes everywhere including the so called designated disabled parking places. Pasture Rd Car park Moreton is for patients visiting the health centre. Moreton Group Practise has closed and all patients have been transferred to Pasture Rd Health Centre.

102. It's a place for recreational purposes why charge people

103. I think times for charges should be between 10:00 and 16:00 which is when most day trippers are benefitting from these car parks

104. Having to pay for parking in these areas detract people from spending time in the area. This is detrimental to local business and deters people from spending time outdoors/

exercising. This is purely a money making scheme for the council for total disregard for the health and welfare of people visiting these areas for pleasure and business

105. It is detrimental to local business, pensioners, people who enjoy the beach but can't afford to pay for parking! It's disgusting!

106. The council are trying to fill a massive hole in their budget and expecting us to come up with the money, when they have been wasting it for all these years.

107. This will prevent people having open access to our beaches and green spaces. In particular these beaches are used year round by organised groups promoting healthy outdoor activity. There is no public transport near to many of these sites

108. If you want people to shop local then enforcing these charges are ridiculous.

109. Destroying local business. Customers will go to places with free parking to shop like retail parks and supermarkets.

"110. Derby Pool Car Park, New Brighton. The Gunsite Car Park, Leasowe. Fort Perch Rock Car Park, New Brighton. Thurstaston Common Car Park, Thurstaston:

Families and elderly need to have cheap access to open spaces where they can take in fresh air, walk and play to benefit mental and physical wellbeing.

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111. Some of these (e.g. all in Hoylake) and either used for the shops or by train commuters. Hoylake is already struggling and this would be a huge deterrent for visitors. No one is going to pay for train parking on top of the excessive train fare - you could easily park in city centre Liverpool and cover the tunnel for what this would cost a 8am - 6pm commuter. This is a step backwards in every way. Councils should be encouraging public transport and local shopping.

112. I assume that the Hoylake Market Street Car Park relates to the car park by Holy Trinity School. You may be aware that this car park is used by teachers at the school who will, I am sure, just park elsewhere rather than pay £120 a month.

113. There are a number of reasons why I object. I live adjacent to the prom and everyday I see people taking exercise. Very healthy exercise be it walking, running, walking the dog, yoga in the dunes, etc. Many of these people have to travel to get here and they should not have to pay money in order to get some healthy exercise. Where does the council draw the line in trying to bring in more income? It never ends. Also, you will create problems because people will seek out nearby free parking in nearby side roads, etc. then residents will struggle to get parking by their homes. What then? A further cost to introduce a resident parking scheme?? I totally object to this scheme. It's a big open lovely free space and people

ought not to have to pay to come and enjoy it. It will become cost prohibitive. Many of these visitors spend money in local shops too. This will also suffer.

114. Greed from the council! I won't be voting for any local councillors who vote in favour of this or the cycle lanes!

"115. Will reduce tourism

Will reduce putting extra money into local businesses from tourists/visitors

Will push parking into residential side streets "

116. Yes I do have a lot of comments. 1. Total disregard for people on low incomes. 2. Will limit the amount of people using the public spaces. 3. Will hinder access for disabled. 4. Does not encourage use for people with no money.

117. People need to park somewhere. Charging will affect local businesses and literally drive people away. It is unnecessary. Wirral does not suffer from parking issues.

118. With particular reference to the Gunsite car park in Leasowe. I'm a regular user of this site and swim in the Bay to improve my mental health. Visiting the beach and other outdoor spaces should be available for all without charge as it's a vital resource for our physical and mental wellbeing. Adding charges not only penalises low income people but adds another layer of stress with regard to clock watching for tickets. The beach is my escape from stress. Time does not matter for me there. And I swim all year round so this isn't just a summer issue for me. All very well building cycle lanes everywhere to encourage exercise but don't penalise access to our open spaces

"119. People are struggling here in case you haven't noticed, every daystruggling

People's Mental health is at stake here, in case you haven't noticed

Car owners are NOT CASH COWS,they are not a luxury item, they're a necessity !!!! "

120. Wirral council will kill local businesses

121. I object most strongly to the Gunsite parking charges. This is an area for recreation for all, not just those with disposable income.

122. As a resident, I would like to know why you need to introduce these charges? What has changed. How can the council justify these charges when for example in Thurston common carpark, there seems to be no upkeep of the area- potholes etc.

123. The Bluetit Hill Swimmers use the Gunsite car park and it is proven to improve mental and physical health so would prevent people who swim their this opportunity to benefit from this

124. Local residents will be impacted by this proposal. People visiting will park in already busy nearby roads. Visiting a local area for shopping or leisure activities should be supported and should not be an extra expense.

"125. Due to the state of

At a time of obesity and loneliness it will put me off visiting most of these places. Due to the state of Hoylake beach I can not bring my children onto the beach as we are continually having issues with insect bites we have to travel to Leasowe beach. this will put me off going to visit this area."

126. Bebington businesses are already struggling to compete with Bromborough retail park which has free parking.

"127. I don't object to the implementation of parking charges in New Brighton, but I do think the impact to the surrounding area needs to be considered.

Parking on double yellow lines is an issue in New Brighton already, and it is not enforced often enough to be a deterrent (i.e. along Victoria Road; and on the roundabout where Rowson Street meets Kings Parade and Marine Promenade). There is also an existing issue of double parking along Rowson Street that blocks traffic (including buses) where there are no double yellow lines between the junctions on Rowson Street with Victoria Road and Egerton Street.

If parking charges are implemented, its reasonable to assume that these already existing problems would worsen. It would be great to see some of the revenue from parking charges used to enforce existing parking restrictions."

128. Local Businesses and tourism will be completely affected by this charge. You will have companies closing down due to lack of footfall in the area. No one will be able to afford these parking charges and therefore no one will want to shop local!

129. Locals should have exemption via some form of displayed card.

"130. At a time when cost of living is so high and there is an epidemic of obesity and unhealthy children / adults, to charge people for a free, healthy day out is insane. Many families drive here, park up and take their children for a walk (possibly buying from local businesses on their way). To charge would be at a detriment to them, wanting a free healthy day out and at a detriment to their mental health.

Many dog walkers visit the gun site area and there are open water swimming groups, all of which boost mental health and save the NHS money. "

"131. The proposed charges will lead to on street parking WHERE POSSIBLE and cause difficulties for pedestrians trying to cross the road as sight lines will be obscured. Trying to see round oversized SUVs is hard enough where they are not packed in along the edge of the road without being forced to do it as a matter of course as a pedestrian. Pedestrian crossing opportunities must be considered. Trying to cross Roland Avenue in Higher Bebington to access the post office is difficult now without additional parking obscuring and confusing the situation,

Additionally charging for car parking at Allport Lane will be a deterrent for shopping at the shops in Bromborough centre and lead to closure of these shops as indeed it will in other shopping areas where parking is not free."

132. One or more is local to me, it will destroy the shopping in Moreton, it will have a very detrimental effect on the shops and restaurants etc.

133. Ditto

134. These car parks are used regularly by folk in their areas to support local retail and other leisure amenities. If charges are going to be introduced this will have a detrimental effect on all communities

135. No

136. Will hollow out already strained local shops in favour of retail parks where you can park for free.

137. Some of these car parks are free anyway during the day. It will just see people park on residential roads when they go out for meals (for example) instead.

138. I objected to a housing development based on the number of apartments, lack of parking provision within the development and current pressures on on street parking. The planning department responded by citing the number of free car parking spaces available in Hoylake as mitigation. If the free parking is then revoked how does this impact on the planning for Hoylake, previous planning decisions and adverse impact on residents if this availability underpinned previous planning consent

139. Just utterly unnecessary and a punishment to those who use it

140. Free parking is vital for the survival of high streets in the face of significant competition from online retailers

"141. Some of these places are not 'Car Parks' they are places where you can park a car. Some people park cars so they can go for a walk, get fitter and healthier - you are penalising those people who are trying to 'look after themselves'.

Any spaces near shops, doctors other important buildings, why should anybody have to pay?

Increase in the cost of living is already a massive hardship to some, why are you making it worse?"

142. These are valuable spots for recreation for locals who may visit daily and find the cost stops their visits. The gunsite is not easily accessible/safe on foot or even by bike due to the narrow, often busy road. Please reconsider this spot particularly.

143. This will deter people from being able to visit the area for social and leisure purposes, as well as hitting the local small businesses, who will lose out on trade. It will also just push parking onto the side streets, causing more congestion there. Also, does Pasture Road car park refer to the Medical Centre Car park? If so, how can you charge someone for attending a doctors appointment?

144. Will destroy opportunities for growing businesses in the area and damage much needed tourist traffic to the New Brighton.

"145. So much for open spaces being a common treasury for all.

For health reasons residents should be encouraged to use open/public spaces not discouraged with an unfair tax. .

All it will do is drive residents and tourists to park elsewhere. creating problems for local residents in the surrounding areas "

146. Reasons as above . Narrow minded schemes. Look at bigger picture. Cost cutting should be made elsewhere, more efficient working practices, get rid of overpaid council workers who are not performing.

147. I object to introducing charges to The Gunsite Car Park, Leasowe. When I visit my family in Haydock I like to join the Wirral Bluetits (I'm an all year round dipper) and usually park here. I'm already driving for 50 minutes and paying a toll fee or I could drive for an hour without paying a toll fee. I usually use the cafe in the free car park to get breakfast too. If a charge is introduced it starts to make my trip too expensive. I have been all year round sea dipping for nearly 4 years and it has improved my mental health considerably. There are also a considerable number of other people who drive some distance, dip and then get breakfast locally.

148. Charging for Carr Lane car park will stop people using it as a way to drive to the station to take a train into Liverpool. I know many people who do that. Many are unable to walk from their homes to a station

149. Most of these schemes are in small towns and villages. This will only cause issues for local people using the facilities and shops in those towns. This has proven to lower visitors and footfall for all businesses and is a badly thought out money making scheme.

150. Same reason as above

151. People are encouraged to exercise and get out doors, which will help there health, which is better for the NHS. Not everyone can afford expensive car parking fees, especially with the state of the economy. You are not being fair .

152. Access to our beautiful coastline should be free for all to enjoy. This will just stop people coming or push them onto residential roads

153. I personally would rather drive to Wales or get the bus to Liverpool. You are wasting money and destroying business. People with families and dogs to walk will go elsewhere

154. I do cold water / wild swimming at Gunsight car park and this has helped with my phial and mental health and emotional wellbeing enormously. To charge to charge here would impact on my accessing this fantastic activity, hence my general wellbeing would be detrimental and more likely yo increase my need yo access my GP or hospital etc.

"155. I regularly go to leasow Bay for yoga, I would no longer go! I enjoy popping down with my son to look out at the water or to walk the dog! Parking charges would stop this.

In Thurston I walk with my toddler and my friend and her toddler! We walk from there down the worrall way to a coffee shop and back

We enjoy letting our boys walk at their own pace which means our walk can last up to three hours plus with a coffee or lunch stop. Parking charges would stop this outing"

156. I particularly object to proposals to charge for car parking at Kings Parade, Fort Perch Rock, Derby Pool, The Gunsite, North Parade Hoylake/Meols Parade, South Parade West Kirby and Thurstaston Common car parks. Residents have a right to free access to the shoreline and Wirral's open spaces. The Council should be encouraging local residents to use the shoreline and open spaces for exercise, recreation and keeping fit. Making residents pay to park at the shore, country parks and public parks will inhibit them from enjoying Wirral's wonderful open spaces and environment. In addition, charging to park in these locations will shunt car parking onto nearby residential streets causing severe congestion for local residents who already struggle to park near their homes.

"157. How to persuade people to shop at The Croft or Cheshire Oaks

Another silly money grubbing anti motorist scheme by an inept, failed Council. "

"158. I strongly object to this proposal, these car parks service the local area and allow people to 'pop' to the shops, or the local library (which some of these car parks are next to). It will discourage people from using local businesses and the libraries that are still open. It will encourage people to travel further or find local roads to park on instead and in turn cause congestion.

Our small towns will become empty and it'll be devastating for the community. "

159. As a Moreton resident who lives in a cul.de sac near Moreton Cross, we have to deal with people parking in our road on a daily basis. Motorists have little respect for the residents, often parking in a way that's restricts us getting on and off our driveway. If parking charges are implemented then this problem will increase.

"160. I worry if this came in if the floral pavilion would lose business or the local residents may suffer as the roads in the vicinity would still be free parking. It may also damage the reputation of new Brighton with people going elsewhere in the evening. Charge should only come in from 11pm rather than 6:30pm.

It gives a sense of "punish people who work and can't go to these places in the evening". Active people now can't drive to a nice place for a walk for example without paying, something non workers can do for free. Feels wrong considering the obesity crisis etc."

161. As a regular visitor to the area for recreational purposes like wild swimming and dog walking I feel it would limit the times I could visit as I already incur tunnel charges. We always use the local facilities for coffee dates or meals so I feel local business would also miss out

162. People will simply overflow into residential areas. It is clear Wirral Council are trying to recoup some losses but this impacts the people who live, work and have businesses here the most.

163. I am part of Wirral Bluetits. We meet at the Gunsite car park. Members of the group swim everyday, often twice a day, tides permitting. Being able to do so is part of keeping healthy as cold water swimming boosts the immune system. We don't swim for long, but many of us do swim regularly. Having to pay to park could make it too expensive. Is there a way of giving an exemption for groups such as the Bluetits who are trying to be more healthy?

164. All we have at the moment is free fresh air - will. WBC start charging us to breathe- I will stop visiting these places if I have to pay to park - God help the shop keepers who will lose customers

"165. Leasowe bay, Wallasey beach and new brighton are used for many water based activities. The benefits of cold water exercise has never been more widely known. Why put people off??

In particular, I litter pick at leasowe bay and the derby pool area. I certainly won't be doing it any more if I get charged to park my car whilst doing what the council should be doing!"

166. Another attempt to destroy the central library and damage Birkenhead economy

167. We want people to exercise- walk dog walk run swim so don't charge them down using out open spaces

168. This will affect local businesses which are already struggling and will encourage parking on surrounding roads to the detriment of residents. At least one of the car parks is adjacent to stations which will also discourage people from utilising public transport

169. With the cost of everything going up, we need free days out. Why would you take this away from us. We're suppose to be able to get out and enjoy nature but now you want to charge us for this.

170. This will be a massive blow to local businesses who are already suffering from business being taken by out of town retail parks, who offer free parking, and I am sure will result in retailers and local businesses either failing or moving location, and will result in local high streets full of empty shops which in turn will result in those town dying. The other side effect will be drivers looking for free parking on streets local to the shops to avoid paying the charge, which will in turn become congested and will result in frustration from residents on those streets. This is a short-sighted measure which will result in more longer term damage and deliver little or no benefit to local business owners and residents. Ultimately, Wirral Borough Council will lose more money than collected by the parking schemes, and garner ill-will from its electorate.

171. Council could be liable for any vehicles left by Fort in the event of flooding.

172. No

173. This prevents people enjoying the place where they live. It is not acceptable to charge daily rates or tax those who want to enjoy the coast. This scheme will disproportionately affect older/ low income communities . It is not necessary or fair.

174. Motorists are easy targets

175. Carr Lane carpark serves people who get the train to Liverpool. Charge them for parking and they will just switch to driving the whole journey. More emissions, more pollution, less use of the new trains. Stupid idea.

176. It will deter people from visiting and it will force those drivers who visit anyway, to park in nearby residential streets. Also for those who park , it is VERY EXPENSIVE. Knowing Wirral Borough Council it will be a pound for an hour??? why not 50p?? Also people will be offered hours of parking at a price and yet no public toilets are provided for those who wish to stay a long time???

177. Wirral council absolutely milking everyone dry of all their money. This will contribute to making families struggle even more that are already on a tight budget. What is the need in this! How do you propose this will be enforced it's impossible to enforce efficiently. It is a waste of money to install meters, new signs etc just like the 20mph zones that nobody follows. You just love to waste money! All the families that will be affected by this change, how inconsiderate and incompetent Wirral Council is!

178. Are you doing your best to drive people away from local shops, many of which are struggling to survive??

"179. This proposal is a disgrace . The spaces available are for the use of the public , who pay their taxes and rates already. To impose a heavy burden (sometimes people take their exercise at these places frequently) is a severe hardship for many people who are not well off , and wish to take exercise to the benefit of their health and wellbeing , which they are entitled as members of the community to do. This land is public property, and it is not for jacks in office to arrogate to themselves the right to restrict the public from its enjoyment . May we be assured in cast iron terms that councillors will not be exempt from these charges by reason of some discreet arrangement?"

"180. I am the practice manager of Moreton Group Practice. I object to the charges at Pasture Road. The car park at Pasture road is used predominantly for patients of Moreton Group Practice. As per the Department of Health the practice sits in the third most deprived decile. Many patients who attend the practice for GP and nurse appointments are very unwell. It is unacceptable for ill patients, many of whom will not be able to afford these charges, to pay to come and see the doctor or nurse. I would ask that you reconsider this parking free for patients of Moreton Group Practice.

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181. I feel that drivers are yet again being punished by imposing charges in these off street areas. As a driver I would suggest that time limited parking would be a suitable option

"182. People park here to take the train (Barlow Ave, Bebington.

Roland ave. Cars are a nightmare now not parking

In the provided carpark so are even more unlikely to park if there is a charge.

Allport car park people will go to the Croft or park in Matalan!"

183. Play shops are really going to suffer as people who normally park up to pop into a shop or not going to do that anymore

184. Why not have yearly passes for The Gunsite and New Brighton Marine Lake. Passes are available for Wirral country park. Also why not introduce a nominal sum for disabled badge holders? E.g £1.00 per visit.

185. People are encouraged to visit these open spaces as its free parking. I am at the Derby pool every day for work. I am self employed and having to pay to park will have a big hit on my business

186. This carpark is used every school day for parents dropping off their children to Dawpool school to bring in a nature walk and exercise before and after the school day, but also predominately due to reducing pressure and dangers in congesting school lane at these times to keep children safe and lower traffic demands as this lane gets very congested.

187. Shouldn't have to pay to park by the beach to walk our dogs

188. This would have an adverse effect on people visiting attractions and country parks. I know I have been put off visiting Thurstaston since charges were introduced. It also means people look for alternative parking on smaller side streets where there is a build up of congestion.

189. The Thurstaston Common Car Park, Thurstaston should be included as part of those car parks accessible using the Wirral Country Park Parking Permit as many users park here to access Thurstaston Common and Royden Park.

190. Bromborough need the free carpark to help local businesses.

191. I am a dog walker and a cold water dipper. These activities are free and are so important for my health and mental wellbeing and socialising. As is the case for so very many people. This is devastating if charges were introduced and so many people would not be able to afford to use these spaces as many people use them daily. They will become places to be avoided or used as a one off only. It makes me so sad to think of all those people unable to afford to carry on with their healthy pursuits. If charges were introduced, they have to be low enough for users to be able to keep using the spaces regularly. If the pricing is high, the council will not achieve the revenue they want. A low charge would at least make it still possible to use more often

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Market Street carpark, Hoylake is also used mostly by the parents of Holy Trinity school and Mulberry Tree nursery. This is completely unfair to expect parents to pay these fees twice a day when dropping off and collecting their children and will cause an obscene amount of congestion around school beginning and finishing hours.

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193. Absolutely object. These are mainly small car parks that service our towns and villages. Small businesses will be gone as visitors and shoppers go to bigger, out of town shopping areas. This is very important for the small businesses all over the Wirral.

194. For the same reason mentioned in the other schemes.

"195. I am a pensioner..... any area around Bromborough Heswall West Kirby you have to pay I will not go or shop.

My experience of paying is you can no longer pay with cash . That means you r excluding older people.

You have no consideration for older people who have to try and work out machines."

196. This will impact local businesses and move shoppers to out of town shopping areas.

"197. Parking charges can negatively impact small businesses and local communities by:

1. Reducing Foot Traffic: Fees deter customers, pushing them towards larger shopping centres with free parking or online shopping, which I and my family are an example doing so.

2. Increasing Costs for Businesses: Employees and owners face higher parking costs, burdening small businesses. Which then has an obvious knock on effect.

3. Harming the Local Economy: Declining sales due to fewer customers can lead to business closures and a less vibrant community. Which in turn drags in lower quality shops like betting shops and more charity shops which drag down an area. Then a cycle of decline starts or continues.

4. Causing Inconvenience: Residents may find it harder to access essential services, leading to frustration and a lower quality of life. Speaks for itself as public transport etc is appalling.

5. Displacing Parking: To avoid charges, people may park in residential areas, causing congestion and inconvenience for locals. I can vouch for this as I do exactly that.

These factors can make the area less appealing for both businesses and residents, ultimately harming the local economy and community."

198. People park in Roslin Road car park in Irby to buy a paper, visit the chemist etc. It will adversely affect small businesses in Irby and lead to people parking on side roads

199. WBC's greed is never full

"200. I particularly want to comment and object to the scheme at the Gunsite Car Park. As a regular user of the car park I was struck by the minimal notification in place: it reminded me of the Vogons demolition of earth in the 'Hitchhiker's guide to the Galaxy'. Didn't see the sign? It was in the office on Alpha Centuri! Why such a small piece of paper? Worried the actual users of the car park would get involved?

I Have a number of objections and reasons:

Firstly, the council has a duty to encourage recreation and healthy activity in the community. Imposing parking charges will discourage these activities. Unfit and unhealthy residents ultimately have a knock on effect in increasing costs to the council in care in the community and elsewhere. I would urge the council to take a more holistic view.

Secondly, the blanket application of the charges (with the exception of disabled blue badge holders) will place a particularly heavy burden on the many regular dog walkers,

professional dog walkers, and volunteers at the site. An individual making three visits a week for 1.5 hours would incur a charge of £374.40 per annum. How many of the members considering this objection would be happy to pay that just to get some exercise and walk their dog?

This is particularly outrageous in the case of the group of volunteers who save the council many thousands of pounds maintaining the gunsite. I've been parking at the gunsite for many years and rarely see council workers maintaining the park area.

Thirdly, I object to the targeting of local residents in this way; it is local residents who use the site most often and therefore will pay the most. If you are a resident in the New Brighton resident scheme area, as I am, you already pay for parking outside your own home. It is local residents paying council rates and funding the council to a large degree. Paying at home, paying at the park, paying at the local shops.

Fourthly, I see no provision for a parking scheme on the front at Leasowe Bay, so any scheme at the gunsite will simply result in everyone parking at the front and no one in the Gunsite car park. Brilliant! Masses of cars behind the beach: what a wonderful view!

I wish to make the following suggestions:

Firstly, the scheme should be abandoned and money found elsewhere. The council seems able to spend money on putting up hundreds of signs on the front claiming it to be 'King Charles III Coastal walk' Who knew? Were we ever asked? And erecting barriers to prevent large vehicles entering the site, only to have them demolished and then have to be repaired every few months. Why? Can't overstaying motorhomes be monitored and moved on where necessary? Surely that is more cost effective than the merry-go-round of barriers.

Secondly, if the scheme does go ahead, exceptions should be made for volunteers, dog-walkers and local residents.

Visitors can pay, after all they aren't paying the wages of councillors and council staff like local residents are.

Thirdly, the whole area of the gunsite must be included in the scheme, or not at all.

Thank you for the opportunity, I look forward to your response,

Paul Gould

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201. This is absolutely awful to be charging local people for parking at sites that are much needed. The areas proposed for parking charges are vital for people's health, mental health and general wellbeing. Talking this away from people will be to the massive detriment to the people of Wirral. I myself walk my dog very regularly at a number of these locations and my

family have a paid for bench for a loved one who has passed. We will have to pay everytime we want to pay our respects after already paying well over a thousand pounds for the bench itself. Please reconsider and don't take this away from local people and their families.

202. Why can't people be allowed to enjoy our beautiful coastline without WBC taking money for the privilege.

203. I use the car park at Church Road Bebington when attending my Doctors. Also for visiting the library. Again I would only be there 30 minutes max. I would probably choose to park in a local side street instead.

204. Hoylake already has numerous empty shops and lack of hotels for visitors. We need people to park here for free so they can spend money in local businesses.

205. These are coastal park areas, which are now part of King Charles III England Coastal Path. I feel very strongly that the residents of Wirral should be able to easily access the parks freely and not be charged to enjoy our natural environment.

206. Putting people off shopping locally and making it difficult to enjoy the leisure peninsula. Would be interested to know how much it costs the council to implement such schemes

207. Specifically referring to Hoylake, Meols and West Kirby, off street parking is already limited this will cause further congestion

208. There is so little parking in busy busy Moreton ! Charging to park at a medical centre (Pasture Road) and at the storage/work facility our local voluntary group (MIB ,Garden Lane) is just wrong

209. Enforcing a parking charge to park by Derby Pool New Brighton will cause motorists to park for "free" at the nearby Harvester Derby Pool public house

210. This would be absolutely devastating to local businesses, struggling to survive as it is. The families who use the car parks are entitled to use New Brighton free of charge. If they wish to use the local businesses, they can and in doing so support the local economy. This keeps people in work and helps to ensure New Brighton is a vibrant place to be. If these parking charges go ahead, particularly at Fort Perch Rock car park, The Mess cafe and bar and Escape The Fort will close with immediate effect.

"211. Charging will only result in more congestive street parking and loss of revenue to local traders. This is already evident elsewhere in Wirral where drivers are unwilling to pay to park.

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212. Visitors will park in already very crowded side streets in order to avoid charges. Totally wrong of Council to charge people to park on the road and/or increase parking charges. Council should be encouraging people to visit Wirral's outdoor spaces to walk and pursue leisure activities. Many elderly people visit and enjoy sit in their cars or on the benches to

enjoy the view and get some fresh air . Many shops and businesses, already struggling ,will be affected by increased /implementation of parking charges decreasing numbers of shoppers as more people will turn to shopping at retail outlets and supermarkets where they will not be charged to park their cars

213. I take my dog to the gun site car park sometimes twice a day. It will become cost prohibited if schemes go ahead

214. Save our high street and keep green and blue.spaces accessible

215. It seems harsh when you will have to pay if you are just popping to the shop

216. It already costs enough in other dog walking areas

217. If charges are imposed usage will fall and users will migrate to surrounding residential streets or will simply go elsewhere and local shops will suffer loss of trade.

218. My partner and I love walking along the front with our dog. As such, we contribute to local businesses. These businesses will suffer as a result of people like us no longer wanting to visit the front if the parking charges come into effect.

219. It will kill the village shops in Bebington, Bromborough and Eastham all car parks should have at least 1 hrs free parking before charges apply

"220. I particularly object to those that directly affect me, however I believe the reasons for my objection likely apply to many/all of these car parks.

Both the Allport Lane Car Park and Mill Park Drive Car Park provide off street parking for busy local shops. Some of these are independent businesses, others are small convenience stores.

If I had to pay to park here, I would likely go out of my way to drive to another shop were parking was free.

These shops are located on busy roads where some on street parking is already questionable and dangerous at times. Introducing parking charges will only actively encourage people to park on the road where there are double yellow lines, causing more obstructions and risk.

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221. This will have a detrimental effect on the elderly who use these car parks regularly to enable them to get out in the fresh air Without having to walk too far.

222. Stop the war on motorists

223. I feel that car parks which serve small shopping areas, as in Bromborough for example, should not have charges applied. Charges will have a detrimental effect on the local shops and economy. This is already disadvantaged by the presence of retail parks which are free

parking!! Village car parks should be exempt! They provide parking for many services such as libraries, hairdressers and small local shops who are paying business rates to be there. Please leave these areas free of charges in order for local communities to remain vibrant places offering a range of day and evening services from shops to hospitality.

224. This will have a major impact for residents and businesses

225. I object to car parking schemes in West Kirby, New Brighton and Leasowe Gunsite Car park as a member of the Bluetits Chill Swimmers. I no longer swim at Formby due to the extortionate costs at the National Trust car park and so have been making use of free car parks at Perch Rock Fort and the Gunsite. Like many others, swimming benefits my mental health and so the accessibility of these free car parks has been vital, particularly as I travel from Manchester. Please keep these car parks free so that people can visit these areas of beauty and interest.

226. Wrong to charge people to access places to exercise, enjoy scenery, take families for free fun.

227. This reduces the opportunity for people to be active in nice places. It is merely a mechanism to increase the Council's coffers...particularly Banks Road, the Gunsite, Derby Pool and Thurstaston

"228. This charge cannot be justified. You are attempt to take away free days out for poor families while wasting millions on Birkenhead.

This area is used for excercise and dog walking for people throughout the borough who pay enough council tax and forced to drive on 20mph roads without you charging to park in public places. "

229. See above

230. These car parks are convenient places for residents of the Wirral to park when going about their daily business which can be on a regular or even daily basis and these charges can prove beyond a lot of peoples reach. I suggest that these car parks be kept as a useful and free facility to also enable local businesses to not have their businesses affected in a big way.

231. I work in Moreton, this will effect our patients being able to park close to the surgery.

"232. A lot of these car parks are situated near small businesses. The introduction of parking charges will mean that many people will choose to shop at retail parks where there are no parking charges, leading to the failure of small businesses which are often used by elderly residents. This in turn will lead to an increase in unemployment.

The proposal to introduce parking charges in seaside areas will discourage tourism and the taking of exercise, including cold water swimming, this will not be good for the health and

well being of residents. The proposals are short sighted and not in the best interests of residents.

I do not object to increasing parking charges but feel a half hour charge should be introduced as often this is all that is required. "

233. This is diabolical. The local residents in this scheme have NOT been taking into consideration, and once again the council is thinking about how they can make money not just for those who will pay to park, but also those who will have to pay for parking permits, outside of their own homes, at approx £600 a year per car. Families now a days have up to 4+ members, this is an extortionate cost for no apparent reason. Why is it only now this scheme is being thought about? Because the council hasn't managed its previous funds correctly? There has been no need or requirement for paid parking now or in the history of the prom, so why now? Why suddenly change this? It is a money making scheme where if it is successful, I can assure you the council will spend the funds elsewhere, other than where it's supposed to be spent.

234. This will effect businesses in these areas

"235. Charging for the Roland Avenue car park will cause chaos in Roland avenue as everyone will try and park there for free. It will also be detrimental to the businesses at the top of Town Lane.

Barlow Avenue car park is used by Bebington Station rail commuters. They will simply park in Barlow Avenue and the connecting roads inconveniencing local residents.

Church Road car park charging will destroy the businesses in Lower Bebington Village."

236. The gunsite scheme is s disaster for local residents who regularly use the area for cold water swimming, dog walking or just looking at the view.

237. Yes, many of these areas are used by local volunteer groups and organisations who will now be penalised for carrying out their work. With no provision to provide fixed abode charity organisations with support, this will impact volunteer groups in the community by not having free space available and reduce those who want to volunteer with additional costs to their personal hobbies.

"238. We all need excercise and driving to walk along the prom is important for health. Lots of people can't ride bikes but enjoy a walk.

It also brings in business to the area."

239. We use this frequently to dip in the free sea at the gunsite. We would not be able to do this. This is vitally important for my mental and physical help and prevents the need for medication.

240. These car parks are essential to the areas as some are in residential scheme areas with not enough spaces for house owners and these are beneficial to essential services to park to enable them do their jobs prudently

"241. it will affect people's ability to enjoy the water front & mental health benefits.

Why make it harder for people to get out into the natural environment "

242. Adding additional cost to individuals who use these places to park in order to swim or walk seems unfair & counterproductive. Public transport is not an option to many locations.

243. It will kill the area with the potential and likelihood of moving parking to the residential streets.

244. It will force parking onto residential streets. Teduce the number of tourists and restrict residents from using the seafront our council tax pay for. It will restrict dog walkers snd people who exercise there for free. Another waste of money by wirral council.

245. I strongly object to parking charges outside Pasture road health centre in Moreton. As a GP working at the practice I believe this will make it very difficult for many sick and elderly and disabled patients and make people who are already sick stressed about parking especially when often patients may have to wait to be seen

246. Thurstaston common- parents use this car park for Dawpool drop off and pick up, this will also encourage others to park in school lane which is already highly congested and difficult to use during school hours.

247. I believe that with the cost of living crisis - taking away peoples ability to freely enjoy a nature reserve space is immoral. I also believe it will affect local businesses as it is off putting to those wanting to visit who will try to find alternatives. It is also unfair to dog walkers who rely on this space to let their pets have adequate exercise.

248. One of these is a doctors practice, you should be trying to remove barriers for people to access health care not creating new ones.

249. Will reduce visitors, so revenue will not be as high as forecast. Adverse impact on local business.

250. We pay enough in Council tax (nearly highest in country) to cover upkeep of car parks. THE COUNCIL WILL DESTROY THE HIGH STREET.

"251. The car park in Mill Lane is vital to the local shops and the Post Office. People are often only ""popping in"" may be to post something or top up shopping - if they have to pay for just a few minutes they will go elsewhere - though where is there any free parking for a few minutes except on the street now in the Wirral after the last round of Wirral Bc imposed parking charges - people will just park in the surrounding streets.

Bromborough car park has the same objections though people may stay for longer than Mill Park Drive, Eastham, and but if charges are imposed will not use the local shops for food shopping but will go to Asda or Lidl where parking is free. So more vacant shops and less council tax for Wirral BC."

"252. I drive part of the way to work, and park in a car park listed above and then get the bus the rest of the journey.

If I had to pay to park It would be cheaper to take the car all the way and park near work in Liverpool!! "

253. This will kill local business near these car parks. Often just 10 or 15 mins to use a local shop should not have to pay to park for an hour..

254. No

255. Will affect local businesses & cause decline ne

"256. Charges will have a negative impact on the small businesses in those areas.

Parking may move onto nearby residential roads."

257. Implementation of parking charges will have significant negative effects on local businesses. If they close due to reduced custom, business rate income would surely fall too. This seems short sighted financial strategy.

258. Your ruining wirral . No wonder visitors numbers are down

259. Have you learnt nothing about increasing the parking charges in birkenhead ? People will not go there .its now full of drug addicts and vagrants . You cannot say that peoples shopping habits have changed when you can't get a parking space on the Croft retain park or or local allport lane car park . The fastest way to end the life of a shopping area is to introduce parking charges . If you start charging for parking in bromborough village it will destroy the village . It's taken many years to build it to the thriving community it now is

260. See previous comments

261. Your are just trying to bring more revenue in at the expense of the local community most of whom are are struggling with everyday bills. We are all paying increases in council tax, this is another tax on the local community. We pay our council tax to use these facilities, don't charge us again.

262. These sites are vital parts of our diverse community, parking fees at these sights will make them more inaccessible for many.

"263. My only objection is that there should be an annual badge / permit option for locals who use these facilities regularly. Such as weekly users of the marine lake who both swim and litter pick and help maintain the area.

It becomes costly to pay daily for a couple of hours and much good is done for the community. passes are possible or at least where possible for the country parks why not over venues also? "

264. Will have negative effect on the local businesses in the area. As above will affect local employment, local residents (due to increased parking in residential areas). It will also affect people that use other facilities such as GP's.

265. Popular with local residents who already pay taxes for upkeep of such locations. Likely to have adverse impact on tourism into the area too as people will be put off having to park.

"266. Allport lane Bromborough and Mill park Eastham will stop people shopping locally and cause people to park on already congested roads.

People visit local businesses restaurants , hairdressers etc and having to pay for parking will stop them.

We need to keep your high streets not lose them. We pay enough council tax already.

Perhaps councillors should brake less of a salary then we might keep our villages as vibrant communities.

We already have lost our community centre and library in Bromborough do we need boarded up shops as well.

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267. Many of these car parks allow people to access small businesses. To introduce charges would see a drop in use and some businesses would close

"268. Increasing charges will just stop people from going there.

As a local resident to new Brighton (CH45 postcode) this means that I won't be able to utilise the facilities local to me. "

269. Lots of businesses depend on these var parks. You will ruin them

"270. There are a significant number of local businesses dependent on local people who utilise the free car parks. If a car parking charge is introduced it will reduce the amount of persons who utilise the shops. The shops will not be profitable and will close. The council will lose the business rates paid by the successful local businesses.

The council justification that a parking charge will help parking turnover is flawed. The introduction of parking charges in Birkenhead is a prime example. The council have turned it into a ghost town and after now going to invest millions of pounds on its development. When the root cause is the council strategy. If your charge for car parks people just go elsewhere. When will you ever

Learn.

No one uses cycles to access the shops as you suggest because there is no safe storage for cycles. If you were shopping, do you carry it home on your bicycle? The proposal is ridiculous!"

271. People park in the car park for a short time to drop and pick kids up from school, making them pay will make more people park closer to the school and on roads rather than out of the way in a car park. People do not have the money to be paying twice a day to park.

272. Again alot of these car parks are where alot if people currently go for outdoor recreations and it will just stop people going outdoors for their health and mental health

273. An already struggling seaside town is a safe haven and escape for local people. It is only busy in the summer months as is anywhere but introducing parking charges would drive people away. I use the coast to clear my head and go for a walk to improve my wellbeing every single day. If there was a parking charge I wouldn't be able to afford to do this every day. Think of your local residents that love and care for this area.

274. The cost of living is tough enough as it is. To impose parking charges will limited local use of our natural beauty and few areas that can be a "free day out". This is blatant money grabbing by a corrupt council. Not only does this affect local access to nature, it will affect local businesses and tourism during the summer. Locals deserve to park in their community for FREE. Shame on you Wirral Council.

275. Will be damaging to local businesses

276. I live in Bebington and will park my car in the nearest residential street for free sooner than pay this charge

277. These car parks service small/local businesses. Introducing car park charges will be detrimental to their future. It would discourage people from visiting, especially as most of these car parks are used for quick drop ins and do not require a 1 hour (or more) stay. Local roads will also be impacted by on-street parking. As a resident local to Mill Park car park, we already suffer from countless people parking on the double yellow lines at the top of our road, something which can make turning onto our road dangerous and is not monitored.

278. Losing the Allport Lane car park in Bromborough will be detrimental to the shops and bars in Bromborough village. This area has only just begun to pick up with new bars and restaurants but if people can't park for free they will go back to the Croft where parking is free. The council seems determined to destroy our small towns and villages!

279. I walk my dogs a lot in these places, I have a disability, not enough for a blue badge but enough that it's difficult to walk them without just letting them out of the car to run. I have a hernia on my stoma and walking on a lead on the road can be dangerous for me. Charging on the car parks around our beaches is just another way to tax the already struggling people of the Wirral. Learn to Budget correctly and you wouldn't need to hammer us on OUR car parks all the time

280. I use some of these car parks literally for 5 minutes at a time to call into the shops located by them to drop post office parcels off. I'll just not go to those shops anymore as I'm not paying to park just for a 5 minute drop off. This will mean many more people will do the same and the shops will suffer.

281. I'm part of a swim group who freely use this carpark to enjoy the benefits of swimming in the sea whenever we choose to. Parking charges would deter many members from our group who need this community group for their social, mental heath and well being.

282. The numerous recreational users of the promenade will be deterred. A scheme ensuring access free of charge before 9am and after 6 pm is preferable and sufficient free spaces to enable recreational use for all. Early dog walkers/runners and swimmers will be put off and damage to health and well being will follow.

283. With such a close proximity to the croft retail park, where parking is free, the introduction of charges to car parks in Bromborough and Eastham will adversely affect these business. It may also put the library at risk of closure.

284. I think you'll take people away from small businesses as drivers will go to bigger outlets with free parking

"285. My object to charging wirral residents to enjoy their environment is wrong we pay our council tax and car taxes.

If your wanting to charge non residents give wirral residents permits to display in their cars do we can enjoy our local environment at no extra cost.

You want locals to get out and get fit walking is free they say but not if your having to pay everyday to park up in wirral beauty spots."

"286. Inconvenience to local residents.

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287. Will put people off visiting

288. Charging for parking at Gunsite car park at the sea front will lead to increased parking on the access road which is currently only barely passable for emergency vehicles unless parking on this access road is controlled or restricted. On a busy day, the access road can be lined on one side with vehicles when the sea front parking is full.

289. This will stop people parking here, enjoying the outdoors and taking walks. This will impact people's health and therefore have a negative impact on the NHS.

290. It will affect people's mental health stressing about parking

291. We want to encourage people to use small businesses in these towns. Online shopping is already becoming a lot more popular but if we don't find ways to encourage people to use our local shops and businesses then they will be unable to keep going and our towns will become rows of empty premises. People will travel to out of town shopping areas with free parking areas instead which will cause more pollution. I live near the Hoylake car parks and this will result in people parking in my road instead for free so my road will become more congested, leaving no room for residents' parking.

292. Will reduce valuable local business

293. Will see shops and businesses close. I live in the local area and people will not pay to park to pick up chips or nip into Tesco for milk. It will destroy local businesses.

294. Introduction of parking fees in small villages such as Bromborough when parking is free in retail parks will decrease the support for local businesses who are already struggling.

295. Will reduce visitors to the area, impact business, and discourage people to get out in the fresh air. Particularly those on low incomes

296. Again like the above comment, you start charging and people stop using the facilities. Businesses will suffer in the long run with people not willing to pay with money they are struggling with anyway

297. It will put visitors off coming and impact the local economy as a consequence. Visitors will also choose to park further into New Brighton impacting local residents parking which is already tight in many places. Other than raising money for the Council, no other good will come if this scheme.

298. Read above

"299. I am a blue tit wild swimmer and one of the things I enjoyed about the Wirral was the free parking to enjoy my swim with a community group.

If you charge for parking I will stop attending . I pay for food and drink and go for a walk after my swim bringing economic growth to the area. This will stop. If everyone did this who visits the area this will have an impact. Please don't be like other councils (like mine in Warrington) that charge for parking everywhere now. I loved that you were different "

"300. Our coast should be accessible to everyone, there is little or no infrastructure for public transport to many of these areas therefore you will be restricting the use for people who cannot afford the parking charges.

The roads around the areas will become congested with people parking on streets. We should for be looking at ways to bring people to the area to spend. No discourage them. "

301. The small car parks in Bromborough and Bebington for example serve the local independent shops. If car parking charges were brought in here it is likely that a number of small independent retailers would cease to trade as residents would move to the croft retail park where parking is free. The result of this is likely to be insignificant gain in income for the council from parking fees and a decrease in business rates due to local businesses ceasing to trade

"302. Adding charges to some of these currently free car parks will hugely impact local businesses, especially as some areas listed are not particularly affluent areas of the Wirral.

In particular fort perch in new Brighton is used by people to drop off their children to community events, and holiday clubs. Again I'd suggest an initial 30 minutes free to enable drop offs at the pavilion "

303. Allport car park used by struggling village shops. Croft retail park started death knell for them and this will finish them off. Council should be supporting small businesses!!

"304. I understand Wirral needs the money but again I wonder if you realise the impact this might have on nearby residential streets.

I assume that Thurstaston Common Car park would be included in the Country parks permit scheme."

305. One of the charms of the Wirral Peninsula is the ease with which we can visit small shops in the surrounding villages. Put in place parking charges and we might as well abandon the idea. The Fort Perch Rock car park, in particular, is an asset of the town's that it would be foolish to mess with, in a town that's trying to regain popularity.

306. Many of these car parks serve small shopping areas & introducing charges would cause a significant reduction in trading & parking on nearby side roads to avoid charges. The income generated from these car parks would be negated by the loss of rates / rent as shopkeepers sell up due to reduced business viability. Small shopping areas only have a chance of competing for trade with the larger out of town retail parks if parking remains free

307. This will effect local businesses in a negative way.

308. This will significantly impact local businesses in the New Brighton area

"309. Charging for the parking at Green Lane train station penalises working people that rely on the free parking at this station. It will encourage more people to use their own car or taxi, therefore increasing traffic on the roads. Mersey travel will loose money as less people will use the train. It will most definitely increase the chance of people parking around the side roads where it will still be free, causing havoc for residents.

It is just another way for Wirral council to squeeze more money out of hard working people!
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310. It will push people to park in the streets especially in the evening when shows are on and when residents want to park. Comments already made to residents by visitors is " well traffic wardens dont patrol after 5" . Maybe barriers could be installed at top of Windsor and only residents for all zone J would have access

311. Absolutely I do, Roland Avenue "car park" is keeping cars from parking on the street, when all you need to do is perhaps run into the Post Office or go into the florist to order flower's for a funeral, then you have to pay for 10 or 15 mins to park !! 😞

312. Too expensive

313. See number 2

"314. Proposed parking charges to Mill Park car park. This will encourage shoppers to go to the Retail park to avoid the charge, local shops will suffer as a result.

This will add to congestion in local side streets as a result of avoiding charges.

The car park is used by people attending the walk in centre and using the library and may discourage people from attending "

"315. Pushes people to park their cars on side roads, causing congestion, no parking for residents and many other negative reasons.

Again you are disregarding the views of the general public, discriminating against walkers, sightseers and shoppers.

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316. Would deter alot of people using this what is now a free facility, beaches coastal paths, the leasowe bay is used for so much there, yoga classes would be a shame to add more cost. I already travel from deeside to Leasowe & this would add more cost.

317. Charging for people who come to these areas either to spend money in the local shops which creates revenue for the borough ,or to get exercise which helps the borough keep its health cost down.also the local charities use these to park when making the area look nice and clean ,something the council don't do .

"318. Representation on the Wirral Borough Council proposals to introduce car park charges for the Allport Lane, Bromborough car park

Background

Wirral council is consulting the public under the requirements of the Car Parking Charges - Traffic Regulation Orders Consultation 2024.

My position

I am completely opposed to the proposed introduction of car parking charges at the Allport Lane car park, Bromborough.

Reasons for my opposition

Overview

Bromborough village is a thriving village with 68 businesses employing over 400 people and is unique in its situation on Wirral. It stands less than a mile away from Wirral's premier

retail park, the Croft Retail Park, with its retail outlets, leisure facilities, restaurants and crucially, acres of free, all-day parking bays.

Bromborough is a historic town with a conservation area at its heart and a popular and thriving commercial centre with a diverse range of local shops and businesses. People need to come to Bromborough - but they need a carpark. In order to compete with The Croft, we need to do so on level terms - we must have adequate, free parking. There is some time limited on street parking but the majority of the parking is in the Allport Lane car park. This car park is well used demonstrating the value people from a wide area put on the businesses in the village.

Without free car parking the businesses in the village will soon wither and die as it will be too expensive or inconvenient to access them. Also, the staff working at these businesses will suffer financially.

Specific objections

- Avoidance of charges

The introduction of parking charges to Allport Lane car park would redistribute congestion to local streets as drivers avoid the charge; Parking in neighbouring streets will cause a nuisance to local residents and is not a sustainable long term option.

- Free parking alternatives

Parking charges would discourage shoppers visiting Bromborough village, who instead would shop at supermarkets or out of town retailers who can provide free parking, particularly The Croft less than a mile away.

- Detrimental effect on local businesses

Consequently, Bromborough village economies would decline, and many locally owned businesses would suffer. Why would someone visit a village pharmacist or butcher when the minimum charge for doing so would be £1.20?

- Availability and adequacy of public transport alternatives

Although there is a bus service that passes through Bromborough Village (42 & 41) these services are not adequate or good enough for everyone who wishes to visit Bromborough Village. They do not provide an alternative to private car use.

- Cost to those working in Bromborough Village

For those people working in Bromborough Village, many on minimum wage, who have no access to reliable public transport, the car parking charges imposed (£30 per week for 5 days with over 4 hours parking) or £720 per year for a parking permit would have a serious effect on their take home pay.

- Loss of Bromborough Civic Centre

The community has already lost the valuable asset of Bromborough Civic Centre

Conclusion

I hope that in response to these representations the Council will not introduce car parking charges at the Allport Lane car park in Bromborough.

Acknowledgement of receipt

Please acknowledge receipt of my submission by email.

Document format

This document has been sent as a pdf. It is available as a Word document should you find this easier to process.

Feedback on the Council's decisions on this matter

Please keep me informed, by email preferably, of any subsequent decisions taken by the Council on this matter.

Publication and GDPR

I have no objection to my submission being published as long as my personal contact details are removed from the publication.

Yours sincerely

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319. Again it restricts people on a lower income

"320. Will kill all local shops

Bebington struggles anyway

Until Beb station has a decent car park where will people park? In the streets like they do around Spital and Port Sunlight stations"

321. See above

322. Many people enjoy the benefit of free parking after business hours and bring revenue to the restaurants, bars and tourist sites in the locality of these areas.

323. This is outrageous, we will no longer be able to afford to visit anywhere in Wirral.

"324. Where there are local businesses, parking needs to be free in order to encourage people to shop locally. Likewise where there is public transport, parking should be free in order to encourage its use.

Parking near open spaces should be free to encourage people to get out and look after their wellbeing. "

325. This will stop visitors coming to the shops or beauty spots or else they will park in residential streets and annoy the residents by leaving them nowhere to park. You are trying to change behaviour to encourage people not to use their cars. You need to employ a psychologist to assess the impact of human behaviour. It won't work - it will cost more to administer and patrol than the revenue it will generate - human nature means they will find other places to visit or to park that are free .

"326. Other than making money from local residents, I can't see any benefit to the community. In fact, I can think of several disadvantages. There is limited parking space on Wirral and charging car parks reduces the space even further.

This will encourage people to park elsewhere, some of which likely to be questionable. Near by residential roads for instance and further impacting the people who live close by.

This is just another shallow and easy way to squeeze money out of the local community.

A lot of the community has lived here for a long time and now we can't even run to the shops for some groceries without parking charges.

Why should a local resident have to pay to park? One good answer...."

327. my reasons are the same for all proposals for charges to current parking, as a labour controlled council we pay one of the highest council taxes in the country in an area of high deprivation, yet you seek to increase and enforce charges to parking in all areas stated which financially deprives ordinary citizens who are already struggling financially with council tax increases, gas and electric increases, mortgage and rent increases with crippling charges, cost of living increases to food and essential items are crippling, now you want to charge the everyday citizen additional parking charges with no due consideration of the local communities high levels of social deprivation high nos of food banks! plus the negative impact to the local economy, many people syopped shopping in liscard cherry tree due to car parking fees and you show a lack of disregard of the effects to tourists and visitors who are also struggling financially, they will vote with their feet and visit places that do not charge them to park!

328. Extremely against these plans. This will affect small businesses and is another tax on poor families who want a day out. Now they will have to pay to go to the seaside etc. I find this council extremely short sighted with these plans. Has no one thought of this?! Why? Because it seems like an easy way to make money? The council needs to be more inventive and not just choose what they think is an easy route to generate revenue.

329. Absolutely 100% object to this one - our outdoor spaces like the beaches are one of the only free accessible things we have left. More and more people are struggling with cost of living. Going to the beach and accessing nature should be FREE! I do not want to be sat on the beach and thinking I need to leave because I can't afford another hour of parking. I think it's disgusting that anyone is proposing to take access to these spaces away.

"330. Public transport is not good enough in the area to expect people to travel this way.

There isn't a shortage of spaces to justify charging

Local businesses will be harmed as people will travel to the croft instead where parking is free "

"331. This scheme has been vigorously opposed on two previous occasions by the Bromborough Village Community Association on behalf of the businesses and residents of Bromborough and on each occasion it has been clear that the council appreciated the stong arguments we have against the scheme. It is therefore extremely disappointing that they have included the village's carpark in their proposals yet again.

The primary objection is that our businesses have a continued battle to counter the free parking available to shoppers visiting the Croft Retail Park. In their drive to gain revenue from carparking charges the council risk a driving Bromborough village into the sort of depression that neighbours New Ferry have suffered. how much money will it cost to repair the damage this scheme will cause? There are many other issues relevant to this scheme - the workers in Bromborough village, many of whom are volunteers, others on low salaries, who use the carpark daily and face crippling expenses just to maintain their normal lifestyle, many without viable alternatives with regard to transport. Much of the on-street parking in the village is limited and essential for turnover for many businesses. Drivers denied free parking will abandon the village or look for residential streets for parking causing problems for residents and other drivers. this is the third campaign i have been involved in . Neither I nor the BVCA have ever received any feedback on how persuasive our arguments are which is disappointing. They haven't changed, but we must present our arguments yet again, just as disappointing."

"332. As with charging for parking on the seafront in Hoylake and Meols, drivers will look for a free parking space and will park on our road, Deneshey Road. We park our van on our drive and it will be more difficult for us to access our driveway with more cars parked on our road.

I believe it is wrong for locals to have to pay to park and that it will adversely affect small local businesses."

333. Eastham Mill Park Drive Car Park essential for library, local businesses and the drop in medical centre. Parking charges on the seafront will discourage exercise and good health.

"334. Same as for nr 9

May as well ban all cars and charge for parking at your house. It's a ridiculous scheme, and if you didn't waste money you wouldn't have to do this"

335. It is ridiculous to consider imposing parking fees on these car parks which are not near any shops. These Carpark are a lifeline for people's mental health and wellbeing and what you are proposing takes that opportunity away for many people. Dog walkers come here, surfers and paddleboarders come to meet up. Events such as beach yoga and the women's circle will be affected by this sort of change and they do not charge for their events they do it to bring people together to help with their metal health and wellbeing. Way to kill off a social area for people fees will most likely mean people will no longer come, the Carpark will be quiet and in such a remote location users will feel unsafe and vulnerable at the moment you can be sure other people will be about which always makes me feel safe.

336. The car parks by the beach are essentially use by people who go there for their mental health and to get out into open spaces. Charging at these locations will deny many the opportunity to get out daily. It is hard enough in winter finding money to heat your home and put food on the table in winter without trying to budget for parking and being able to go to the beach for a healthy walk. People should be encouraged to get out into open spaces not hindered by costs.

337. As above

338. Visitor to the coast bring money into the local communities. The council should not be predatory on these visitors.

339. The introduction of charges in carparks in Bebington, Bromborough and Eastham will prove disastrous for tge numerous small businesses located there. Especially with free parking available at the nearby croft retail park. Carpark in Eastham is mainly used for short visits of less than an hour to visit tge parade of small shops.

"340. I am a regular at a swimming group at Leasowe Bay and this would make this a huge challenge for many people who attend. It is a free group that is excellent for people of all abilities and backgrounds and provides a social aspect also. It would be critical for many that the Gunsite car park remains open and free to provide easy access to the beach.

As a resident of Castleway North I would also be concerned about the impact of Leasowe road of people parking and walking from further away. "

341. I travel to New Brighton twice a week for shopping and leisure because there are no car park charges. I feel if you start charging local businesses and the area in general will suffer as people will go elsewhere.

"342. You will drive away visitors to the the area and struggling local businesses will go out of business. People will just park in side streets therefore causing congestion for local residents. Also charging money for parking your car to make profit is illegal as it should only be done to ease congestion and most of the places you are charging for are ghost towns.

Also i used to visit thurstaston woods weekly as it was a nice afternoon outing- i think i have been about 5 times since you implemented the parking charges!"

"343. Really positive move, people want everything for free, but parking costs to provide and taxpayers shouldn't be subsidising driving. Claims it will impact businesses is nonsense - £1.20 is neither here nor there, and if you don't want to pay, get the bus!

100% support this. All public parking should be charged. Don't be put off by the moaners."

344. Some of these are local beauty spots where people go to walk, run generally keep fit. By charging for these you are reducing the number of people taking part in fitness and wellness who might otherwise not be able to

345. As a local resident in moreton and somebody with mobility issues, I rely heavily on my husband using these free car parks to get me as close to my destination as possible. Charging people to park in these car parks is a disgrace and many people can't afford it, especially if they use the car parks on a regular basis like myself.

346. There are always plenty of parking spaces here so no need to implement charges in order to keep cars moving. The cost of putting in parking meters is simply a waste of money and would encourage people to park in nearby streets.

347. It will affect so many people who want to use and support their local businesses and be able to socialise within their area to avoid isolation. MAYBE IF WE HAD A ROBUST REGULAR AND LARGER PUBLIC TRANSPORT IT WOULDNT BE SO BAD.....BUT WE DONT SO WE NEED OUR CARS AND ABILITY TO PARK WITHIN OIR LIMITED INCOME

348. Nothing has changed from 2022, when a similar scheme had been proposed.

349. Increased/ imposition of parking charges altogether is a poor policy which will lead to decreased footfall, overwhelming increase in parking in residential areas and add to the feeling that council officials have no regard for the well being of residents.

350. Introduce £100 annual permit

351. Local people, who don't reside by the shore, park here to take exercise for their physical and mental wellbeing. Some are those who partake of social activities like yoga, swimming also fishing. Whilst here they contribute to local business. Bringing in charges will

cause many to go elsewhere or even stay home. I can accept implementing a charge for overnight vehicle stays 10pm to 6am.

352. Will put off visiting area and shopping in vicinity.

353. Yes. It's vibrant down by the seaside, it's tax on beauty, exercise, fresh air. Family time. Find another way to raise the revenue. You won't stop £1.20 I remember when it 30p that was affordable. My wages have not increased with the car park levies. You are squeezing society, on the Wirral we can't escape the carolling of car parking charges you have a captive audience. Soon every car park will be charged. Low income family and single persons will not be able to afford it. Stop it don't do it. You will kill the independents.

354. Free parking encourages accessible parking and encourages people to support local businesses for shopping. We would go to a retail park otherwise.

355. Again, adding or increasing charges will discourage people from visiting the areas, it may price out poorer families and it will have an affect on local businesses.

356. Charging for parking will have a detrimental effect on the wellbeing of wirral residents. Many elderly people rely on these open spaces for mental wellbeing. They cannot be expected to use public transport or the unnecessary bike lanes. They also shouldn't be expected to pay for the privilege of our natural beautiful coastline!

"357. I cannot see how the introduction of parking charges at Banks Road in Heswall will help the council meet its core objectives relating to parking as set out by you, namely the following;

- help manage traffic, congestion and to help keep people moving so that everyone who needs to, is more likely to have access to a car parking space!

How will introducing a charge achieve this?

How much will it cost to make the car park fit for purpose? After all you also state any parking scheme should be self funding so show us the business case.

How / who will check people are paying (unless you think a barrier system is a good idea but then how do residents without off road parking, turn their cars around in order to park in a safe and legal manner?

What about the buses who need to turn?

All that would happen in fact is people will choose to park on Banks Road, Heswall Shore or Broad Lane. None of which are fit to take increased traffic!

So, by introducing charges it will have completely the opposite effect of your goals.

Furthermore, there are residents in their 80's who need easy access to parking near their homes! (This would be gone if you introduce charges!)

So what will you do to stop people parking on Banks Road, The Moorings Heswall Shore and surrounding areas?

If you do nothing you will be adversely affecting local residents lives and will probably lower house prices not to mention add to the environmental harm to a SSSI! (I shall be writing to Natural England!)

I could go on and on finding reasons this should NOT go ahead and yet I'm struggling to think of one positive.

So in summary, if WBMC cannot demonstrate a viable traffic argument, or justify the cost to the taxpayer, it's a definite no from me and every other local resident I've spoken to. I'm sure Natural England and those residents I've not yet spoken to will agree.

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358. Don't think you should deter people from getting fresh air and exercise.

359. This is awful for local shops who rely on popping in trade. Such as Mill Park in Eastham. People park for short periods, now they will shop elsewhere.

"360. Discourages people to come to the area and use local business. Pushes the cars to the surrounding streets so makes difficult for the residents to park. dissuades people to use outdoor areas and keep fit and healthy, creating added problems for the health service.

People who are unable to afford the charges will be disadvantaged and may become isolated if they don't go to areas they usually do and participate in activities they usually would.

People using park and ride will may not be able to afford to do so, therefore building up traffic in the city, increasing pollution."

361. Same reasons as above. Primer location car parks charges yes but not those further out

362. Many of these car parks serve tourist ares or shopping venues and paid parking will adversely affect these businesses and force parking into residential streets

363. Again as previously mentioned - the initial charge you are introducing is too high. Maybe a token £1 all day and free evenings is a better starting point. But again, you will drive away regular users in the area. Also puch people to park in supermarket car parks or on the local streets. It is a backwards move at times when families can barely enjoy a day out anywhere. Local businessess will suffer.

"364. The Carr lane carpark is used is used by train commuters.

Why don't you just sell it to Merseyrail and it can be marketed as a park and ride."

365. As above

366. Parking charges will drive visitors away and cause businesses to suffer. It will also result in people parking more in congested residential areas, which will be even worse if cycle lanes are introduced.

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368. Why

369. Recreation and exercise is a very important and valued part of people's life, in particular to maintain a healthy physical and mental well being. People are strapped for cash these days and taking away the ability to go and walk down the beach for those not lucky enough to live adjacent to them, without having to pay yet more money, would be detrimental to all. It would cost more in health care costs than would make in charges. It would be especially detrimental to the elderly. It feels like yet another tax on the less wealthy compared to those who can afford to live by the beach and walk there.

370. You are just exploiting people to make money. There is no justification for this

371. As a system we are looking to cut millions of pounds from our health care budget and spending more year on year on mental health and weight loss, launching apps and promoting a "healthy start" in life. This is ridiculous when the council proposition is to cut off peoples access to natural beauty and green space, widening health inequalities for those who does live within walking distance of these areas (or any green space in fact), for those who aren't able to use public transport.

372. Please keep this free for all and for people on low incomes who already struggle to put food on the table. . You need to build up the flow of people into birkenhead not put fees in the way to deter people from coming in.

373. As a regular user of the Gunsite carpark to swim in the sea, the idea of having to pay, multiple times a week to swim is horrible! A lot of people who swim with our group are retired, have young family's and we are all feeling the pinch. Our hobby gives us so much joy and health benefits, and having to pay to do it will mean far less people will participate. The carpark here (or more specifically the lane down to it) is a mess and hardly fit for purpose on busy days. Whilst charging may reduce some of the traffic, there is no promise of investment to make this area safer and more user friendly as a result.

374. Call it whatever you like this does not help the community in any way. It harms residents who rely on visitors for loneliness, harms parents picking their children up from dance class, it harms local businesses. There is truly no need for any of these areas to be chargeable parking.

375. This idea will result in the closure of local shops to the detriment of locals particularly the elderly who cannot easily access the big supermarkets.

376. Shouldn't have to pay to go for a nice walk or to have a day out.

377. will see the death of local shopping with businesses closing down because of the lack of footfall

378. As someone who has mental health issues. Being able to park and go for a long walk, helps me with my anxiety and depression. Many people are struggling with finance issues and having to pay for parking seems Wirral Council once again don't care. Visitors to the area will either go elsewhere or park in the side roads.

379. Concerning Roslyn Road car park, Irby. I think the first hour should be free to encourage people to use local shops. At the moment much of the car park is used by people who get the bus into Liverpool and they leave the car there for hours. The local shops need the support of the community. We don't want to lose them

380. I don't know all these areas but the ones I do know charges will be detrimental to the areas.

381. Once again, it seems, our illustrious elected members and the officers of the Council have failed to learn anything from previous debacles of their own designing. One thinks of the multimillions of pounds wasted on the Hamilton Project which resulted, directly, from the end of Parking Discs in Birkenhead and the introduction of on-street paid parking. One can almost see the tumbleweed blowing down the deserted streets in that area of the Borough. Does anybody within the Council ACTUALLY look back at past schemes which have failed? I am sure it is no coincidence that previous FOI requests for a P & L breakdown on net parking revenue were always refused (on spurious grounds). I despair!

382. As manager of Nine Leaved Tea Lounge, this impacts our business significantly. As customers will be reluctant to come if having to pay for parking. And staff will have to pay to park each day.

383. Having an area to be able to park free of charge and enjoy the shops, scenery and walks in these areas makes people visit them and is good for both the visitors and the business in the area. Public transport on the Wirral is unreliable, expensive and inconvenient to get to many of these places so unfortunately driving is often the only choice. Why are you creating a huge issue and damage to these areas and why are you discouraging people from enjoying healthy walks in areas like Thurston. Surely it would cost more to administer, maintain payment points police it, and follow up with letters etc then it would make in revenue

384. No good will come of these parking charges, just problems for local residents and

385. All the above.

386. May be seasonal or limited time. To sharing the space.

387. People will not be able to park to get to shops - in particular the elderly

388. The council represent the public of Wirral and they need to listen to our concerns. Parking charges will impact the poorest people and also local business's. The Council think they know best like when they wasted OUR money implementing ridiculous 20MPH zones, they can not be allowed to implement these parking ch

389. Parking for housing should not be charged

"390. Residents have used this for many many years as off road parking is not always available. Without the Car park Banks road will become impassable with Residents and Yots cafe uses scrambling for parking spots. Could Residents have permits to use a section of the car park as Banks road will become dangerous to use and buses and HGV traffic will not get by easily

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391. So many people park in these car parks to watch the sea, walk their dogs, take a walk, pop to shops, park their car to go on a bike ride etc. adding in payment will make the area inaccessible to those who can't afford it and it doesn't seem fair. The promenade and all these other areas should be able to be enjoyed by everyone and not everyone can access it on foot. It might not seem much money to charge 70p for 1 hour but if you walk your dogs here twice a day, 7 days a week it soon becomes an extortionate amount. We are blessed to live where we do with such natural beauty but why do we have to pay for everything? There are fewer and fewer places people can go to enjoy something without spending money and parking in beautiful spots such as the Derby Pool or Gunsite car parks and enjoying a flask of tea or a sandwich is one of the small things anyone can do. Equally parents with children looking for affordable days out to get their children outside in holidays - park here, bring a picnic and have the whole day without spending money. We have to pay for absolutely everything and now charging for these car parks just seems like the final straw when everything else in life is costing more and more - like council tax. Don't take the small perk of a tiny amount of free parking from us as well

392. By charging at Carr Lane Hoylake Railway Car park, vehicles will be parked instead on residential streets.

393. Would discourage free sites of exercise and lead to worse health outcomes in the population.

394. If you want to make the Wirral accessible to residents and visitors you should not charge for parking. Parking charges will reduce footfall past local businesses and damage the local economy. Another example of using an easy short term money maker that has long term damage to local communities and businesses.

395. Can you create a annual pass with a reduced fee for local residents who come down here really regularly - e.g dog walkers, beach walkers etc etc

"396. The council is reputed to be keen to encourage more physical activity. Imposing these charges will deter visitors from areas where they are likely to go to be active - recreation areas, coastal areas.

Imposing parking charges was seen to be disastrous for traders in Birkenhead. Removal of the disc parking and replacement with pay stations resulted in an overnight desertion of the town centre by drivers. eg Europa Boulevard, which was always full of parked vehicles

during shopping hours, became, and has remained empty. Similar results can be expected for traders in West Kirby and New Brighton.

Imposing charges on promenades will simply drive vehicles onto side streets and shift the problem onto the residents there. undoubtedly, this will result in WBC issuing permits, for which those residents will be expected to pay - a further uncalled for financial burden."

"397. My particular concern is with the car park on Roland Avenue as it is close to my home but my comments are relevant to all of these proposals.

If charges are imposed on the use of the car park then it simply won't be used and won't generate any significant income to the council. Cars will be parked on the local residential roads and illegal parking (which is already a problem) will increase which will be detrimental to road safety. The car park is used by employees of the local businesses and by customers of the local shops. It is likely that the people employed locally will park on the local streets and outside the shops leaving no space for customers meaning that people won't stop to use the shops preferring to use the retail parks at Rock Park and Bromborough or in other places where parking is free. Without customers the shops will close, resulting in decline of the area and loss of business rates. The scheme will be expensive to implement with installation of infrastructure required, and will require management. I am sure that this will be outsourced to a private company meaning that net receipts to the council will be further reduced. I am also concerned about the mechanisms that will be used for collection of parking charges. If this is to be 'pay by phone' as per the arrangements at Woodside this would be discriminatory against many people who prefer not to or are unable to use mobile phones to make payments through various parking 'apps'.

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398. As a resident of Irby who likes to support the local businesses, I feel a charge in Roslin Road car park would be detrimental to the businesses there. A good compromise would be a period of free parking, say 2 hours and a charge after that. This would deter the commuters who are not using the shops and services in the village who block the car park during the day, encourage visitors who are using the services and keep the village thriving. This may also be the case in the other car parks on the list.

399. Parking charges will greatly impact on local shops. Allowing a one or two hours free would allow locals to go to post office and chemist and also meet for coffee .

400. All these schemes will affect local businesses.

"401. We are a GP practice of 13,100 patients. Turning the carpark into a paid area is unfair for patients and will add a lot of pressure on the GP's to run to time when the pressure is already there. This will add additional pressure to their already highly pressured role.

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402. This will destroy local little shops as people will avoid and just shop in supermarkets

403. I am the data manager of Moreton Group Practice. I object to the charges at Pasture Road. The car park at Pasture road is used predominantly for patients of Moreton Group Practice. As per the Department of Health the practice sits in the third most deprived decile. Many patients who attend the practice for GP and nurse appointments are very unwell. It is unacceptable for ill patients, many of whom will not be able to afford these charges, to pay to come and see their doctor or nurse. I would ask that you reconsider this parking fee for patients and staff of Moreton Group Practice.”

404. This will affect my village and reduce the number of secure car parking spots- leaving people to park in the nearby neighbourhood which will increase traffic, and reduce safety but putting more parked cars on the street in front of houses.

405. See above for Kings Parade!!

406. Charging for parking in the small car park directly outside the Heath Centre in Pasture Road is an appalling proposal. If implemented, car parking charges will also kill off the regeneration of New Brighton. WBC is trying to increase business at the Floral Pavilion but charging for parking at Fort Perch Rock will have the exact opposite effect.

"407. As As Marine medic, this will effect my call-outs and part of my numerous visits to New Brighton are retail and social, that will end if fees are charged

You will lose so much tourism if this goes ahead and the knock on effects for business"

408. It is going to have a detrimental affect on everyone affected. It will ruin many local shops & impact badly on people's social activities. They will just be unable to afford the charges on a regular basis &, as a result, local roads will be clogged up with parked cars. Instead of spending a ridiculous amount of money on introducing a lot of unwanted & unnecessary 20mph speed limits, the car parks should remain free.

409. The Gunsite car park has had a lot of tourist traffic in the summer ever since covid, outside of this time it is mainly used by local dog walkers, local community groups for sports and activities such as wild swimmers and paragliders. Due to the nature of the long single track path most locals will drive to the car park for safety with children and dogs or to bring sports equipment with the nearest pedestrian path being a significantly longer stretch down Leasowe road or approaching from Derby Pool way. I think that the council should either a) Waive the fee to those who are local to this beauty spot or b) construct a partition for pedestrians to walk up to the Gunsite from the a554. The tourists that come from outside the local area to the gunsite would be a good source of income for the council. However, I think its important to consider how the charges will dissuade locals from frequenting the area, especially when it is the locals that will spend their time to clean litter and debris from the beach left by tourists in the summer and provide tidal advice to our visitors.

"410. I think it should be free to park in beauty spots. Bringing in parking charges will restrict poorer people from enjoying the outdoors/a few hours of fresh air exercising with their children and/or dogs. Why not bring in voluntary charges

"If you feel you've had a great day out then please contribute if you can" Implementing parking charges here would be like putting a tax on the health of the Wirral and at some sites in Moreton, Pensby and Irby bring ruin to local businesses that depend on people being able to park for a few hours while they get a hair cut or visit a cafe

In cases where people are staying too long why not just bring in a Maximum 4 hrs rule."

411. Some of these car parks e.g Fishers Lane, Pensby, Roslin Road , Irby are supporting Local Centres, which are already fragile. Irby Village already has significant on street car parking, this will displace parking to nearby residential areas. Elderly people need to access to local shopping facilities. You need to unpack this list of car parks as you are not comparing like with like e.g Moreton is a district centre and car parking has a charge in most district centres and therefore there needs to be consistency. Some of the above are local/district centres and these need to be economically accessible to residents for daily needs, some people need to use car for health, age or carrying shopping loads. Thurstaton Common is a leisure attraction and is experiencing over demand resulting in dangerous parking on Telegraph Road so I agree that needs to be managed. You will need to take care that this does not displace car parking into nearby roads.

412. Parking should be free as this encourages people to go in local walks and shop locally which benefits surrounding areas and businesses

413. Parking overnight should not be charged for. There is no precedence on the Wirral for this.

414. We should be supporting our small villages and by making people pay to park their car will put visitors off when we should be encouraging them.

415. This scheme may bring in some income but will result in local residents being put off from using those facilities that we have enjoyed for many years and are what makes this area so good. Also it will ultimately result in an overall loss of revenue for the area as other businesses and ventures will see a loss of users. A very shortsighted approach without actually doing anything to help or benefit the residents. Shocking!

416. It is difficult to park at the present time and this will make it worse

417. No legal justification, it's purely to raise revenue.

418. I don't know enough about this area so I neither support or object

419. Same as comments in 2

420. Already pay enough to park

421. This will seriously impact on local businesses at a time when they are already under threat. It similarly impacts on people's ability to enjoy the countryside and exercise and positively affect their wellbeing

422. As above. We don't have good enough public transport to avoid using cars in the Wirral.

423. The business people in Hoylake need us to support them more than ever. This will disadvantage them even more

424. Parking charges can and do restrict people in choosing where to visit. Maybe a small nominal one off parking charge would be better to not limit timings and visits.

425. Fair charges for congested area car parks

426. As in 2 above.

427. This will prevent people from visiting and will be bad for the local economy

428. This is damaging to local business

429. I pay a huge council tax I should be able to park and enjoy areas of Wirral without additional charges

"430. This will result in people parking on side streets.

We should be encouraging people to enjoy these natural areas and not have to pay for the privilege."

431. It's a leisure area, and a tourist destination that people go to walk on, they do not want to pay for parking, it would destroy what tourism there is left. And locals mental health would suffer as less likely to go for family walks.

432. I live on Banks Road and the state of its surface and that of the car park is an utter disgrace. How the council can propose to charge for this car park is beyond belief. The bus turns around at the car park and already it is difficult to navigate its turning. The road is already congested and if the 'car park' full of ruts and water is chargeable cars will simply park on our road which is in fact a lane with a ditch at one side and houses abutting the road. I think these proposals are an utter disgrace and will stop ordinarily citizens and families enjoying the limited country access they have, Why should people visiting Royden, the beach at Hoylake and West Kirby and New Brighton have to pay? Parking charges are for managing a parking problem not for raising cash and this is clearly for the latter purpose. Why is the council trying to destroy its communities enjoyment of amenities and nature and destroy the tourist economy ? These proposals are disgraceful. Why are our roads not being fixed ?

433. A wide range of car parks here and it is hard to comment universally. Overnight parking demand is very limited for most of these locations. however in many locations this charge will deter people from taking exercise in summer months and contravenes Government

policy to improve public health by preventative action. It is hard to see how the revenue will cover the operational costs so no doubt leading to increases costs.

434. Parking charges just move cars outside people's houses instead. Even without parking charges in Irby the surrounding roads are full of commuters which is stopping local trade. Everywhere parking charges are brought in car parks are nearly empty. No one wants them. Please think again

435. Local businesses will be hugely effected and the area will become poorer.

436. Surely you are meant to be getting people to go to these areas so local business can pay rent , Taxes and staff. Again WBC killing the area and not listening to the people that they are meant to represent.

437. Same

438. Outdoor areas which encourage walking, family time and general well being should be free and encourage people to visit for their physical and mental health. Obesity is costing the NHS billions..why add to the problem?

"439. Madness. It'll just kill local businesses and council services. Take pasture road for example, it'll just be another nail in the coffin for Moreton library. Who wants to pay £1.20 just to park try borrow a book.

At existing car parks, being back the free after three scheme. Give small businesses a chance!"

440. In order to support local businesses, perhaps tge first 2 hours could be free. Or a ticket from local shops once you have purchased something to allow a few hours free. If people have to pay to park, they will go to out of town shopping and local small business will loose the trade

441. For the same reasons detailed above

"442. This will encourage people to use side roads, cause damage to roads and cause potential accidents and reduce access for emergency vehicles.

Make residents roads permits only if charges are applied."

443. You will drive customers to free parking venues, such as large supermarkets, hitting local trades

444. Hoylake already has struggling businesses and struggles with footfall. Parking charges along market street are only likely to make this worse.

445. Stop trying to kill areas that are doing well, directly impacting businesses, you have already killed Birkenhead and liscard for short term gains and now you are coming for areas that have small drop off points to be able to use the shops, restaurants , schools and services, people will stop going to these places as can't afford daily charges, they will do big

shops in large super markets instead, this will tax independent traders, who the council claim to support through the business support programmes, there is no point spending money to provide businesses support to then put up barriers to trade, no lessons have been learnt here from all of the businesses that went out of business in the Birkenhead price street area as a direct result of parking charges, and for little gains as the streets are always empty bringing in minimal gains, I would like to know how much income is brought in via the price street area parking as I believe it is less than the cost to install machines and monitor the parking with staff. This parking charge also puts off developers investing in an area as well as shop owners. Providing safe free parking areas that people can use reduces dangerous and inconvenient street parking, these car parks provide that space, adding charges doesn't keep people moving it stops people moving from their own walking distance areas directly impacting quality of life for Wirral residents that live in deprived areas. Wirral is not a city, it should not be introducing car parking charges everywhere as if it was a city. Some of these car parks are by schools and used as a safe place for drop off and pick up, many parents don't have work from home jobs to just walk around from home to schools, they come straight from manual jobs in shops or factories and have to drive to get their children in time, the manual jobs tend to be lower paid than work from home office jobs, so again it's another tax for the lower paid in society. My mortgage, energy and food prices have gone up dramatically, every penny counts and I can't afford an additional charge to safely pick my children up from school or to take them on a costal bike ride. This is a shameless money grab with large negative consequences for residents, children (particularly those in poverty) and businesses (particularly independent businesses).

446. NA

447. Adding charges to every road in the Wirral is disgusting. As a local authority you're going to make it even more difficult for families struggling to have days out.

448. This scheme will deter drivers from parking where they have to pay and will just create chaos in surrounding areas, I.e in local roads. These open spaces are for people to enjoy, both physically and mentally, this will not happen if charges come into effect. Businesses in the local area will be impacted, you are, in effect, making Wirral a 'no go' area.

449. I particularly object to Thurstaston common, people should be encouraged not hindered to exercise for free, by charging you will indirectly hindering the NHS even further

450. These will all harm local businesses

451. The introduction of this scheme will be positive for local businesses and residents near the locations.

452. All of the local businesses here will suffer because of this.

"453. There are car parks in this scheme that would be completely impractical to charge.

I operate two businesses in the vicinity of Church Road, Bebington. Bebington Village has struggled since the loss of the Co-Op supermarket around 5 years ago.

One of the draws to bring people in to the village is the availability of free parking nearby. The removal of this would be hugely damaging to local businesses who have struggled so much through the last few years. I strongly disagree with this scheme and find it very inappropriate.

There are a number of shops and offices whose staff use the car parks for work. Is the aim to push them on to public transport? That may be a good thing, but how does one manage parking from 8:30-5:30 when presumably a limit will be put on the length of stay? And does that 9 hour parking charge at £1ph, for someone aged 18 for example and finding their feet in the world of employment earning £9ph mean that they deserve to lose an hour of their wages for the privilege of simply getting themselves to work?

Local side streets are already busy with residential parking. Traffic in Bebington is already very busy with the number of schools in the area, so is encouraging more street parking going to be beneficial to the local area in this respect? More street parking clogging up roads of an already busy and heavily trafficked area?

Perhaps the charges at beauty spots and tourist areas are justifiable. Discouraging avoidable car journeys could be beneficial.

But introducing charges at some of these car parks would be hugely detrimental to the local area, business owners, their employees and crucially, their customers. Yet another business closed down in Bebington Village last week and this scheme would only serve to jeopardise the future of more. "

454. The negative impact on local businesses and families who already struggle to provide leisure activities for children is not being taken into account.

455. Should be free for first 2 hours to stop park and rides

456. All the businesses and residents nearby are going to suffer reduced trade and more congestion on the side streets

"457. Disgraceful !

Labour controlled council again

And I'm a labour voter !!! "

458. I object to Pasture Road car park charges in Moreton as this is predominantly used by patients attending the GP practice Moreton Group Practice

459. Why is the council intent on killing Trade for local businesses

460. Roslin Road is currently 24 24-hour limit should be 2/3 hours like Irby Village

"461. A. This is not 'an increase' as described in the justification it is an 'introduction of charges' as quoted directly from the webpage.

B. Public transport is poor in many areas of the borough. Use of a car is often the only practical option and is already very expensive. May we have realistic alternatives before adding more expense?

C. Many local businesses rely on evening trade. This is yet another barrier.

D. It is very inconvenient to end early at 8am. Many people could forget to top it up and end up being fined.

E. Payment methods: are they going to be app pay only? This already is deterring users from parking at Liscard Cherrytree.

F. I already use the parking app but some car parks are in mobile data dead zones eg Hinson Street. See point D"

462. Pushes shoppers to use large supermarkets & retail parks instead of local independent shops.

463. This would be absolutely devastating. People can ill afford this right now and leaving them accessible to people is vital. How on earth its got this far I really don't know.

464. Do not put parking charges to the car parks, this will close shops as people won't visit and also impact on people's budgets. Also if people have appointments near by they will not be able to park

"465. The Carr Lane car park is essentially a park & ride. If you introduce parking charges here families like our will simply drive to Liverpool instead of getting the train. Surely this is completely at odds with the council's environmental strategy? For railway-adjacent car parks this seems like a really dumb idea if you're serious about getting cars off the road.

Thurstaston Common car park (as the starting point for a walk) is not realistically accessible on foot for most west Wirral residents, particularly if they have young children. Parking charges are likely to deter people from visiting a valued outdoor area. For congested urban areas well served by public transport, parking charges make sense, but this doesn't. "

466. Roland Avenue car park is regularly used by parents/carers when taking/picking up children from local schools. Introducing charges will result in increased congestion on local roads as parents will likely park on the road. The local schools already field regular complaints from residents about inconsiderate parking.

467. We will see many more empty shops as people are driven out to retail parks where parking is free.

"468. All you are doing is taxing local residents of the Wirral and deterring visitors.

Parking charges on the Wirral is not the answer to plugging the deficit. A forward thinking council would be concentrating on attracting people to the Wirral.

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469. Every where I go in the country I have to pay in car parks so why not here. It's time that the Wirral fell into line with everywhere else .

470. That's a ridiculous amount of streets etc to clump together.

471. You will kill off small high streets

472. I would either avoid using business in these areas or try and park in areas where there is no charge to park.

473. The scheme is too broad to comment individually- some of these sites would really suffer though.

474. Stop trying to introduce measures that limit or restrict the less well off from enjoying public space. Just because someone runs a motor vehicle it does not automatically follow that they have surplus money. Everyone makes financial choices, but for some people those choices can be the difference of spending few pounds on parking or a few pounds on refreshment....they can't afford both.

475. Greed

476. People will stop visiting areas of the Wirral. Businesses will suffer and our local areas of beauty will no longer be visited.

477. In particular I object to Hoylake charges. People are using trains to work in order to avoid using cars in built up towns/cities. This will have a negative affect on the environment.

478. I use Thurstaston Common Car Park as a safe starting point for local walks. This is also used by many dog walkers. Why would you charge for something that is a local resource, used primarily by locals and what is essentially a small patch of pot holed dirt?! Pure greed. Again, people will just park in nearby local residential roads creating new problems.

479. The authority than owns these car parks is funded by local councils and businesses, therefore it is unfair to ask those same people to pay twice. Charging people from outside the area a small fee for the benefit of parking seems more reasonable

480. Market street's parking is essential for local businesses & to reduce traffic on local backstreets which are already busy with cars

481. Free parking would really help local businesses

482. Hoylake needs all the help it can get

483. This will severely damage local businesses and deter sight seers, visitor and people wanting to stay healthy by walking in areas of beauty

484. The list includes Market Street Car Park in Hoylake. Where do you mean?? There isn't a car park on Market Street. If you mean on road parking then perhaps signs limiting the parking to, say, 2 hours would be much better and would serve the purpose of the TRO fully.

485. We will discourage people from using local amenities and areas of interest by introducing parking charges.

"486. I feel encouraging people into hoylake is important to support local businesses. Im not convinced paying for parking will help this. Ive never had issues parking when i need to park to a

Local shop. I live in hoylake. I will avoid popping into local shops if I'm having to pay for parking each time "

487. Charges on all these car parks will negatively affect the businesses in the area who may be already struggling due to the out of town shopping areas offering free unlimited parking. This scheme will lead to the loss of local high street shops many rely on, especially those who cannot access other shopping areas easily

488. Should be no charge for parking. End wasteful spending in ineffecient processes or non-productive employees, rather than price-gouging those who the council should instead be serving.

489. All nonsense

490. As above.

"491. Shops and other businesses in small towns should be supported to succeed by their local council. Free parking achieves this - bringing in parking charges will deter many people from ever going into their local shops - especially when supermarkets are allowed to keep their own free parking.

Free parking at coastal areas means families can enjoy many free days out in green spaces and beaches. This is essential for children's mental health (at a time where all the data shows children's mental health is declining, and many families are facing tough financial choices)

I rely on free parking, especially in the school holidays! Parking charges are why we visit coastal areas for a walk much more often than, for example, Royden Park - the extra cost of parking can't be justified when those £s could go towards the weekly food shop. "

492. It is going to put visitors off coming to the Wirral and visiting these areas therefore killing off the local trade too

493. I understand the need to generate income for the council. However, as a local resident living just up the road from the Barlow Ave car park, I must point out that parking violations such as parking on double yellow lines are not dealt with at all by the council at the moment, making it dangerous for us as we cannot pull out of Townfield Lane onto the main road safely as it is difficult to see oncoming traffic because of the cars parked illegally. If you charge to park at this car park, such parking violations are only going to get worse. If you do not address this issue, it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs.

"494. Disgraceful. There is so much congestion in the bebington area as it is during peak times. Those who go to town lane infants often park in the car park to reduce unsafe roads/parking around town lane and by charging parents who work is simply unfair. These plans will have a general knock on affect on traffic of wider public trying to get to work etc or even worse, a child being hurt.

Local business in lower bebington is depleted, with bear hunt books the most recent to close down In a long list of failed businesses. Those that do use the shops there park at church road car park free for charge. Again, you are pillaging local business of clients by charging for parking. People will simply go to bromborough where they can park for free, leaving our town a ghost town.

As a resident of higher bebington road, I firmly object to a path being created behind our home in the park. There are huge incidents of antisocial behaviour as it is in the park, but you are inviting people to be close to our properties at all hours. This will distress me, my children and our dog will be constantly barking csuding issues for the neighbours. Equally, we get a huge amount of litter dropped by school children on the main road and into our driveways. What maintenance will the council be providing for the litter throughout the park should they invite young people to travel that way to school and back, hidden away from the main road and witnesses. "

495. Crazy to deter people from coming. We need incentives to park and ride, to attract people to the shopping areas and spend money to support local businesses.

"496. Pathetic,short term,irrational thinking.

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497. Council need to decide if they want to create a healthier environment for all to enjoy free activities like waking in pleasant areas, playing tennis etc etc etc. or do they want to charge people for these things.

498. I am strongly against this scheme, stop trying to kill off our community. I am sick and tired of Wirral Borough Council mis-managing our money. Stop lending the money out to other councils. Get this loan back.

499. I am an OAP charging for parking at any of the coastal sites is a tax on leisure and would discourage visiting parks and the beaches.

"500. Specifically Allport Lane Bromborough and Church Road Bebington. Car park charges here will cause tremendous damage to the local retailers. Retailers are already struggling for customers and imposing charges will exacerbate the situation.

Regarding Church Road Bebington. Is the council aware that this car park is also used for the public library and older people attending classes at Wirral 3Ls which is situated in the Civic Centre? Wirral 3Ls, as well as providing educational classes also provides a social outlet for older people who may otherwise suffer isolation."

501. Carr lane car park charging is not acceptable the residents of Drummond and Arlie road will be hit by none paying people who use the car park at hoylake station. It is bad now for residents and twice weekly Bon lorries. Further with the flooding it makes it very difficult for residents already. J Pinnington 1b Drummond Road

502. You should be encouraging people to visit their local towns and support local shops and high streets. People need these car parks to do this. Introducing fees will mean people may be reluctant to visit the towns and inevitably shops and businesses will struggle.

"503. Wirral needs to become an all year round visitor destination. In these difficult financial times. Visitors will make the most cost effective decisions. We must make sure Wirral remains affordable.

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504. Yot coffee shop in Heswall would suffer badly as people would simply go elsewhere. People would not visit local town and village businesses. They would go to out of town shopping centres such as Bromborough retail or Cheshire Oaks instead. Towns such as Heswall already have many empty shops due to parking charges. Why send other villages the same way! I won't go anywhere that has payable parking, I go somewhere else instead. One of the local restaurants in Bromborough feared for his business as people would go and eat on Bromborough retail instead where parking is free. Such a shame for local business. Also short sighted for the health of Wirral. I used to park at Thurstaston country park most days for a walk. I have never been since charges were introduced.

"505. Astonishing and inexcusable that WBC should propose charging for parking in lower Bebington. It would destroy the local businesses and create a social and commercial wasteland with corresponding unemployment, vandalism, and even greater demands on council and health services.

Local transport is abysmal and totally inadequate or impracticable for many business staff and their customers to use.

Local charity, Wirral 3Ls, operates in Bebington Civic Centre and serves over 800 Wirral residents PER WEEK who attend daytime adult learning classes and social activities. For many this is their only social contact to support their mental and physical wellbeing.

Wirral 3Ls charity will almost certainly fail if their members have to pay £3.60 to park in addition to the weekly cost of their 2-hour class. Additionally, WBC will lose ca. £40,000 p.a. from the room hire charges 3Ls pays the council. The proposal does not make sense on any level.

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506. This scheme is not got for small businesses whose customers just need to nip in to a shop for some necessities

507. See answer to Q2

508. we pay for parks and now there will not be anywhere free

509. I think this will damage local businesses and the community when businesses go under and people are made unemployed

510. Many of these areas can only be reached by car i.e. The gunsite

511. Our shop is in front of one of these car parks and it is already quiet without penalising local shoppers in the village to park.

"512. This is a residential area .. parking is generally for residents and visitors or workmen in the area.

The only main group affected are local residents.

It is not busy and the costs of imposing parking fees will likely be more than any revenue gained. "

513. It dissuades people from using the outdoor spaces and leisure activities when these are to be encouraged.

514. Are you trying to kill local business? Mill park/ bromborough/ Roland ave? I live in this area and use the businesses. I won't if I have to pay

"515. Wirral Deen Centre Mosque and Community Centre would formally like to propose if the council would be willing not to enforce parking charges in Turner Street car park during Friday prayer time: 12-2.30pm.

By doing this it will prevent congestion in neighbouring roads which could result in community tensions. It would also act as a gesture of good will towards the Muslim community.

There is a precedent for this sort of allowance at Liverpool Parish Church (city centre) - where parking is free for worshipers on a Sunday morning in the car park (not council owned) besides the Liver building.

I hope this is acceptable to Wirral Council."

"516. 1. Local people who walk their dogs will no longer be able to without incurring parking costs. Even in the early morning.

2. Parking fees limit access to families having time walking the prom / using the beach. This is in direct contrast to the desire to have a more active population

3. People will seek out free parking areas away from the prom but close, in residential areas. Residents will find it more difficult to park, particularly in the summer months. Will the council have a commitment to develop resident permit parking in these areas?"

517. You can not charge people to park outside their own homes and dictate if they can afford to let their visitors park also!!! We already paid for parking passes in the first place for visitors. This is a lot of money to some people. Who comes up with these ideas??? Have these people even been to Liscard etc or are they sitting nicely working from home with their car parked nicely on their big drive!!!

518. Are you sure you haven't missed anywhere ???? Gangsters

519. I live in Irby village. There are two cafes in Irby and are currently well patronised by customers who arrive by bus, walking, cycling and some by car. The village has improved by ITPAS, the shopkeepers and the local community with new plant containers and a strong feeling of community. This is illustrated by a Christmas Light Switch on which is a great village social get together. The proposed charges in Roslin Road will be kick in the teeth for the many who have engendered this outstanding pride in Irby village. This community feel has grown immensely over the last 5 years. Please withdraw your proposed parking charges.

520. Again all this will do is deter people from visiting these locations and the impact on local businesses will be significant. I go to Bromborough village every Friday for a coffee with my friend. Once parking charges are implemented I will not go and more likely go to the Croft and get a coffee - with free parking at one of the big chains rather than the small independent in the Village

521. I live locally to Bromborough Village and use the shops, cafes and restaurants almost daily. The village is doing well despite losing its civic center and library as a result of more cuts. Charging people to park will only hurt the local businesses and people more when we

are already paying so much for essentials like gas, electric, food and questionably clean water. WBC can find the money elsewhere, start by looking at wages of senior staff who clearly aren't doing a good job at managing finances. We don't need more bike lanes or fancy bins in West Kirby. You will do so much damage to local businesses that you should be supporting not destroying. Drivers pay so much in tax and insurance to be on the roads that are full of pot holes and tar that lasts 5 minutes then it needs resurfacing again and now you want them to literally have no where free to park to pop into a shop for bread or a cup of coffee in a cafe.

522. These are for local people going to local shops, make people pay and they won't go there and shops will close, they will also park in side streets causing accidents

523. Introducing parking charges will be detrimental to local businesses and the health of residents.

524. Discrimination against low paid etc.

525. Why you are charging for these small car parks is beyond me. They are used by locals to walk dogs and sit and watch the sea. It's a grubby money grab and will make living here worse. Well done. I won't be voting Labour again if this goes through.

526. This is absolutely disgusting. You're stealing from Wirral residents who already pay taxes to support the council and their local area. This is another money making scheme which again comes at a detriment to the very people who call this home. Were supposed to promote a 'Healthy Wirral' to which GP practices receive bonus payments for if they meet targets, as well as having a negative impact on mental health. You're obstructing access to people's livelihood, their 'fresh air' and headspace and their entitlements.

527. Only in favour if a majority of residents in a road agrees to them. £60 is a lot of money for hard presses residents.

528. An illegal tax grab on all who live and pay tax here. This is a despicable and inept council.

529. Residents should be encouraged to enjoy open spaces to improve lifestyle, fitness and wellbeing to lessen the impact on the NHS and the introduction of parking charges will have the opposite affect, deterring many

"530. Mill park drive car park covers parking mainly for the shops opposite. A lot of the trade is vehicles passing on the a41. People will not want to pay just to pop in to tesco or to get a chippy. Already vehicles wanting to use the cash machine either park on the double yellow lines blocking the roundabout or blocking ambulance access to the walk in centre - this would dangerously increase with charges to park. It is a small car park, recently resurfaced so unlikely to cost the council anything in upkeep over the next few years. Installing parking meters and 'policing' this will cost more than leaving it free. Together with the car park in bromborough both areas will suffer a lack of trade due to the availability of free parking at the Croft. In recent years both areas have been looking much better but with

no footfall there will be yet more shuttered shop fronts. Many people pop there solely because of the free parking and local shops. These local, smaller car Parks are important to keep the roads clear and safe for pedestrians, cyclists and not just as a convenience for motorists.

A pound or 2 to park may not seem much to some people but it's a great deal to others."

531. Short sighted scheme which will damage local business in the long term and cause chaos on residential roads.

532. As stated previously it will kill the shopping centres with people not visiting to shop. Public transport can't be relied on.

533. I object to any parking charges in any coastal/ rural areas that are used for recreational activities and health benefitting activities

"534. Will you be reducing the rates for the shops in these areas to mitigate the drop in customers? I will certainly be not using the shops as much. Congratulations on getting people to go to the bigger supermarkets to do their shopping instead! What do you have in place for those of us who do not have mobile phones with aps and credit cards? Some people still use cash you know. How are you going to accommodate them? Is the Carr Lane car park the one for the station in Hoylake? If so are you trying to stop people using the trains? Aren't they supposed to be better for the environment and congestion than having to drive everywhere? I understand that you need more money but the parking charges just make life more miserable when you can't afford to do anything of go anywhere.

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"535. I object to the introduction of charges at Allport Lane car park, Bromborough. This would have a very detrimental impact on the economic health of the adjoining shopping area. This area is already in competition with the nearby retail park where parking is and will remain free of charge. My experience is that shoppers use the Allport Road car park for short visits to the 'village' shopping centre calling at one or two shops or other commercial premises on each occasion. A parking charge will deter many people from continuing to do this to the detriment of the economic wellbeing of the centre leading to vacant premises and the eventual loss of a well used and small but useful and lively centre. Some people may choose to park at the nearby retail park to visit the 'village' centre but this would entail crossing the A41 which, after the M53, is the second busiest road in the Borough. This would result in an unacceptable highway safety risk for pedestrians.

The proposal would also be likely to cause increased use of nearby residential streets for parking causing detriment, nuisance and inconvenience for local residents "

536. This will create congestion and adversely affected the visitor economy

537. Charging for parking and working evolving car park management companies or wardens costs money. It will deter people and adversely affect the businesses in our villages and will be catastrophic. It is a totally counter intuitive move.

538. All local amenities will suffer foot loss

"539. You will just move the problem to other streets and make residents pay for parking outside their own homes!

At the moment there aren't any issues with parking just a case of bad management of the the council needing to make more money. "

540. Leave parking fees off your money grabbing schemes

541. I have no knowledge of this area so I am not able to comment effectively

542. No

"543. If there was an option for charges for local residents to be waived, I'd be in support of it.

I object to having to pay to exercise myself and dog at the Gunners site, it will cost me in the region of £300-400 per year to do this. All these beauty spots need people there to keep paths opened. Parking meters will drive people away from healthy pursuits. Hardly a Green or Labour ideal? I can't walk my dog on New Brighton beach due to the large numbers of visitors. I'm restricted to using a beach known by dog walkers to be safe for dogs. "

544. This will have a detrimental effect on local businesses, as shoppers will more likely go to large supermarkets & out of town shopping areas with free parking.

545. I live on highcroft avenue. There is already a huge problem with cars perking on the road when any events are on at the church or village hall. Often cars double park making it impossible for an emergency vehicle to get through. It will cause the road to be full of cars from workers and shoppers and be even more of a problem for local residents

546. As a pensioner I attend the Wirral voluntary U3L's education scheme in Bebington Civic Centre and need to use my car for the scheme and also for Dr's appointments at the Civic Centre. I attend courses that last 2-3 hours and will have to pay for parking as well as the courses. It is a voluntary run scheme and will put extra financial pressure on the volunteers that run the classes which might well impact on the viability of them being able to continue with the scheme.

"547. The car park attached to Bebington civic centre for the 3L's classes. Bringing in charges for this car park will severely impinge pensioners ability to attend the classes because of the increased costs. As the classes last over two hours this will mean additional cost of £3-60 on top of the £8-00 per class session. This is totally unexceptable for pensioners who are on tight budgets already. Many of us will not be able to afford to continue to attend this much loved community educational resource.

Please reconsider these changes for the above stated car park and remain free of charge.

Thank You."

548. Fort Perch Charges will put off people coming to New Brighton and the Floral Pavilion. Church Road Bebington charging will put off volunteers at the Wirral 3Is courses at Bebington library. Also may put off people attending courses and other social activities at the library,

549. I am a local resident and have seen a decline in the use of local shops due to free parking at big retail parks. Charges at these local car parks will kill the local community shops altogether.

550. Local businesses and local economy will suffer, and those less tech savvy - mainly older generations - will feel alienated/further isolated from society.

551. You are severely impacting those businesses around these areas.

552. Parking charges result in people looking for free parking nearby. This can result in more congestion and potentially dangerous parking. It also discourages people from going to the local shops and increase their shopping online.

"553. 1. Cause congestion and danger in surrounding roads. The Wiend, The Highcroft and Bromborough Road.

2. Will cause people to park illegally on yellow lines on Church Road. Again, dangerous and causing congestion.

3. Will disrupt community and civic life with no free parking for the library, the Civic centre/adult learning classes and church goers.

4. Will have an adverse effect on shops and businesses on Church Road and drive customers away to free parking areas such as The Croft Retail park at Bromborough.

5. The loss of any more shops or services from the parade in Church Road would be devastating for the Bebington community

6. This will make people travel further in cars for alternative shops and services rather than staying local therefore causing more traffic on the roads and more congestion in areas like The Croft Retail Park in Bromborough"

"554. I attend classes at Bebington Civic Hall and object to the fact that a 3 hour class will mean that I have to pay for three hours parking, for only 10 minutes over 2 hours.

Equally if I use the train from Hoylake why should I have to pay for car parking when other stations on Merseyrail will be free?"

555. Local business will loose trade if one will not pay to use local shops

556. I am concerned about you starting to charge for parking at thurstaston common. When parking charges were introduced in Royden park we saw an increase in parking on Sandy lane/Thorstone Drive in Irby. It is likely this will increase further if charging starts at thurstaston common. At busy times on weekends and days of nice weather the congestion caused at the junction of Thorstone drive and Sandy lane in Irby and all along Sandy lane makes it a very tricky junction to navigate. I am also concerned about increased congestion on school lane which is already busy and at times problematic at school pick up and drop off. I am concerned for our safety as pedestrians in these areas with the increase traffic the parking charges will cause. Additionally, there is plenty of evidence that access to green spaces such as thurstaston common are important for health and wellbeing. By introducing charges you are making it more difficult for those who are struggling in the cost of living crisis access these green spaces and thus increasing health inequalities. Overall not good. I am also opposed to the charging in roslin road car park. Local businesses will suffer as fewer people will drop by services in the village and we will potentially lose some valued services eg. Post office from Irby village. This would be a major loss for me.

557. Sadly I haven't visited Heswall since I was fined for parking on a Sunday when I was under the impression it was Free after 3. Another local restaurant business has lost a regular customer. Current parking arrangements at some of these sites have stopped me from visiting as I don't want to use the phone to pay. I have had issues in the past and it is unfair on older people like myself.

558. It's another nail in the coffin for small businesses.

"559. The overnight £1 proposal will not easily be policed. It is the thin end of the wedge. Parking charges in general will not encourage people to come to the region thus impacting the retail economy. I also believe that residents and their visitors should not be charged for parking.

In my opinion this survey is a tick box exercise by the Council who have already made up their minds on what will happen. As with the 20 mph scheme and the cycle paths."

560. The council closed Bromborough library so I have only Bebington or Eastham libraries. I could walk to Bromborough library but now I have to drive to Bebington or Eastham library which you are now trying to install car park charges. Why? You have taken away a facility and now want to charge me for using others which are further away.! It makes me sad.

561. Paying for parking will kill off the trade and put families off going to that area.

"562. Hi, you may already be aware of the plans to reintroduce parking charges in the car park. If you don't, sorry to be the bearer of bad news. It's quite advanced as no political party has objected to it. Its at TRO stage. Which is a traffic regulations order, so legally they have to consult the public. The sign went up on 25th September, however, you have until 23rd October to have your say and object. There is a sign with QR code by the car park entrance but I will forward you a link to Wirral gov. It is the section on the form that relates to 22 non paying car parks and Church Road is in there. You have to sign up to object and

state your reasons for objecting. As it is chiefly concerned with traffic issues and their impact I have outlined some suggestions for a basis to object (see below). Feel free to use you own. They got this far 3 years ago and after consultation decided to impose charges. It was only because of a legal dispute it got side lined. So everybody needs to object. I think it will have a detrimental impact on trade as they want to charge 1.20 per hour! Additionally anyone working for you and parking will pay £6 per day!

Objections

1. Cause congestion and danger in surrounding roads. The Wiend, The Highcroft and Bromborough Road.
2. Will cause people to park illegally on yellow lines on Church Road. Again, dangerous and causing congestion.
3. Will disrupt community and civic life with no free parking for the library, the Civic centre/adult learning classes and church goers.
4. Will have an adverse effect on shops and businesses on Church Road and drive customers away to free parking areas such as The Croft Retail park at Bromborough.
5. The loss of any more shops or services from the parade in Church Road would be devastating for the Bebington community
6. This will make people travel further in cars for alternative shops and services rather than staying local therefore causing more traffic on the roads and more congestion in areas like The Croft Retail Park in Bromborough.

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563. Wirral has an ageing population and rely on being able to park free on the local promenades for leisure walks

564. As above

565. There are many small businesses that will potentially have to cease trading. Those close to the Croft especially which has free parking. The council will then lose all the business rates.

566. The schemes in New Brighton will affect local businesses and discourage Wirral residents from using the area for exercise and recreational activities thus being detrimental to health. As a Bebington resident I believe again that the proposed charges will have a detrimental affect on local businesses. The Barlow Road one will discourage people using the train from Bebington Station. The Church Road one will have a huge affect on library usage and use of civic centre by various groups. Also is it right to charge sick people when they are visiting the GP surgery?

567. Church Road bebington. Lots of independent business or people working who are on minimum wage who are going to have yet another outgoing. People are struggling as it is with the cost of living increasing and are struggling to make ends meet. It is going to affect so many people. There are community hubs which will end up closing due to the fact there is no free car parking! Free parking brings business to the area and as someone who works in bebington the one thing that is always mentioned is that people travel to visit as it is so convenient especially with the free parking! There are numerous cafes which people travel to so this will majorly impact their business too.

568. As above this will definitely impact on the smaller shops around these areas

569. This is going to kill the High Streets. I go into Bromborough village for various reasons most days. In addition I also use the Bebington car parks (as my Mum lives there). If I continued to to this it would cost be about £8 every week. There's no way I could afford this so would need to change my shopping habits & use places like The Croft more often. This would be harm our hard working small businesses massively

570. Making it less attractive to visit. Dstroying business opportunities

571. Small businesses are already closing with increased costs. Introduction of car parking in Bebington and Bromborough would impact the trade massively and drive customers to large superstores. Stores already struggling - thus could be the death of the Wirral high street

572. Church Road Bebington- if you charge you will kill off the village which is already struggling. I feel the council could have stepped in to prevent the Co/op closing which started the deterioration and feel the council does not think through the consequences of their actions, Too many people use the civic centre including the library, medical centre,3Ls and shops. No side roads can take the inevitable street parking. Please reconsider.

573. So much for 'Wirral - The leisure peninsula'. Well being is very important. Regeneration of New Brighton is very important. Local businesses are very important. How will paid parking help these?

"574. Some of these locations will benefit from a parking charge but I object specifically to any charges being raised for car parks designed to serve small local shops - Charging for parking in these areas will further decimate the ""village"" shops and drive people even more to the retail parks and superstores where they can park for up to 2 or 3 hours without charge.

Similarly, charging for parking associated with local libraries and civic centres will impact the use of those public services.

Church Road Bebington serves Bebington Civic Centre who host a variety of 3L's courses for seniors and most of these courses run for two hours, requiring a 3 hour parking charge. People will stop signing up for the courses which will impact on members of the public using 3L's as well as the volunteers and tutors which will inevitably result in the courses being cancelled and the Council will lose the income from renting the space to 3L's. I am only

aware of this one as I use it every week but am sure others will be similarly affected resulting in some losses to the Council. Why not consider a free parking period of, say 3 hours for all locations serving local shops and civic centres?"

575. I am a local resident and I can see the effect of lack of parking and now to charge parking will have on local businesses if charges are brought in. Look at Birkenhead no one goes there as cheaper to go Liverpool or retail parks which have more retail places and the more people don't go the less businesses around. Charging small local areas will make it a ghost town and increase resident parking and make it more dangerous for residential streets for children if traffic increases.

576. These are all car parks which service medical centres, libraries and small businesses. It will impact on small business as car parking is free at large retail centres. People still need medical treatment so they will park in side roads and cause problems for residents.

577. Council justification is that this will help with turnover of different customers to these car parks to aid business. There is no evidence whatsoever to support this and will drive customers away from local business towards the likes of the rick retail and croft retail estates where parking is free, this causing even more congestion around these roads. Also charging for car parks close to or adjacent to train stations is a massive deterrent for using public transport. If anything this will encourage people to park in non chargeable zones in residential areas and on pavements. Or drive further distances and be on the roads longer.

578. This will push vehicles into side streets & stop visitors to the area having an effect on local businesses. This may cause businesses to close. The money the council spend on creating the scheme will have then been wasted & very short sighted scheme.

579. There is plenty of room in these area for genuine parking. Fees would discourage shopping in these areas reducing revenue to businesses that are already struggling. I believe this is just a money grabbing ploy by the council

580. Please do not take away free parking from our already struggling village centres. The off-road car parks included in this scheme are a lifeline for local shops and those attending doctors surgeries, such as Church Road car park in Bebington. On busy days the parking is already overflowing onto Church Road and making the area exceptionally busy.

581. This is not about aiding traffic flow it's about trying to make money and killing off retail and leisure facilities on the Wirral. Shame on you!

582. Will kill tourism

583. Introducing parks in these areas will have a negative impact on local businesses and communities. When people can park free in local retail parks we should be introducing incentives to keep people in their local areas supporting businesses.

584. Parking charges will impact on employees in these areas who travel to their place of work by car, increasing financial hardship to already low paid workers. Customers for the

local businesses may choose to shop elsewhere. Patients attending medical appointments at Civic medical centre will have to pay to park.

"585. I don't agree with charging local residents to park their own cars on the street they live on

Charging all local car parks will drive business away from local shops / businesses"

586. Yes the local business here keep these areas alive. Introducing parking charges will have a devastating impact on business and then subsequently affect shop rent and council income. You should be encouraging off street parking not discouraging it.

587. Does the council understand the implications of putting a car parking charge will mean that foot fall will decrease for business - resulting in less revenue in business rates and job losses .. therefore more drain of council resources! Or are you just inept???

"588. I am apart of Life Church in Bebington, and my wife works there and I know that car park is very helpful during the week to the people who visit the church. Some visiting for support with food, some who visit to attend our free coffee mornings, giving people a space to be warm, and have a hot drink and food completely free of charge to them. If you then add paid parking this could push those people away. Not to mention the amount of people who will then move to parking in the residential side streets.

Alongside this, I am unsure if this parking charge would then be in effect on Sundays, which again would heavily impact people attending the church.

Putting this scheme in place will massively effect the row of shops from the car park on Church Road and Barlow Avenue, and will just place people one step further into shopping online instead of using local businesses."

589. If charges are brought into force in some of the car parks then it will kill off local businesses. Surely the money raised won't justify the damage it will do to the loca economy.

590. You're going to ruin the local business community, thus lowering your earnings from them!

591. Charging will only put off visitors which will be detrimental to local shops. Visitors who still use these shops will only park in residential areas which are already over crowded with cars

592. I live in Parkside Road Bebington and the parking situation is being a joke with none residents parking in it. If you introduce a charge on the free car parks they will just park in side roads (Parkside bring one of them). You will not make the area residents only without the residents paying for it but you will waste thousands on installing the parking nesters and employing new attendants. Leave the car parks free or make all the side roads residents only.

593. Paying for parking will have huge effects on local areas. People will park on streets causing more disruption.

594. The parking in Bebington allows it to be more financially sensible to shop locally, if we have to pay then we may as well go to asda or elsewhere. It feels like the council want to close as many local businesses as possible. Not everyone has the time to walk to the shops and it feels like these decisions are made by people who have much more freedom than the average worker who is working long hours or shifts.

595. This will badly affect small businesses within these areas. No one will want to support these businesses as they won't be able to afford to pay to park. It will just increase the big supermarket profits and small businesses will close. The community needs small businesses. The church road car park is mainly used by people accessing the civic medical centre. This would be an outrageous charge. Please reconsider hitting the people of Wirral with these charges.

596. It will close businesses

"597. This will harm businesses and prevent people being able to easily access services and walking for mental health.

Some people can only easily access via a car and this will cause parking issues on local roads where no charges are involved "

598. I live in Roland Avenue which is currently a busy residential road anyway - charging for this car park will simply cause everyone to park in the road more than they already do - obstructing driveways, creating a hazard to residents and children by obstructing sightlines. The small businesses in Higher Bebington will be hit hard by this, this is on no-one's interest expect the council's who may generate relative pennies as opposed to making life a misery for residents and business owners alike. Just leave it as it has been for decades. Residents permits will be needed and will need to be enforced otherwise.

599. I am a local resident in Bebington and charging for the carpark in Roland avenue would mean I would be reluctant to shop locally due to the charge. Also, putting up children from the local school would be made harder and incase traffic parking on the roads causing more potential danger for children going and leaving school. Street seen is already in the area a lot due to inadequate parking on the roads. Charging for the carpark will only make it worse and more unsafe for the children.

600. Charging in these areas will have the same impact as mentioned previously. It will also destroy small businesses by these car parks

601. I believe adding parking costs to any of these sites is extremely detrimental to all businesses in the surrounding areas and will cause parking issues for local residents.

602. There are small businesses in these areas whose livelihoods depend on passing trade. Charging for these car parks will drive trade to the out of town retail parks and result in small businesses going under. This will leave us with ghost towns where communities used

to be. Some of these car parks also provide access to amenities such as libraries upon which members of the community, such as myself, depend. It seems entirely unreasonable if you to say that people who cannot afford to park there cannot use the free council amenities the car park serves. It is surely preferable for us all to have a thriving and bustling town where businesses prosper and people are supported to access amenities. Charging for these car parks will be the final nail in the coffin for our struggling local high streets.

603. Ruining local businesses

"604. This scheme would have a devastating impact on local businesses. I know I won't pay to park at All port Lane car park when there is free parking at retail parks so I won't be shopping in Bromborough village.

I also use Roland Avenue around park in Higher Bebington for recreational purposes but if I have to pay I either won't carry on with bowling or park on residential roads which may have an impact on the local community. "

605. small businesses need to be thought of, people will not pay to nip in to a shop for 2-5 minutes. these places are all quick places you visit ie food shops, florists and pet shops

606. This will damage the local shops making people travel to shopping parks (possibly out of area, thereby reducing local revenue streams) it will also stop people from using local amenities such as Wirral 3l,s

607. Stop trying to squeeze the life out of our communities by charging people for everything. Footfall in local shops is important. If you add more expense to it, it will drive people away. Leave the local communities alone. We do enough in the absence of a properly functioning council, to enhance where we live and now these proposals threaten all of that hard work. If you are looking to make extra money, look closer to home. Considering the amount of council tax we pay, we get very little in return. Stop commercialising everything.

608. Charging for car parking in Bebington shopping areas will deter people from using our shops, leading to businesses closing. It will increase parking on streets locally. All these car parks are used by people visiting doctors surgeries, dentists and opticians It will cost the council large sums to implement this horrendous proposal.

"609. With particular reference to Church Road - object to charge for parking as believe it will be detrimental to business in that area. In addition, detrimental to users of the library, and the medical centre.

With particular reference to Barlow Avenue - similar objects in relation to customers of nearby business, in addition to significant concerns in relation to users of the train station

(which has very limited parking available) and the likelihood of drivers using side streets which are already busy and will impact residents."

610. I disagree very strongly about introducing parking charges in these car parks, especially the Bebington & Bromborough car parks which I use regularly. This will be the kiss of death for many local businesses and also for the use of libraries if we have to pay to park when we are just for example , dropping donations off at charity shops, giving business to small coffee shops, returning books to the library etc etc ... PLEASE RECONSIDER AND CONTINUE YO LET THESE CAR PARKS BE FREE OF CHARGE

"611. Local businesses which are already struggling to remain open will be hit hard because people are already finding it difficult to support smaller local businesses with cost of living crisis. The council will lose out too in the end , people will stop using car parks and the machines and other changes you will carry out will be a waste of money.

It's an older community and residents need their cars to shop and support local.

We have a set income and can't continue to stretch to these extra costs"

612. Unfair on local businesses and people trying to support local businesses.

613. Undermining effect on local economy and congestion on side streets from cars seeking free parking.

614. These are areas that people should be able to access at minimal or no cost in order to keep fit or maintain their mental health, there shouldn't be a charge or increased charge to park in these areas

"615. This will have a devastating effect on our villages and small businesses who are only just recovering from the crushing impact that Covid presented them with, and some sadly never recovering, resulting in closure. The outcome of this proposal could be more and more empty shops which ultimately means that the council would lose out as there would be no cars wanting to use the car park anyway. How much will have to be spent to install all the pay stations and associated software and then of course paying for traffic wardens to police the car parks?

There are other implications to this plan such as drivers having to park in side streets causing problems to local residents and drivers parking irresponsibly.

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616. Destroys high streets, leads to unsafe parking blocking residential areas.

617. This will ruin local shopping . Have some sense !

"618. This will crucify local businesses, already struggling with high rents and low foot fall.

To charge for parking would mean fewer people using the shops so fewer people parking anyway - the council wouldn't make any money!

It also means people will park inconveniently in local streets and residential areas.

There is no point to this idea - it won't make the council enough money to justify the cost of setting up this scheme.

Leave our free car parks alone! "

619. There is no need to punish people who live on the Wirral with more charges. It will affect people wanting to come to the area and local business

620. This will have a detrimental effect on small local businesses . In the case of Barlow Avenue it will stop people getting the train to work as if they are to pay to park they might as well drive and park nearer work.

621. Another joke, who's taking about back hander now then.

622. Do some real work

"623. I would like to object to the proposed introduction of parking charges to the car park in Church Road, Bebington.

I have recently started a course with the 3Ls at Bebington Civic Centre. The 3Ls is a charity which supports a huge range of courses which benefit people from right across the Wirral. The charges would mean an additional cost of £3.60 per member for each class which would be unaffordable for many people. Also it would be an even greater cost for the tutors who are there for longer and for the volunteers, without whom, the charity would not exist. These charges might result in the closing of the 3Ls in Wirral.

This car park is also used by a range of people visiting Bebington Library who may also be put off by the charges which is disgraceful.

Finally, the car park is used by people visiting the local shops in Church Road. These are small local businesses which would be severely hit by a reduction in customers, resulting in a row of boarded up shops.

I am generally in support of reducing car usage but this area is very poorly served by public transport and so greener options are, unfortunately, not a viable alternative in this case.

I also understand the need to raise funds by the council and so would suggest that maybe a charge of £1 per visit to the car park may be a fairer option for all.

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624. It will kill local traders, we will have lots more empty shops/business premises.

625. I write specifically about Church Road Bebington, Roland Avenue Car Park and Barlow Avenue Bebington which support small local shopping parades and local centres. The

vacancy rate of these shopping parades hangs on a knife edge and the retail and commercial units are reliant on the free car parking which support them. Bebington Village in particular over the last 1-2 years has seen the number of vacant units reduce after a sustained period of decline, and this has been supported in no short part by the availability of free parking. The free parking is also a lifeline to access to community services during the week including the Bebington Library and Doctors Surgery. The decision to charge to park will result in the decline of these local, much needed centres at a time where the businesses and communities need them most.

626. It's a money grasping scheme. The people of Wirral have to pay to use most of the roads out of here and now we have to pay to travel around/ park where we live

627. In a cost of living crisis, the last thing the people need are more charges for trying to survive. Less and less people are going to visit the area causing a decrease in interest/funds for the area.

628. Lots of people use these car parks to support local communities and shops, as well as attending doctors appointments and libraries etc. Widening access doesn't seem to be on the councils list, rather make it more difficult. If had to pay do you think people will just nip to the library for a book for their kid, I don't think so! The knock on effect will be in schools and learning in these children. People will question if they should go the doctors if having to pay, knock on effect for untreated conditions that get worse on the NHS. Shops close down, people's livelihoods are put into question and increased numbers of benefits. Wirral should be thriving, but this will make people go elsewhere to the detriment of our local communities or not access the services that prevent other issues. Seems to be trying to get money on one hand, but end up spending more with the other!

629. Will negatively impact local businesses and make it difficult for local families to enjoy the area

630. These are smaller car parks used by people supporting local businesses.

631. It will severely impact local businesses

632. It will destroy the small businesses. Empty shops, run down areas, less revenue all round.terrible idea

633. I am a business owner in New Brighton. We do not wish for our customers to pay for parking in an already expensive world. We are a family owned and run leisure business. Our customers come to us as a luxury not a necessity. We have received a substantial rent increase and now more than ever we need our customers. We feel adding parking charges will discourage people coming into New Brighton. We also use this space as a family for our children and dog daily. We will not be able to afford these parking charges daily, which is extremely saddening as we have used this space daily for over 40 years.

634. Introducing charges will kill off small town high streets that are already struggling

635. This will affect all the local shops in the area and cause people to park in side streets , causing road congestion and a hazard for people trying to cross roads

"636. Subject: Objection to Proposed Changes Affecting Public Car Parking Across Wirral

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing as a resident of Wirral to formally object to the proposed changes regarding public car parking across the area. These changes will have a significant negative impact on residents, particularly in light of the ongoing cost of living crisis. Below are my key concerns:

1. Financial Impact on Families

Introducing charges for car parks and on-street parking that were previously free, along with increasing existing charges, will further strain already stretched household budgets. Many residents are grappling with rising costs of energy, food, and other essentials. Adding parking fees to this burden is not only inconsiderate but will also disproportionately affect families, especially those with lower incomes who rely on local services and community facilities.

2. Overnight Parking Charges

The proposal to introduce a £1 overnight parking fee (6:30pm - 8:00am) will negatively affect residents who may need to park overnight due to lack of off-street parking options. This charge also affects workers in hospitality, healthcare, and other sectors that operate during evening or night hours. For these workers, who often face unsociable hours, this fee is an additional tax on earning a living, effectively penalising them for circumstances outside of their control.

3. Impact on Local Businesses

Increasing parking fees will deter visitors from using town centres and local high streets, pushing them towards out-of-town shopping centres where parking is free. This risks harming small, local businesses that are already struggling to recover from the effects of the pandemic. It is crucial to support local trade rather than inadvertently encouraging people to shop elsewhere due to parking costs.

4. Increased Cost of Resident Parking Schemes

Raising the cost of resident parking permits places an unfair financial burden on households, many of whom have no other choice but to park on the street due to limited driveway or garage space. This increase is unnecessary and will particularly affect those living in more densely populated areas, where parking space is already at a premium.

5. Inflationary Pressures

The proposed inflationary increases come at a time when inflation is at historically high levels. Any attempt to link parking charges to inflation risks creating a continuous and unsustainable rise in parking costs. This will place a constant strain on residents, who are already dealing with the effects of inflation on essential goods and services.

In conclusion, the proposed parking changes place an unfair financial burden on local residents and will exacerbate the cost of living crisis. I urge the council to reconsider these proposals, taking into account the significant financial strain already felt by Wirral residents, and to explore alternative ways of generating revenue that do not disproportionately impact families, workers, and small businesses.

I hope you will take these concerns into serious consideration before proceeding with these proposals."

637. My elderly mother uses the shops at Bromborough, although she doesn't drive the introduction of car parking charges will cause a decrease in the amount of people visiting the village. The fear is businesses will move out of Bromborough village making it a ghost town. The civic hall and library have already closed- I don't think Bromborough should be expected to take another hit like this. Similar things will happen in areas where parking fees are introduced New Brighton Floral pavilion is already struggling.

638. Having owned a business on Church rd I know the area very well, charges would be disastrous for all concerned. Local business and shops find it difficult to make ends meet as it is, We need to encourage people to use local amenities not scare them away.

639. Charging people to park in areas of low public transport support such as Thurstaston goes against the council's current policies encouraging healthy living.

640. See above

641. Will increase pressure on side roads during busy periods. No mention of what these charges will fund. Reduce tourism to area and reduce business for local businesses

"642. Similar to my comment regarding New Brighton, this will clearly have a detrimental impact on local business and stop people using this listed green spaces.

I honestly think this is crazy!"

643. These are great places for people to park, whilst out for a walk & charging I'd disgraceful

644. Same as above people should be able to go and enjoy themselves without it costing a fortune

645. Stop trying to make money from the few remaining free areas to park. Parking charges have slowly killed off local areas for local people, especially in Liscard and New Brighton.

Adding charges to the few remaining free areas will destroy these areas further. Instead of making more money you will lose money as people simply refuse to travel to the areas anymore.

646. Only objection is about the derby pool and fort perch rock. Again, this will drive people away, people who go to dine out etc

647. In Bebington will make a huge difference to our small villages. And also asking people to park up and walk children to school will cost to more struggling families

648. Another extra tax

649. As above comments with kings parade. One of the unique things about this area is it is free for all to enjoy the outdoors and shared spaces of our beautiful beaches. How could anyone even suggest this as an idea, it will drive away visitors for local businesses, and makes it feel like a police state. As a resident it is amazing to enjoy the freedom of movement and to just be able to pop down and enjoy the area without worrying about extra costs in an already difficult financial climate. By adding parking costs you are hurting the community. It is purely greed and a money making scheme that you would even suggest this as a logical move for the community. Visitors comment to me about how free parking makes new brighton stand out from other resorts and now they come back to enjoy the area and spend money in the local economy. Please don't take this away from us, it is what helps make wirral a special place for all to enjoy

650. Residents are being penalised simply because they do not have a driveway

651. No payment should be due in daytime hours for new Brighton Derby pool kings parade and marine promenade. But overnight parking should carry a charge. This balances the effect of implementation away from local people visiting the dips or memorial chairs along the prom or using local businesses.

652. I visit Bebington village a lot, and I know that the businesses there rely heavily on those using the free car park to come and visit them. Having to pay for the use of this car park, will be devastating for this small village, at a time when they need all the support they can get. I completely disagree with this scheme.

653. Will impact on local businesses

654. I already pay to use these roads

"655. There will be no parking in any areas

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"656. I find it incomprehensible that you are considering these charges when they will obviously had a huge detrimental effect on local businesses who are already struggling, competing with large supermarkets. Not only that but personally, and I'm sure for a lot of others too, going to the doctors will now be expensive. My husband has to have regular blood tests and doctors appointments.

Have you had any thought for local residents who will be plagued by cars parking in narrow streets and roads?

I cannot for the life of me see how you can even think about it, surely your role is to make sensible decisions, not implement money making schemes which will simply make life for most people, more difficult."

657. Having to pay to park to go to the doctors is ridiculous, although the charge isn't significant there is a cost of living crisis and to people who are already suffering every pound is precious. This will also discourage people to use their local high street, people use the local high street for convenience however if it's going to cost money to use the local high street people may as well go to the bigger shopping centres.

658. I believe this will reduce footfall in the area, this affecting the local shops and amenities.

659. See comments in 12

660. The church road, Bebington carpark is heavily used by members of Wirral 3Ls, who are mainly pensioners and under this proposal would have to pay at least £3.60 for each session in addition to the fees that they already pay to Wirral 3Ls - this would disproportionately affect a lower income group who often need the social interaction that the 3Ls sessions provide.

661. They car parks are surrounded by small businesses

"662. Wirral Council need to wake up and become a reasonable and caring council towards it residents.

Your residents keep you in business by paying their rates.

Wirral Council in fact the whole of Merseyside Council waste their residents plus I will state again the people who keep them in business hard earned money.

The council plan the most ridiculous schemes to waste our money on. Schemes constantly going above the planned cost. Basically the council bankrupts themselves.

THEN TO COVER THE COST OF THEIR RIDICULOUS PLANS THEY HIT THEIR RESIDENTS AND EVERY LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS.

THESE CAR PARKING CHARGES ARE TOTALLY SELFISH, DANGEROUS AND CRUEL.

YOU ALREADY CHARGE AT EASTHAM WOODS CAR PARK.

YOU ARE ALSO SUPPOSED TO CONSIDER THE HEALTH OF YOUR RESIDENTS. BESIDES THE MENTAL TRAUMA YOU ARE ABOUT TO INFLICT ON BUSINESS OWNERS WHAT ABOUT HEALTH FAMILIES WALKING OUTDOORS ETC.

IT ALSO RESULTS IN DANGEROUS PARKING ALONG THE PIER AREA OF EASTHAM.

YOU INTEND TO ADD PARKING FEES TO THE SMALL VILLAGE AREAS OF THE WIRRAL WHICH WILL KILL LOCAL BUSINESS AND HIT THE POCKETS OF RESIDENTS.

STOP BEING SO SELFISH.

WE THE RESIDENTS OF WIRRAL ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR RIDICULOUS AND POOR FINANCIAL PLANNING.

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663. As previously discussed particularly for pensioners and less able people

"664. Car parking schemes noted in Bebington, Church Road, Barlow Avenue, Roland Avenue, are all alongside small local businesses, These include such shops as pharmacies, small independent grocery outlets, coffee shops, charity stores, florists, bookshops, food takeaways. These are the sort of shops obviously that people pop into because they are convenient and local.

Whilst a lot of time may not be spent shopping in these areas per trip, people are certainly not going to pay additional money to, for example just pop into a pharmacy to collect a prescription, the alternative being the ability to arrange delivery of medication for a significant numbers of local shoppers. That itself has a small impact such as increasing pollution and traffic on roads that are already in a disgraceful state across the borough. Alternatively, people will end up driving a little further to collect Prescriptions from supermarkets in main retail parks. Again increasing traffic on badly maintained roads and pollution.

Currently local coffee shops in these areas see a reasonable trade from people who are free to spend a little extra time after shopping to enjoy a drink or a snack or meet with friends. For a number of people this is seen as a little treat, but if it was in the future to expand the time spent at the local shops involving an additional expenditure for parking I would suggest that this is not going to happen . I certainly would not feel able to sit and enjoy such a break as I would feel unable to afford that sort of additional expenditure. For older people feeling unable to enjoy a little treat or to meet up with others because of any additional cost in parking this could have a significant impact on their well-being and mental health. Whilst they may be able to afford to use a car locally or indeed have to because of some disability having to even consider what may be a relatively small additional cost, people fail to understand that to that section of the population, it would be significant.

I would suggest that people in general will give more thought to ensuring that they purchase all the groceries and such like that they need during their main shop thereby eliminating the likelihood of running out of an item and popping to a local shop in between the times they do their main shop. Who is going to pay an extra pound to pop out for a pint of milk or a loaf of bread?

With regard to charity shops people either stop to drop something off or spend time browsing again if this means expanding the time they actually need while using the other shops they are unlikely to do so to the same extent if this involves increasing time on a car park charge.

For local florists and bookshops people will just revert to purchasing such items at larger supermarkets where the parking is free.

There is absolutely no doubt that such schemes will impact the viability of small businesses. Please do not insult the general populous by in any way denying this. This will ultimately result in the closure of businesses unable to afford building leases and rents. This will result in shuttered up premises gradually turning the area into dirty derelict spaces where people were certainly no longer wish to shop at any businesses that do manage to survive.

Well done council.

People will undoubtedly start parking in local roads outside of these car parks that in itself is dangerous. Apart from being a significant irritation to local residents, driveways become blocked, double lines are ignored and people do not park within the required distance away from a junction thereby presenting a danger, to both drivers and pedestrians trying to enter or exit those roadways.

Whilst we can all be concerned and attempt to understand the difficulties the council has in balancing budgets and providing for the increasing needs of local residents, perhaps more thought could be given to offering the first hour in these car parks free thereby allowing those who are just popping into a shop for one or two items or collecting a prescription or really cannot afford to pay for extra time to browse etc., to still patronise local businesses."

665. Penalising residents who already pay large council tax bills. It will also deter visitors from spending time and money in the area, often at local businesses.

666. The car parks are used for local shops, doctors, social clubs paying for the cars parks means I will not be able to afford to use these facilities. If you start charging for the car parks the local shops etc will end up like Birkenhead since the charges in the car parks in Birkenhead the market is all most gone and a lot of the shops are empty you are losing on the rates on these buildings.

667. Yes it's stupid. If you need more money stop wasting it.

"668. Many people use these car parks to travel to and from work , not only will this destroy the local train stations, which are Green for the environment, this will also hurt the lower paid worker and cause major congestion for residential owners.

I've worked on the wirral for over 15 years , travel 6 days per week through the brikenhead tunnel , the cost per day will be unaffordable in today's hard times .

Please either lower the tariffs or completely abolish the scheme "

669. This is a tax on the poorer people trapping them at home. It cost a fortune to run a car as it is

670. Yes. I will be unable to visit Bebington library and will have to cancel my 3LS membership and courses if charges are imposed at Church Road car Park.

671. Yes. The winter fuel payment has stopped and now you want to add further hardship to residents. I use the Bebington carpark at the moment but if this parking fee goes ahead it is going to cost me a further £7.20 per week ontop of my course fees. Taking this into account it will be too much expense and I'm likely to stop going to W3L thus making me housebound. I wonder how many more will be in this situation.

672. that's it try and deter more people from coming to the Wirral which means less money coming in to the area - SMART hahaha jokers you lot need to give your head a wobble

"673. It will kill the local shops, library (including 3Ls courses) for good. Bebington Village will become another depressing derelict area.

Will the Gunsight car park fall in scope for the annual ticket I purchased for Wirral Country Parks? If not why not?"

"674. This will affect people using local shops and services and will also drive up costs for local communities. It will discourage people from using them instead encouraging use of supermarkets or out of town facilities where parking is free .Some areas are poorly covered by local transport meaning it leaves little option other than to use a car.

I use the services of a voluntary organisation based in Bebington and this will have an impact on those wanting to volunteer and probably push up prices of courses which have a positive impact on people in particular the over 50's where this scheme is aimed .

Increased costs to individuals and businesses at this time are not in the best interests of Wirral.

I would be concerned at losing businesses locally .

I would also be concerned at the cost of setting up these schemes in the first place."

675. Impact to businesses will be immeasurable through this thoughtless implementation.

676. This area is frequently used by pensioners and mothers with children. This is a negative proposal and will hit a number of business as well. Please rethink if funds need to be raised then look to council tax. Our society is about including and not isolating, this is more important now than ever before.

"677. We should encourage people to park in car parks not on the street. We need more car parks and they should all be free of charge to help as many cars as possible to park off the street. Street parked cars are a big problem for safe cycling. Getting parked cars off the street would be as good if not better than cycle lanes.

I use the invigorate gym at West Kirby and as well as the monthly membership I have to pay £2 a time to use the concourse car park. If this charge is raised I will have to consider cancelling my gym membership and go elsewhere as the roads around are packed with cars and I have no choice but to use the car park."

678. Local businesses will suffer as people will shop at big supermarkets where they don't pay.

"679. Irby Village has a small, but very valuable and much used group of shops and businesses, most of which are privately owned by local people. It's important that we support our local small businesses. If residents have the choice between popping into a large supermarket, with free parking, they are not going to pay to park in Roslin Road. In addition to the shops, two cafes, which have become a valuable meeting place for a wide range of the community, including the elderly and those living alone. Irby Village is looked after nicely, with flower troughs and Christmas lights. Local residents using the village facilities should not have to pay to park for a few hours. HOWEVER...the problem of people parking their cars there for a full day and taking the bus to Liverpool for the whole day needs to be looked at urgently.

The wonderful organisation 3Ls operates at Bebington Civic Centre, offering day time classes to hundreds of people mainly over 50. These classes are not just educational, they are therapeutic, supportive and fulfill the aims of the NHS Social Prescribing Scheme. Members pay, on average £8 a 2 hour class. To add another £3.60 parking fee at Church Road Bebington to the cost of the class will be prohibitive for many and have a detrimental effect on the organisation as a whole. The 3Ls office is run by volunteers who often spend 3 or 4 hours in the office."

680. This will have an adverse affect on other nearby roads and business. In particular the Bromborough car park will see local independent business lose trade to the large free car park at the Croft. The Mill Park Eastham car park is mostly used for very short stays by people stopping on yjeir way to amf from homes in the area and will simply push parking to other roads.

"681. Car park charges will have a detrimental effect on local busines and more importantly The 3 Ls charity which provides much needed courses and activities for the over 50s. They will loose

much appreciated volunteer admin personnel who work for free, Tutors who are paid by the charity to run the courses and the members who are pensioners. This park should and must remain free of charge so that much need

community activities can continue and for the village to thrive."

"682. Introducing parking charges for where you reside will reduce prosperity in the region. People will look to live elsewhere, perhaps in another county. Why should people with a

driveway have free parking whilst people in the same road be charged ? I have already been charged a one-off fee for my permit.

These charges will destroy local businesses as people will have less disposable income, the knock on effect will also affect the local authority sports centres as less people will be able to afford to use them. Surely this is the opposite of the desired effect of encouraging residents to be more active."

683. Adding new parking charges to previously free parking lots is going to squeeze local businesses, drive the traffic that was formerly parked in a controlled parking bay into local streets, clogging up residential areas. It's also squeezing extra money out of residents for wanting to shop locally and support local businesses, which should be encouraged rather than penalised.

684. This will severely impact on local small businesses in Allport Lane, which increasingly is effected by the expansion of the Croft Retail park which is free car parking.

685. Most of these car parks service areas with small shops, If you introduce charges, people will go elsewhere.

686. Roland Ave Higher Bebington. Used by most for short periods to collect from schools or short visit to shop. Charges will just cause more people to park in adjacent roads creating danger in a very very busy area at school drop off and collect times. Should be encouraging use of this car park, not discouraging.

687. Not a single car park you're not charging at then! No where to just quickly pop to the shops, drop off a parcel, drop your child off quickly at their dance class for example without costing a £1 at least!! This will absolutely kill local shops and businesses.

"688. I totally object to charging for parking at all of these; some of which we use as a starting point for walks.

In particular I attend Wirral 3Ls at Bebington Civic Centre where parking is free. It would significantly increase the cost of attending the 2 hour course and popping to the Library if there were parking charges at Church Road car park.

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689. Yet another tax on hard pressed people. The church road car park is used for 3Ls volunteers, they will be unfairly penalised for providing education opportunities to retirees, who will also suffer because of limited funds.

"690. Despite the green claptrap, charging for parking is just a cynical exercise in raising money.

There are too many locations to comment individually but I would like to mention one in particular, Church Road Car Park, Bebington.

This is used by people using the Civic Centre, which includes patients visiting their GP, Library users and those using other facilities in the centre which includes 3L.

This is an Adult Learning non profit organisation staffed by volunteers, the majority of both students and volunteers will be pensioners.

Charging them will result in a vast reduction of both "students" and volunteers and this will have a major effect on the mental health and wellbeing of these vulnerable people "

691. Certainly the ones that are proposed for Barlow Avenue Car Park, Bebington. Church Road Car Park, Bebington. Roland Avenue Car Park, Bebington. Allport Lane Car Park will hasten the demise of the local shops and simply encourage people to make use of the free car parking at the Croft. Have the council received any financial inducement from the owners of the Croft to bring in this scheme to encourage more local residents to shop there? The introduction of charges for Church Road Bebington will greatly reduce the use made of the library and the numerous courses run by 3L although I appreciate that this will support the council in their aim of getting rid of all Wirral's libraries.

692. You are punishing people for owning a car and trying to take their children outdoors.

693. Church Rd car park Bebington is adjacent to the library where daily classes take place within the 3L's organisation. To pay for 3 hrs (£3.60) for each class will seriously ruin this organisation with much reduced classes possibly making it not viable. I suggest a concession for members of 3L's (Ideally a free parking pass) . I have been a member for over 10 years usually doing 2 classes a week, so it would cost me £7.20/week . Most members are pension age.!

"694. This scheme shows that this council knows the price of everything but the value of nothing.

Barlow Avenue car park is used by commuters going to Liverpool, Chester or Birkenhead for work, shopping or leisure. If they had to pay considerable sums of money to park then they will either drive to where they are going to (causing more congestion on the roads) or park in the roads causing further congestion and inconvenience to households and other road users.

Roland Avenue is a small car park used by shoppers for the local shops and also by people picking up/dropping off children at nearby schools. If a charge is made then this will stop which will have an adverse effect on the local businesses and cause chaos in parking by local schools which is already extremely bad with blocked, narrow roads and people blocking driveways, ignoring road markings.

Church Road Bebington is used by shoppers, patients at the doctors surgery, users of the library and 3Ls. On a Sunday some members of the congregation at St Andrews also park there. Charges here will have a devastating effect. The shops are already struggling and will do so even more, some patients will not be able to get to see the doctors as they are unable to walk too far. Usage of the library will decrease and the effect on 3Ls will be

significant. Most courses at 3Ls are 2 hours so it will be a three hour ticket, which if some does 2 or 3 courses a week will be a heavy penalty to pay. Attendance at the courses will drop and the council will then be left with an empty building and a further loss of revenue.

Allport Lane Bromborough again is used by shoppers to local shops and this area is in competition with a big retail area not that far away. Car parking is free there so guess where people will go?

These are the areas that I know about - it seems this council is absolutely intend on killing off local businesses and will be left with lots of empty shops as people go to areas where they can park or shopping on line will boom. Also if charging is introduced how much will all the equipment cost to install? I have absolutely no doubt that the council will be paying out even more money for all this than they will receive back. Well done ! Costing the council tax payers even more money through stupid ill thought out plans"

695. Many of these car parks are used by people attending community centres for urgent medical needs or educational uses. Charges on parking for long appointments or educational classes will be significantly prohibitive and will restrict or even stop many of these activities, which are vital to the wellbeing of the community

696. The imposition of parking fees for Church road will have a detrimental effect on 3Ls charity, perhaps leading to the closure of this well worth charity. It will also have an adverse effect on the use of Bebington Library and the nearby shops and businesses. Disabled people will find it harder to access these services and it will cause those who are able to use the surrounding streets for parking. This will cause those living in the area annoyance. Parking is already difficult in that area and the car park is often near capacity. The proposal will exacerbate parking difficulties

697. I don't have an opinion on this scheme but the survey does not have an option for me to say that, so I clicked No.

698. Paying to Park on the Wirral disadvantages the poor and restricts peoples freedom of movement. It also discourages people from exercise so will have a knock on increase in the cost of the NHS. Cancel this scheme.

699. Imposing these charges will place extra financial burden on the communities of Wirral when all or most can ill afford them. It will also put community activities at risk of closure as parking is an important part to access these services as many people volunteer their time freely, having to pay upwards of 1.20 to 3.60 is a significant cost and many or most are pensioners and cannot afford this. For too long the motorist has been an easy target to generate income for the Council, surely there is/are alternatives to this imposition. Come on Wirral Council lets have some different thinking.

700. Detre

701. Residents can not afford this

702. If parking charges are introduced into Church Road car park this will significantly put at risk the 3L's charity which operates out of the Civic Centre. The increased costs that will be incurred by students, lecturers and especially volunteers will be prohibitive and could lead to either a reduction on the services this valuable community facility provides or at worst, the closure of the charity.

703. My wife I have been a volunteer at the Floral Pavilion for over 11 years and park in the Fort Perch Rock Car park when on a shift which can be up to 8 hours long both in the day time and the evening. My wife and I are in our seventies and would have to stop our volunteering if charges are applied here.

"704. Perch Rock Carpark

I'm a Volunteer Ambassador at the Floral Pavilion. I do not want to have to pay to park when I am Volunteering at a council building

Also it will have a detrimental affect on the local businesses in NB who are already struggling. "

705. Why should we have to pay when we pay road tax and council tax

706. All these schemes will potentially affect local people's health and well being if they prevent them from getting out in the fresh air

707. I object to the proposed parking scheme in both Barlowe Avenue and Church Road Bebington. Bebington has seen a decreasing footfall since the closure of supermarket and Newsagent in the area. I do not feel it is necessary to introduce parking charges in this area. This would be a nother tax on pensioners taking into account the average age of local residents. Please re- think this decision.

"708. Yes, <https://haveyoursay.wirral.gov.uk>

Feel free to copy:

As a 30-year-old resident of Wallasey Village, I wish to formally object to the proposal to introduce parking charges along the promenade. This plan will negatively impact both locals and visitors, undermining the vibrancy of the area.

The introduction of charges will likely reduce the dwell time of visitors, which will in turn decrease spending in local businesses. The promenade and beach are particularly popular on hot days, attracting large numbers of people from both the local community and further afield. These charges could deter visitors from staying for longer periods, which would be detrimental to the local economy.

Furthermore, these charges unfairly target local residents. Why should we be expected to pay for the use of what has always been a free promenade and beach? There has never been a precedent for such charges, and the imposition of fees on an amenity that has been free for generations feels unjust.

Additionally, the proposal will exacerbate existing parking issues on residential streets. Many of these streets are already at capacity due to resident parking, and the introduction of charges will push even more vehicles into these areas, causing congestion and inconvenience for residents.

In summary, these proposed parking charges are likely to have significant negative consequences for the local area, and I urge the council to reconsider their implementation.

Yours faithfully,

Allison Gray"

"709. The pay by card system is difficult for many older people, and this scheme may prevent some from using the car parks and drive them to alternative places.

Some sort of prepay card preloaded with money at certain shops could be created to help these people who are not able to interact with these facilities. They will all be able to use the system at Arrow Park Hospital, but many people still rely on cash, and should still be able to do so."

710. This will kill local businesses and tourism.

711. This will directly impact mental health and physical health of residents due to persons not being able to access these areas because of the cost

712. People park in order to enjoy a walk or to just watch the sunset. Healthy exercise and a view of the beach. Does the Council really want to discourage daily trips for these simple pleasures? The ratepayers of the area pay highly to live here. You are taxing them twice over! This is not acceptable.

713. I use Thurstaston Car park and there is limited space now and Pay points

714. Anti business

715. As a local resident, I know that the introduction of parking charges at Allport Lane Car Park will kill Bromborough Village. There are already too many empty shops, closed down due to the expansion of the Croft Retail Park. The local businesses within the village are just about coping and we have seen a few new businesses open recently bringing more people into the village for the first time in years. If people have to pay to park to visit the village, the majority of customers will end up going to the Croft where they have extensive FREE

parking. The council should be encouraging and supporting local businesses at the heart of our community, they are the places that make Bromborough what it is and a lovely place to live. Charging people to park to use them will no doubt cause them to fail. In addition to this, as a local resident, charging to park in the car park will consequently mean people park on the roads outside our houses, blocking driveways and causing hazards/congestion on our roads. The negatives far outweigh the positives here. It'll just ruin our village.

"716. Small Local shops will suffer and side streets will become ham packed with cars trying to park.

I will not continue to volunteer for Wirral Council if this scheme goes ahead

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717. Generally speaking, adding parking tariffs to small town/village centres has a negative impact on local businesses given the availability of other 'free' options that are not too far away. As with other comments, seems like an attempt to generate funds rather than deal with a traffic-related issue.

718. This will cause people to park more dangerously outside mill park shops to avoid paying. People park incorrectly outside there already to avoid walking across the road to the car park. If you charge then it will be worse than it already is.

719. The local high streets of Wirral are in constant competition with the numerous out-of-town retail parks across the Borough, all of which have the appeal of free, accessible parking. The financial pressure on commercial properties filling those high streets is still great, with high rent costs and other inflated overheads leading to many independent businesses collapsing. As a small business owner on Church Road in Bebington, free and safe parking nearby has supported our growth, and we bring consumers from across the North West to the local area. However, parking charges will significantly reduce our current footfall and hinder any future growth. Furthermore, parking charges will push parking to on street locations along Church Road and beyond, further narrowing an already often-congested and dangerous road. This is a terrible and short-sighted idea.

720. Many of these car parks are near to local shops and charging to park there will deter people from using local shops, instead they will drive to out of town shopping malls.

721. You will be restricting local businesses with this idea

722. What were you thinking? Encourage visitors, get people to local areas. If you start charging you will drive people away. We can go to Neston where there is plenty of free parking. If I was a shop owner I would be worried that these fees would affect my business prospects. Local people are already without libraries and have only limited services. Do not add more misery by imposing car parking charges. Let us have a booming and healthy peninsula again where this is a great place to live. I'd concentrate on developing tourism instead.

723. Charging for small community car parks will deter use of small shopping centres which are often marginally viable. It will displace parking into adjacent residential streets where parking is not controlled.

724. See above comments.

725. Appalling idea which will kill off our local shops

726. People are fleeced enough by the council after paying their council tax with never ending increases. I would suggest if you want to save money reduce some of the council bosses salaries which for their stress and workload and vastly disproportionate to that of the people they are meant to represent.

"727. There are too many comments to mention about these places but my main concerns are in Irby. The car park at Thurstaston common is used by my parents to take their child to Dawpool school or nursery. If charges are introduced then they will not be used for school drop offs and it will cause more congestion around school lane and sandy lane. This will then become dangerous for all those going to school especially those who need to cross at Thurstaston road.

I regularly use the car park at Roslin road Irby when I need to pick up a parcel from the village or nip in to the shop to buy essentials such as milk and bread. As these visits are quick stops, I refuse to pay for this as it would only add to my time as well. "

728. This will genuinely stop me using the shops in Bebington and walking my dog in a variety of areas of the Wirral which stops my pop in to various businesses during the week. This is immensely short sighted and will have a massive negative impact for already struggling high streets in Wirral.

729. Specifically Bebington Church Road - the car park is used by community associations such as the 3Ls and Bebington Rambling Club. The imposition of charges will reduce participation and thus social interaction in these groups.

"730. 1 Will mean fewer customers for local businesses , many of whom are struggling at the moment .

2 Will impose extra costs on members of the 3Ls which has its classes at Bebington Civic Centre.

3 Will lead to increased congestion and parking away from the car parks in the local streets

The above are in relation to Bebington Church Road Car Park "

"731. Hoylake Carr Lane car park is used by commuters, shoppers and those walking in the surrounding area. It is never full and is mostly 50% full or less. There is no justification for charging in order to manage demand. Bringing in parking charges will prompt most people to find other places to park (Meols station car park will remain free). It will not increase

turnover of cars parking there, as suggested by your highly paid consultants who know nothing of Hoylake, it will just reduce use of public transport and cause obstruction as people park in other locations. Hoylake in particular will suffer from these parking charges as most parking and other facilities are already under subscribed and parking charges will just make this worse.

Introducing parking charges at Pasture Rd Moreton will cause problems for those visiting the health centre.

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732. As a member of the 3Ls at the Bebington Civic Centre, I am aware that a large number of members travel to the centre by car and use the car park at Church Road. The majority of members are seniors and normally attend more than one course (each course generally are approximately two hours plus, duration). The car parking charges incurred will probably cost around £3.60 per day. A number of members will probably find this as an additional strain on their income and in some cases will not be able to afford these extra costs and will therefore be forced to terminate their membership. The impact of these additional costs will clearly have a negative effect on 3Ls who provides a really valuable service to this community. It would possibly effect volunteers and tutors also. I would request you consider this situation when making your decision regarding car parking charges on this facility at Church Road, Bebington

733. This will harm local businesses

734. Again this will stop people visiting

735. Please do not bring charges into Hoylake. You will increase pressure on nearby residential roads and destroy the high street.

736. Parking charges kill the area

737. Church Road Bebington is host to 3Ls courses. Many people who are lonely attend these courses but with them costing £80 per term it would add a cost which would prevent people from attending. Mental health is important to so many people. I absolutely disagree. Also the carparks by the beaches allow people to walk their dogs or enjoy their own walks. Again we are told to get out in the fresh air but you seem to be putting obstacles in our way. With pensioners losing their heating allowance you know ask them to pay to enjoy a walk. Disgusting.

738. Several small businesses, especially those around church Rd Bebington, will get fewer visitors if the car park introduces charges, and seems counterproductive that the money raised through said parking charges will not cover the reduced business rates when small local companies have to close because of less custom, and therefore receive less funds from the car park. Visitors also use the car park on Church Rd Bebington when going to the civic way doctors' surgery this will also cause extra inconvenience and stress to those patients, especially the elderly.

"739. I attend 3Ls classes at Bebington civic centre

We are a group of mainly people who claim the state pension. I sometimes attend classes twice a week which would make £7 week which is very expensive. We have lost our winter heating allowance. This parking fee would make attendance at our beloved classes too expensive "

"740. I object to charges at the car park at Church Road, Bebington which serves the Civic Centre and GP surgery.

I am a longstanding member of the Wirral 3Ls charity which provides education classes and leisure facilities for older people, which is based in the Centre above the library. Many people attending the classes there use their cars to travel to this site from all over Wirral.

Each class lasts 2 hours so people attending them would need a three hour parking ticket for every class and there are typically 30 classes per year. In addition the volunteers and staff working in the office would have to stay even longer.

The result of these charges would mean that there would very likely be a substantial reduction in the number of attendees which would render the operation of 3Ls unviable. The charity would probably have to close, taking away a valuable resource for older people in Wirral.

In addition the Council would lose the rental income which 3Ls pays for the use of the rooms at the Civic Centre.

Furthermore taking into account the costs of installing and maintaining the ticket machines, together with enforcement costs, the Council is unlikely to make much money out of this change.

Concerning another proposal to charge at the Roslin car park in Irby (near where I live) I would point out that at present a number of the parking spaces appear to be used by people catching the bus into Liverpool during the week. These charges would certainly stop that, but also harm the trade for the local shops in the village. A limit on the allowed time parking there would solve the former problem whilst not harming the local businesses.

Of course this would mean no extra income for the Council, which is the whole point of these proposals."

741. Charging at Allport Road Bromborough would have an impact on the high street already competing with the free retail park. People will end up parking in the pub and matalan car parks to avoid the charges especially people who work in the village

"742. In respect of Roslin Road, Irby. Charging will be detrimental to already struggling businesses. If the council is hell bent on introducing charges I suggest that the first hour is free to allow short visits to the shops, charging thereafter by the hour. This might also deter

those all day parkers who are using Roslin Road as an all day 'park and ride' to Liverpool, thereby blocking valuable spaces for users of local businesses.

to Liverpool, thereby blocking valuable spaces for users of local businesses."

"743. This will deter volunteers who give their time to help the 3LS charity, all the tutors will have to be compensated further for their time.

As most courses are generally 2 hours then members will have pay to park for 3 hours and as most members attend several courses a week on top of the cost for each course then this will deter nearly all members.

The breakdown being , Cost of Membership + Cost of Course + Parking,

And you can see this becomes unaffordable, quite resulting in the 3LS Charity being no longer viable and having to closedown. "

"744. Same as No 2

Also, putting car parking charges will kill off local High streets like Bromborough and Eastham "

"745. the carparks that I know are either near shops or near the coast (leisure) There is no obvious alternative parking so as the costs increase, you will see use decrease.

The Church Road carpark Bebington is used every day by Wirral 3LS (a charity) as well as shoppers. Attending a 2 hour course would mean paying £3.60 in addition to the course fee. People who cannot access Bebington reliably by public transport have to drive or not attend. If this results in a significant number of people dropping out, there will be serious consequences for the charity which mainly provides courses and activities for those in retirement."

746. My comments about Kings Parade apply equally to the Fort car park

747. I am a local and regularly visit all of these areas for recreation purposes. To pay for this in addition to having to pay to go shopping is going beyond the pail. With mobility issues, I need a car to get there. I have been refused a blue badge despite needing a cane to walk.

748. Whole scheme costs residents whilst offering the community nothing back in return

749. This will destroy the village and local independent business to help keep the local shops going otherwise everything will go to online shopping what a shame

750. I live in Bebington and know these charges will detrimentally affect the shops which are already struggling. It will see more businesses having to close. What about charges to see the GPs? This will cause hardship to vulnerable patients. It could have serious detrimental affects on the viability of the 3Ls which provides fantastic courses for Wirral residents

751. I know local businesses which will be affected by this. They are businesses which me and my friends choose to use and a major factor in that is that we don't have to pay for parking. There are alternative places we can go which are closer to most of our homes where we also have to pay for parking.

752. This will kill small businesses

753. This will be another nail in the coffin for small local shops. Such a short sighted proposal by a council that seems to have an issue with motorists. Ironic really when one of our biggest employers is a motor vehicle manufacturer.

754. The businesses in these areas are hanging on by the skin of their teeth. If you charge people to pay to park, people will just go elsewhere causing the death of businesses and the high Street. This is a money grubbing knee jerk reaction which will ultimately result in less revenue in council taxes. If you don't think this will happen, just look at the state of Birkenhead and Liscard's Town centres which are now ghost towns inhabited only by McDonald's and charity shops and are places where anti social behaviour is common. Like it or not, people are more reliant on cars these days and they will go where they can park. 0

"755. Parking at Mill Park is mostly to nip to the shops / takeaway food establishments. You will drive traffic into local roads or stop people using the shops altogether. Who's going to pay for a 5 min stop? Stupid idea !!!!

Similarly Allport carpark? You will kill what is left of the high street as people go to the Croft retail park instead. Or is that your plan? "No one used this carpark therefore we'll flatten the library and use the whole area for building"

"756. I am writing to ask you to reconsider introducing parking charges at Bebington Civic Centre (Church Road) car park.

1. The car park is essential to elderly and infirm patients visiting Bebington Civic Medical Centre who have no alternative parking facilities. This would represent a tax on medical care and deter those in need from seeking medical attention.
2. The car park also serves Bebington Central Library and again a charge would deter use of this much needed community facility. [You have already closed Bromborough Library, forcing people from that area to travel to Bebington by car - there is no bus route linking the two places].
3. Bebington Civic Centre is also home to the Wirral 3Is, a not-for-profit charity which provides daytime courses and social activities for the over-50s. Only last week the Mayor, Councillor Cherry Povall, visited the 3Is and commented how impressed she was with its success in providing activities and social interaction for hundreds of pensioners across the Borough. Unfortunately, the proposed parking charges will impact heavily on the volunteers whose work supports the charity and the pensioners who benefit from its services. This will certainly make it more difficult to recruit volunteers and deter (often lonely) pensioners

from attending classes and social events. The proposed parking charges could undo twenty years of effort in creating the Wirral 3Ls charity at a stroke!

Please do not impose charges for parking at Bebington Civic Centre.

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757. These areas should remain free to park. There is little to do in Wirral and charging for parking will deter people from enjoying one of the simple pleasures tyat Wirral does have to offer.

758. Church Road carpark serves local shops (which at the moment are thriving) . Doctors surgery,Library and Adult Leisure /Education (3 Ls). The attendees at 3Ls are mainly of pension age and would find the additional charges a difficulty. The organisation provides a stimulating learning environment which is beneficial to mental health.

759. Should be free to Wirral residents

"760. I didn't vote this local council in to start hitting car owners with more finances.

Start looking closer to home for your funds."

761. I use the Bebington car park to shop introducing charges will drive people away.

762. I volunteer at a The Floral Pavilion and do not want to pay to do my shift. Are volunteers going to be exempt from this scheme? Wirral will lose a lot of volunteers if this scheme comes into for e

"763. Roslin Rd, Irby - encourages on street parking.

Area is already congested and is a major thoroughfare for double decker buses.

Detrimental to local businesses.

Church Road, Bebington- As a frequent user of Bebington Civic Centre, it seems I could expect to pay £3.60 per visit in addition to the cost of the course I attend as a member of 3Ls.

Tutors can expect to pay more as they will have a number of classes in one day. The knock on effect will be a decline in attendance and the possible discontinuation of the charity.

The charity plays such a strong role in the community and to see it fold would be unforgiveable.

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764. I am particularly concerned about the impact of carparking charges and where these car parks are needed to serve local shops and businesses. I am a resident of bromborough and very concerned that to impose local charges such will drive consumers away from the

village to areas without such charges. The economic impact of lost businesses due to the imposition of charges will far outweigh the revenue benefit to the Council. The village is already suffering from the loss of amenity due to the closure of the library and Civic centre which is a blight on the community. The council should be seeking to support businesses and local communities where car parks enable residents to avail of local shops and businesses. I note that New Ferry does not form part of these proposals but why are other local community centres being discriminated against?

765. The Church Road car park is helpful for anyone visiting the local church, park, library, or several independent retailers. Church Road is one of the rare streets that has a lot of retailers and not a lot of empty, shuttered buildings. The unique nature of some of the shops has people coming from all over to visit. Enforcing paid parking will limit the non-local visitors and casual footfall that allows those shops to thrive. Paid parking will drive down footfall dramatically, and Church Road will end up yet another run of shuttered shops and we will lose more fabulous independent retailers as more people choose to go to free parking areas like Bromborough Croft, or shop online.

766. These car parks are essential for those using the local shops. Charging will impact these businesses. Also, nearby side roads which are already too narrow to cope with existing parking of residents will become dangerously busy and potentially impassible. This could impact the ability of ambulances to reach residential addresses.

767. I don't agree with having to pay to park were u live very unfair on drivers in the area

768. Parking charges will kill the retail shops in Bebington and Bromborough who are even now only just about recovering from the post Covid decimation of high street businesses. It will also mean that more motorists will park in residential areas which then becomes a safety issue. Hoylake and Irby are also only now recovering with hospitality and retail customers. In all these areas more and more businesses will end up closing, people would have no reason to visit these areas, and the Council will lose income from business rates.

769. Dissuade visitors, impact local businesses, no pressure on parking. Therefore proposed scheme is illegal. Minimal revenue following cost of implementation, consultant fees etc. Other savings options available. People will just park in nearby residential area annoying residents and causing potential safety problems. The carpark next to the civic centre Bebington is used by students of the 3Ls charity. They will need to pay £3.60 minimum for each training session which will dissuade many students from attending impacting on the viability of future training courses.

770. This will have a detrimental affect on all the small business on the Wirral and will just force people to use the car parks of bigger shops as there free

771. Not necessary or wanted

772. I live near Bebington station and already suffer the parking on my street. If the carpark on Church Rd is chargeable it will worsen still. Also, I'm concerned for businesses in lower Bebington village when locals prefer to go elsewhere rather than pay to park.

773. Parking charges will impact on use of local shops and free access to use of local green areas

774. Impact on local business

775. You are going to destroy the little bits of small business that remain. This is pure greed from the council with no care for the communities it will massively effect

776. Patients attending surgeries affected will be discouraged by imposing charges. Some people don't have smart phones. Or Internet or ability to pay online. Particularly elderly.

"777. As a Life Long Learner at 3Ls Civic Centre Bebington I think these proposals disadvantage volunteers, learners and tutors who travel and use the car park at least one day a week .

I suggest a similar scheme to The Laurie's in Birkenhead where a £1 contribution to park and a permit can be given for the rest of the day .

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778. People are already financially stretched and by changing it will deter people getting out and will not shop in those areas. Will also direct people to park in residential areas and

779. This is a very shortsighted scheme which will impact on areas were there are villages and communities using local shops and local amenities. People will go to free 'out of town' locations causing shop closures , unemployment, isolation for those without cars when their local shops no longer exist . Personally I volunteer for Claire House and use the car park in Bromborough which is listed to be included in this plan . I would then have to pay to carry out my volunteering duties or claim expenses from the charity I'm trying to assist in raising funds. Completely unacceptable in both ways. Card will start to cause traffic issues by being parked in nearby streets , causing potential issues fur accident and emergency vehicles and all other pedestrians and road users who already find crossing roads around parked cars very difficult especially if using disability aids or pushing buggys or similar. Does this council want to further kill off the already hard pressed local traders who valiantly trade in completion with the online and out of town traders.

780. It's an atrocity what you're trying to implement.

781. We should be encouraging folk to exercise and shop locally and to park responsibly in designated parking places. Charging for parking discourages people from enjoying local beauty spots and from supporting local businesses.

"782. At present I volunteer as an Ambassador at the Floral Pavilion which is council run and I work many shifts a month for no wage at all and that saves the council a fortune in

wages, yet now bringing in these parking charges in New Brighton you will be expecting all the volunteers including myself to pay to park to come to a volunteering job.

I feel that all the Ambassadors and paid staff at the Floral Pavilion should have free parking and be issued with free passes otherwise you will lose volunteers which will cost you a lot more in the long run.

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783. In Bebington village we're lucky enough to have independent shops rather than chain. Those people work very hard and you're putting more undue pressure on them. It will put people off parking!!

784. Moreton in particular where I live: detrimental to local businesses- many useful shops have disappeared already whilst people visiting medical centres often can't get into their car parks so will result in having to pay to visit the Doctor.

"785. This area is too far to walk back from carrying shopping. A car is essential to use these facilities. The business will be damaged and residents will travel further to areas that don't charge for parking. This will increase vehicle emissions and damage the environment.

This area provides valuable a recreational area that is not practical to use without travelling by car. This is a charge for keeping fit and active and the consequences will be felt in years to come by the NHS, Local services and by residents suffering with obesity and diabetes."

786. Stop charging local residents to park all over the Wirral

787. I worry about the impact it will have on already struggling small businesses. They are the heart of our communities and risk losing business if people choose to go to a retail park where they can park for free. There are a lot of small businesses across the area that provide so much more than their main purpose, they give disadvantaged and diverse groups a place to belong within the community and are vital for maintaining the wellbeing of a cross section of people across the area.

788. Detrimental affect on area and local businesses

789. I am a support worker and take my clients for walks along the coast. This will not be possible when the charges come into effect. Parking charges will have a detrimental effect on local area and businesses

790. We already pay road tax. In addition it will stop people visiting and exercising here which will impact the physical and mental health of thousands of people. It will also impact local businesses at a time where things are already tough. It's simply criminal.

791. This is not an affluent area and this will add insult to injury.

792. Why not decrease the parking charge

"793. Roland Avenue car park needs to be left alone for people to use without any additional charges.

People need to be able to park to use local businesses and not only the public but the staff of these businesses need to be able to park in free car parks or on road parking outside of businesses without being charged. It is bad enough putting cycle lanes that are restricting drivers access from being able to park directly outside shops and certain houses. Also elderly people can't be having to walk all the time because they can't park anywhere to use a shop or business. Shops and businesses are paying business rates to the council and if you take the parking away it is going to directly affect the income of the businesses.

if the services/shops then aren't being used as frequently.

Teehey lane / Roland Avenue area shops and businesses in Bebington should be left alone as people need somewhere to park to use the shops and businesses locally as well as somewhere to park when it is school times as there are a lot of schools close to these shops/businesses. Roland Avenue car park needs to remain free of charge or you will end up with people not using the shops and in the long run the council will lose out as businesses close and shops will become empty meaning business rates loss of income plus putting people out of work. There is also a social aspect to consider for mental health of people in the area who could be forced to not use shops locally because of additional charges which again is going to cost the council more money long term as a result of how this will affect people in different ways."

794. Going to drive people away from local businesses causing them to close down and so more empty shops and less revenue for the council.

795. Having to factor parking charges into already stretched budgets for lots of people/families won't encourage people to come and spend money at local shops and attractions. I live in bebington and often use church road and Barlow Ave car parks to visit local shops and businesses. These car parks have always been free since I was a child in the 70's. I find it disappointing to think of these car parks having charges to use them.

796. The proposed charging for use of the Church Road Car Park by many users of the 3Ls group that meets in Bebington Civic Centre and currently provides a service to many Wirral residents may well jeopardise the viability of the group and disadvantage many members of the group who travel from locations not suitably provided with a linked up public transport network. Should the group be strangled out of existence, you would lose a tenant and many residents would lose the service provided. A lose/lose situation.

797. Parking in these residential areas will become chaotic.

798. It's extortionate and immoral

799. Yes I have started swimming at leasowe bay and paying for parking aswell as petrol would make it unaffordable, I use civic centre and library church road Bebington to join 3 Ls and pay for courses, joining fee and parking is unaffordable, I also shop in charity shops there, I volunteer at charity shop in Bromborough and would not want to pay to volunteer

800. Bebington Church road: Wirral 3Ls have volunteers attending frequently. Their tutors would have to pay for 3 hours as classes last for a full 2. Roland Bebington : state of car park surface is DISGUSTING - broken up and pot-holed. Charges there would lead to troublesome parking along main road and in local residential streets. Shops in Church Road and Roland would suffer. Charity shops on Church road would suffer. Who wants to pay to donate items?

801. The car park at Church Road Bebington is largely used by older adults and retired people attended classes at the 3Ls in the Civic Centre. Such courses added greatly to their quality of life. These charges will mean for each class they attend every week they will have to pay £3.60 in parking charges, which given the current cost of living crisis, will be prohibitive for many pensioners - myself included. The 3L is a charity and is largely staffed by volunteers and such charges may well deter them from volunteering as many may struggle to pay these charges, depending on the number of hours they volunteer each week.

"802. People need to park their cars.

Surly you want to attract visitors to the area., not drive them away.

The motorist pays Road Tax / Road Fund Licence to use their vehicle on the public highway regardless of if it's moving or stopped.

You should pay the motorist when they park as when parked they are NOT:

- 1.) Causing congestion.
- 2.) Not causing pollution.
- 3.) Not wearing out the road surface.
- 4.) Not making a noise.
- 5.) Not risking an accident.

And many other reasons.

This Council HATE'S the motorist so they continually Rip them Off?"

803. I use the Church Road carpark when attending 3L's. Placing a £.3.60 parking charge on top of the 3L's weekly fees of £8.63 takes the cost to £12.23 a 29% increase. It brings into play as to whether £12.23 makes it viable to attend 3Ls. The future of £3's is at risk. As I observe one sometimes has to visit local shops so businesses will be affected as well. In the council's "dash for cash" it could well have the opposite affect. Think again, please.

804. I do not believe greed should come before being able to access natural history eg port sunlight, Thurstaston common among others. For families on low incomes, places like these are inclusive for everyone's needs and accessibility. Under the human rights act, we should be able to access our community to enable an inclusive lifestyle, regardless of financial respective. I work in supported living, with finances of very tight means. You are disgraceful in taking this away from the many who need it.

805. Greedy, unjust and completely against everything Wirral stands for. You will DESTROY what we have left of the independent shops / restaurants

806. Charging for parking in small off-road car parks will reduce footfall to local businesses who are already struggling. Our local shops in these places will become ghost towns.

807. Spending money on parking schemes is so costly and all you are doing AGAIN is killing off our local village areas - if you want to save money get rid of the mayor & all its associated costings!!

808. A lot of these are used by the old and infirm to use shops or services where taking public transport is not an option and will hamper their mental health and ability to live independently

809. Same as above

810. Again introducing charges to these car parks will deter people from taking the spaces for the advantages to support healthy living and positive mental health and wellbeing. Alongside this people travelling in via the tunnel will also be deterred. This will then impact on local small independent businesses, who due to the cost of living crisis are already suffering potentially suffer further loses.

811. Free parking in Hoylake and church street in bebington is vital to support the local businesses in those areas. I frequently go to both locations to use those business or the library. And without the free parking I would be reconsidering where I went. Negatively impacting local businesses.

812. These car parks are essential for those using the local shops. Charging will impact these businesses. Also, nearby side roads which are already too narrow to cope with existing parking of residents will become dangerously busy and potentially impassible. This could impact the ability of ambulances to reach residential addresses.

"813. People ignore the Roland Avenue car park today, instead parking on double yellow lines by the local shops. This leads to numerous accidents and/or near misses.

Charging for this, and other, car parks will only make matters worse."

"814. Wirral needs visitors and free parking will attract visitors

Having to pay for parking reduces the likelihood of visiting/using local facilities "

815. This will again affect the local businesses and have never been needed before. Like with everything else this council does it blankets the whole area. The church road car is used by people going to the medical centre at the civic centre. So that means they will have pay out for parking when visiting that centre to see a doctor.

816. It discriminates people who wish to exercise or wish to walk their dogs.

"817. More local shops will disappear if you charge to park near them, making it even more difficult for elderly, low-income and disabled people to access shops.

Other areas, such as the Gunsite, Derby Pool etc. should be added to the Countryside parking permit that covers Arrowse Park, Eastham Woods etc."

818. As above they all impact on the local area's accessibility and attractiveness to visitors and local people.

819. Bebington Civic centre is a community hub with GP I, library and 3Ls learning services. People shouldn't have to pay to attend. It will have a severe effect on Wirral 3Ls in particular because volunteers and tutors will be deterred by extra costs. 3Ls is a much valued hub where older people can learn, mix and stay warm. This is shameful. Bebington Civic centre is not well served by public transport

"820. This will adversely affect all Wirral residents and businesses.

I live in Bebington and have always appreciated being able to park free of charge to pop to local shops supporting our local economy. I worry if people to pay they will either use side streets causing congestion or go to places where there is free parking.

I use New Brighton subsidised car park regularly and what a shame for everyone if you start to charge - so much for encouraging people to be outside enjoying our wonderful outdoors. So unnecessary to charge"

821. This will affect people's mental health as these places won't be visited. As people won't be able to afford it all the time. Wirral Borough Council should be ashamed of themselves. Wirra

"822. Re. introducing parking charges for: CHURCH ROAD CAR PARK, BEBINGTON.

Adult education courses run by volunteers at 3Ls in Bebington Civic centre provides a vital community service for hundreds of people.

The introduction of parking charges would put this invaluable community asset at serious risk by deterring teaching staff, unpaid volunteers and attendees. A substantial fall off of any one of these categories would mean the end of a much valued facility which will be lost forever."

823. It will affect local businesses. People will have to pay when needing to access GP services. It will have an impact on people's mental and physical health and well being by restricting their access to a walk in the fresh air.

824. I do object to introducing charges at some of these car parks but not all

825. It will stop people visiting the area.

826. Charging for parking without there being a visible benefit ie available public toilets is short sighted.

"827. The majority of these are small local car parks which are handy for local shops. By introducing charges, people will try to park on the roads/yellow lines in order to avoid paying for an hour's parking when they will only be parked for 5 minutes. They will also park in residential roads and cause problems for the residents.

The charges at Bebington Civic Centre will have a huge impact on the 3Ls , which currently run numerous courses for older people, mainly pensioners with limited incomes. To add a £3.60 charge to their costs for a 2hr course will put a lot of people off. This, will in turn, have a detrimental effect on the 3Ls, which will no doubt stop running courses, which means fewer rooms being hired out from the Council.

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828. Backward thinking. Will make people move away from community areas onto retail parks and this being a disadvantage to those with poor mobility or no car access

829. Allow hour 1 to reduce impact especially on 3 Ls classes Bebington

830. Are you real? Everyone has been hit hard by cost of living rise - this will stop people visiting beauty spots and open spaces - how can you advocate keeping healthy when u are actually taxing people for partaking in outdoor activities. Local business also will be severely impacted. It's not rocket science.

831. Wirral council are supposed to be encouraging people to get out to exercise this will have a negative effect on residents enjoying the outdoors

832. As a pensioner I attend a course at Bebington Civic centre run by the 3 L's. The lecturers are mainly pensioners and would have to pay for the parking themselves, which would leave the courses open to be cancelled. these courses are for the over 55 and help with mindfulness and it would be detrimental to our health to have them cease. I propose that a scheme is run the same a Europa that you get a permit to park for that day only if you are attending a course or the Library.

833. This is the worst of the lot and would destroy communities and local businesses

834. How will the businesses survive? Again going to cause further traffic in residential areas which aren't permitted. However if permits get discussed for local residents expected to pay to park outside the house aswell?

835. This will not only affect business in the area but also residents as people will park on none regulated roads and possibly block access. For businesses it is another blow by the council as footfall will reduce if they have to travel to support local and small businesses. As for the Church Road car park this services many local amenities such as the public library, their community centres and the drs surgery. Making it costly for users

"836. I strongly object to the proposed implentation of parking charges in the Church Road, Bebington, and Old Chester Road/Chamberlain Street Car Parks in particular.

The Church Road, Bebington Car Parks fulfils an essential and vital function in servicing Bebington Civic Centre, Bebington Library and the Church Road shopping area.

Specifically, the Civic Centre is the base for Wirral 3Ls, which offers a range of daytime classes for the over 50 age group. These are extremely popular and provide both direct learning benefits and the indirect benefits of social interaction, which is a "must" to counter loneliness in retirement.

Public transport represents only a limited option to the Civic Centre and, for at least a portion of the membership, their mobility effectively precludes their getting there other than by car.

3Ls has worked hard to re-establish itself after the enforced shut-down in the pandemic.

Any imposition of charges would require most students to pay for a minimum of 3 hours parking, on top of their course fees, and for the teachers/tutors for even more hours. Such changes would represent an effectively "hammer blow" to 3Ls.

The Council would also be "shooting itself in the foot", as any reduction in the viability of 3Ls will result in reduced room hire fees for the Council.

The Old Chester Road/Chamberlain Street Car Parks fulfil an essential and vital function in servicing Green Lane Station with a de-facto "Park & Ride" facility, thereby facilitating transfer to the Merseyrail network and reducing car usage.

Any implementation of charges is likely to encourage more people to drive directly to their destinations and/or more "back street" parking, to the detriment of local neighbourhoods."

837. Killing off businesses

838. I use Bebington, Church Road car park to attend Wirral 3Ls. It would mean an additional £70 plus per annum to attend my course which as a pensioner I can ill afford. I also use the shops afterwards to buy some lunch and a hot drink. So not only will I be unable to attend my course, there will be a loss of income to the shops. I use Wirral 3Ls as a means to improve my mental health, especially over the winter months and dark days. Not only this but I will not be able to meet up with my group of fellow students which provide me with great companionship and feeling of self worth. These charges will also impact the numerous lecturers and volunteers as fees may well increase to cover their additional costs. If this happens it will endanger the provision of this excellent service for the residents of Wirral. Other considerations to take into account are people having to pay when visiting the health centre and library, as well as people using the various shops and businesses in Bebington. No one seems to appreciate how people are struggling to cover the ever

increasing costs of life. This is yet another highly negative proposal from Wirral Council where we already pay high Council tax fees for an ever increasing raft of reduced services.

839. It Will ruin local businesses

840. This will affect the local independent shops in the village and the shops by Barlow Avenue . This SHOULD NOT happen and I do not agree and object to all.

"841. The imposition of charges will be

A - detrimental to local businesses many of which are independent traders who give tremendous support to the local area and people

B -will lead to increaaed parking on main and side roads in the immediate areas, where there have been recent accidents leading to injury and fatality. WBC acknowledge this in the imposing of 20 mph zones

C - impose further financial hardship on retail workers , many on minimum wage would have to find an extra £7 per day. Some of these areas have high level of volunteer staff."

"842. For all the reason mentioned previously

How are the elderly and infirm going to get to place - with limited incomes , reduced help for heating they have to pay for parking

You are encouraging a society of hermits "

843. Independent shops, already struggling to recover since lock down will have another blow dealt to them. Older people who rely on visiting local shops, not only for supplies but for possibly the only human contact they have each day will struggle to pay the charges on top of their already challenging financial situations.

844. As an Ambassador for thr Floral Pavilion, 2 things are of concern. The Ambassador scheme will collapse as like me we would not want to carry on if we had to pay for parking. Secondly I am concerned visitor numbers would go down.

845. Many car park facilities mentioned serve a valuable purpose for visitors and shoppers and in the case of Fort Perch Rock this will impact not only general visitor numbers but also impact on those attending the ailing Floral Pavilion - WC cutting their own throat!

846. I occasionally park in Allport Lane & Mill Park Drive Car Parks for 5-10 mins to nip into the local shops. I will not pay to do so so these shops will suffer &/or local roads will be subject to additional unnecessary traffic & parking.

847. If charges are made for the Roland Avenue Car Park, it will not be used and all the neighbouring streets will be clogged with all the vehicles that usually use the car park and the line of shops that it serves will lose business.

848. The council have no legitimate right to impose any parking charges on any highway. The council is a registered business, and has no right to make rules based on erroneous climate emergency claims, and agendas driven by minority fringe groups and activists....it

will also negatively impact across all age groups, and firmity...will make recreational days difficult for young families, large families, disabled, those with limited income. It will also destroy business both large and small...as witnessed by many town centres, especially liscard.

849. See comments above about independent shops.

850. As a resident of Bebington I strongly object to parking charges at the car parks in Barlow Avenue, Roland Avenue and Church Road. They are small car parks serving the local area. Charging for parking will just mean that many people including myself will either choose not to park there at all or park nearby for free in the surrounding areas. The local businesses will suffer by losing customers. Also the residents in nearby roads will suffer from more people parking there.

851. Although I use a few of the said car parks the one I frequently use is the one close to the library and civic center in Bebington ,Church rd . It serves the purpose of allowing its mainly elderly clientele to take advantage of the 3ls facility in the civic center. This provides a much needed ongoing educational outlet for elderly people on the Wirral and encourages both social and educational incentives to its members and hs done so for many years becoming a very vital form of support for its members. It is a charitable trust and relies on input from its volunteers for its administration, because they are not paid any parking charges will have to be born by the volunteer individuals who are not paid for their valuable work. The members are mainly pensioners who although they pay for the courses that are run by the charity the added cost of parking will make the cost prohibitive to many. It would seem counterproductive if the car park ends up empty most of the time because people can't afford the added cost of attending by paying for car parking. It is very well attended both morning and afternoon by the members and administrative personnel but I suspect that it would not be used very much if they were not there and would become a redundant eyesore in the area. In fact the only time I have noticed it being used by the general public is for the library again another important facility and also the local gp surgery which I find would be a very unpopular decision for patients who require convenient accessible parking especially those with children or disabilities and the current accessible spaces would not be anywhere near sufficient to accommodate them. I wish to object to the proposal for charging for this very necessary free parking area and I suspect it will end up costing more to maintain and regulate if this happens as there will be a lack of customers using it.

852. As these areas rely on tourism introduction of parking charges will adversely affect local businesses

853. this is a leisure peninsula and we need visitors to increase the economy , not drive them away by charging for every available place on the wirral

854. Drive away passing trade in favour of out of town shopping. Far too expensive.

855. It will reduce shopping locally, more local shops will close & out of town shopping areas will benefit

856. High streets are dying. They need the footfall from nearby close car parks and that will fall if the car parks charge. As a local resident to one of the car parks in Bebington I worry about the increased risk of being unable to park by my home because those who would usually use the car park would then instead choose to park for free outside my property instead.

857. Again reduced footfall will cause a decline in local shops which are important for older population.

858. Bebington is just getting back on its feet after lots of businesses closed over Covid. If people have to start paying charges the footfall in the village will decrease again with potentially more small businesses closing.

859. As above

860. Whatever the detrimental affects on the societies serviced by some of these car parks , surrounding civic centres / libraries etc I believe if the council think it will squeeze a bit of extra cash , it will happen. It will no doubt necessitate the use of an ' app' as otherwise there will be cost implication in the installation of machines. Council will alienate & isolate so many people who do not live on their phones. It will NOT draw people into the area.

861. Church Road car park charges would considerably increase the cost to attend a course at 3Ls (over 30%). It's one of the few things i can still attend after becoming a full time carer for my Autistic daughter. She is able to use the library while i'm in class and this is invaluable to her for self esteem and furthering her home learning. As well as me not being able to attend my class anymore, 3Ls themselves would suffer as many people would not be able to afford to carry on learning with them and Wirral would lose a valuable charity serving the older community. The Lady Mayoress has recently visited 3Ls to see first hand the positive impact of their work.

862. Increases in parking charges deter people from coming to places.

863. I OBJECT! All the points above apply. All businesses will suffer and close and we will be left with charity shops and boarded shops.

"864. Moreton like many small high streets are struggling. By introducing a parking fee not only will it reduce footfall in the area but also cause side streets to be congested with people trying to park their cars impacting the local community.

The Holt Avenue car park is in very poor quality with the bays and disabled spaces poorly marked - don't know how you can justify charging for an area so poorly maintained "

865. ...

"866. Church Rd car park this car park is mainly used by people who use the 3L's facility at Bebington Civic Centre. If car park fees are imposed, this will deter the volunteer tutors from accepting posts to deliver us the lectures we want. The fees for the courses will have

to be increased to cover these charges which is another burden imposed upon the elderly population of Wirral who attend these courses

. Have you given this any serious thought of the consequences of this proposed action?

Regarding Allport Lane car park this is situated by Bromborough Village shops and if car parking charges were imposed. People would not use these shops at all but take their custom to the Croft business park. The results would be: The shops in the village will eventually close, the council won't receive any business rates and this will cause our village Bromborough to die!

Do you really want this to happen?

Stop being greedy reduce the number of the councillors and with the money spent on those salaries use them for the benefit of the rate payers. "

867. Please see comments in point 2 re New Brighton. In other areas I note cars are already parking on grass verges, mounting pavements/ kerbs in order to park as some of the smaller car parks do not have capacity for the numbers wishing to park - not helped by the size of some of the vehicles that struggle to park their own vehicles within the designated lines. Drivers are parking outside homes in residential areas - this was very evident for example, once parking charges were introduced in Royden Park. Parking charges impact on local businesses. A large number have already ceased trading as seen on our local High Streets

"868. Three things make this objectionable from a Bebington perspective:

1. We're trying to keep our village streets alive. Small business owners are already suffering and this is just cruel.
2. The Civic medical carpark is too small for the number of patients with appointments. Until you fix that, perhaps don't charge people to park for medical appointments.
3. Since the closure of our (walkable) local post office in lower Bebington, we now have to travel an extra mile. I am still able to walk that mile but many of my older neighbours need to use their cars to get to Higher Bebington post office.

One thing affects another and this is a very narrow and short sighted view of what will benefit the Wirral community. Pensioners, once again, will be hit hardest. "

869. I regularly use these for access to groups for my mental health and wellbeing. Including access to slimming world. The cost would mean I may have to reconsider going.

870. Fort Perch Rock car park would again impact on people who volunteer as Ambassadors at the Floral Pavilion. I got one who would not be able to give my time if I had to pay to park. This would have a big impact on the Floral which is a great asset to the area

871. Will Adversely affect businesses in this area and people who live in this area who need to park their cars on streets outside their homes

872. This will seriously impact local businesses as shoppers will go to retail parks rather than pay for parking

873. Yes, it's down right ridiculous ! This will ruin the local trade & visiting tourist trade. A terrible decision. Shame on you.

"874. Church Road car park is used by 3Ls which meets in the Civic centre. This is an educational charity supporting older people with classes which last 2 hours meaning members would have to pay £3.60/ session on top of what they pay for classes. Surely you don't have to charge such a high rate..

People will just park on nearby roads causing annoyance to local residents.

As for the car parks near local walks and beauty spots such as Thurstaton, surely with such high levels of obesity in the population, you should be encouraging people to get out and walk rather than making it more expensive."

"875. I wish to comment predominantly on the Roland Avenue Car Park in Bebington as this is the closest location to where I live and therefore I am most aware of the issues, however, I believe some of the observations I make will be transferable to the other schemes.

Bebington, like many suburban areas of the Wirral has a high level of car ownership, this results in many roads and pavements being obstructed by parked vehicles, generally owned by local residents. Additionally parking pressures are evident around the start and finish times of local schools.

The primary function of the public highway is to allow traffic; pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles to travel with minimal hindrance, therefore the parking policy of the council should seek to facilitate this.

The limited off street parking at locations such as Roland Avenue (a similar location exists on Kingsway in Higher Bebington but appears to be outwith the scope of this consultation) provide parking for those using the nearby shops, cafes etc. Charging for the use of these car parks will displace parking onto the nearby streets, exacerbating the pressures already faced by residential parking on roads and pavements. Unless a controlled (residential) parking zone is introduced around all of these car parks, the charges will simply result in displacement of parking onto the public highway, which is the reverse of what should be the focus of the council.

Additionally, given the proposal does not suggest introducing parking charges at the Croft (and other) Retail Parks, there is a potential to be detrimental to the businesses trading in these locations."

876. Allport Road, Bromborough and Mill Park Drive Eastham serve local shopping centres that already struggle against the unfair competition of the Croft Retail Park, where parking is free. If these local car parks are charged, then people will either clog up local roads by parking on them, or go to the Croft Retail Park. If these charges are implemented than Bromborough and Eastham could decline to the parlous state of New Ferry. Our church would be particularly vulnerable as it is close to Mill Park Drive Eastham. We would have people, not coming to activities in the hall and church parking there to avoid paying, and maybe lose activities because of the charged parking for those who cannot fit in our grounds. Both Bromborough and Eastham have large numbers of elderly people for whom cycling or even walking far is not an option.

877. Simply using or introducing new car parking charges to raise capital for authority use is illegal and may well face a judicial review.

878. This is damaging to Wirral making access for the people more difficult and in many cases not affordable. The Consultants appear, most definitely, not from the Wirral and I believe have been instructed to go ahead with this and make money with no thoughts to the locals. I am concerned that this is quietly a foregone conclusion and objecting may even be a waste of time, the Council just going through the motions which is not representative of the people of Wirral

879. Disgusting people will not leave their homes, they will become fat with no exercise, costing the NHS more money

880. This will cause people to park in nearby roads for free which will impact on residents. Also charging will impact on the small businesses in the area who are already struggling to stay in business. I feel these charges will have a significant and negative impact on the shops and residents living in adjacent roads.

881. Please act positively to ensure people shop to support local businesses. People will refuse to pay and shop elsewhere. Wirral Council is only interested in the budget and not the people.

"882. The council shouldn't spend money on implementing all the pay station and/or getting outside companies to control parking.

People are already under financial stress and this will add to their stress, looking for change, card payment issues, not to mention app issues.

As they say: don't change something that is working."

883. Charging for off-street car parks near small shops drives customers away, hurting local businesses. It creates unfair competition with larger shopping centres offering free parking,

discourages quick, convenient visits, and places an extra burden on small, independent retailers. Go ahead with this and you will kill the local businesses.

884. How are parking charges going to encourage local businesses, especially shops to attract customers. These parking charges will just encourage customers to go to the large corporate supermarkets etc.

885. This does not help local business

"886. The introduction of parking charges to Fort Perch Rock Car Park would first require significant investment in the infrastructure of the car park in order to ensure it was suitable for purpose. There are a series of issues relating to structural defects, layout and management of the car park which require addressing before it would be feasible to implement a charging regime for the car park, as follows:-

1. The north end of the car park is subject to perpetual flooding as a result of the surface water gullies repeatedly becoming blocked with wind blown sand. The most effective way to address this problem would be to reprofile the levels of the car park here to ensure that surface water ran direct into the Marine Lake, as occurs with the other 80% of the car park. This would do away with the requirement for any drainage gullies. This would of course require significant investment.

2. The car park is also subject to occasional tidal flooding where it has on several occasions been submerged under several feet of water. This usually occurs when Spring Tides (which don't only occur in Spring) coincide with gale or storm force winds from anything between Westerly to Northerly direction. It would therefore be necessary to install lockable gates to prevent access to the car park during these high risk situations and deploy the required personnel with responsibility for managing the gates to prevent vehicle access at such times.

3. At present the car park has no marked parking bays, the installation of which would be essential to ensure the smooth and effective functioning of the car park. The absence of any marked parking bays frequently results in chaotic randomised parking during busy summer months where car park capacity is frequently exceeded resulting in serious congestion. The very worst I have witnessed in this respect is on a Sunday during summer '23 when I counted over 200 cars in a car park designed to accommodate probably around 140 maximum. Marked parking bays would assist in addressing this issue but I believe it would also be necessary to incorporate a system of Smart Parking which also deterred continuing access to the car park once it was full. During these busy periods I also consider it would be necessary to provide a parking attendant/warden in order to enforce/manage/regulate the parking .

4. The constant presence of windblown sand throughout the car park, as well as blocking drainage gullies, also obliterates the double yellow lines intended to restrict parking on the eastern edge of the car park. This frequently results in cars parking throughout this section of the access road through the car park, subsequently preventing 2 way flow of traffic. Some means of preventing, or at the very least significantly reducing the presence of windblown sand is essential in order to ensure the efficient and safe operation of the car park. This could be partially achieved by the installation of a sand break barrier on the railings at the north end of the car park, immediately opposite The Fort. Alternatively the concrete wall which separates the car park from the Fort access road could be extended to run along the full north edge of the car park. This would have to be done in conjunction with the reprofiling of the car park referred to in 1 above.

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887. I object to paying for any car park especially in town centres.

888. I think free parking should be kept at these sites. It is better for local businesses and given the cost of living crisis can push people out of doing things because they can't afford the extra for the parking.

889. As above

890. It would degrade the quality of life and deter shoppers, especially the Bromborough car park which would drive much of the custom across the A41 to the Croft Park, and the Church Rd. Bebington one which will overcrowd the church car park, drive many to the Croft, and reduce attendance at the library and Bebington shops

891. The cost of parking is already affecting decisions on where to visit. We already pay heavy taxes to run cars. Why are 'out of town' shopping malls so popular? Obviously, because there are no exorbitant parking fees.

"892. Charges at some of the above car parks will have adverse consequences e.g. deterring leisure activity as there's nowhere convenient to park nearby if taking the car to a scenic location for a walk.

Charging at the Carr Lane car park in Hoylake particularly outrageous as that's a "park & ride" for Merseyrail Hoylake Station. If that's approved then of course Birkenhead North and other similarly designated car parks will follow in the next round of charges."

893. High streets are struggling as it is, please don't kill them off completely. I especially object to the Barlow and higher bebington schemes, it will drive people to park outside houses on side streets.

894. I find it inconceivable the council could even consider charging in the likes of church road lower bebington and allport lane Bromborough. It is so obvious this would just push people to use the croft where parking is free. With more and more shopping being done on

the Internet these small businesses need all the help they can get. Not the certain death knoll of car parking charges.

895. Detrimental to local businesses and detrimental to people wellbeing

896. Disgusting proposal hitting ordinary people in their pockets at a time when people are struggling to survive. Taking away the chance to enjoy the Wirral Let's get rid of the metro mayor that Wirral residents have no choice but to pay for that the majority of Wirral residents do not agree to. You will kill local businesses which will result in loss of business rates as owners are forced to close down. These proposals have not been thought through. Once again expect the local people to pay for council inadequacies.

897. Manor road Car Park, the areas around Manor road are massively affected by people using the side streets, the Police park also in all these side roads off Manor road as well, making it extremely difficult for residents to park near their own homes. Police employees currently leave their cars in the side streets also. If parking charges are implemented where can the residents park

898. It will prevent a lot of people nipping to local shops for items they can get from larger supermarkets if they have to pay to park. This will have a massive detrimental effect on small local businesses

"899. Scheme should allow for short free period so that does adversely affect local business with a consequent impact on closures and business rates collection.

Plan should monitor and if implemented control effect of driving cars out of car park onto adjacent roads. Particularly to study and prevent accidents to pedestrians caused by parking on yellow lines, and/or on pavements."

900. See point 12.

901. Will kill local shops

902. Church Road car park is used by many volunteers and participants in the U3A activities in the Civic Centre as well as people attending the Dr's and library. Charges will detrimentally affect volunteers because of the additional costs for pensioners especially! The local shopping centres are all struggling too so adding charges for parking will 'push' more to use free retail car parking and 'kill off' local shopping even more. The council should be encouraging greater use of the library and U3A activities to off set costs for mental health issues. Getting involved in activities outside the home is a real lifeline for many elderly people who could otherwise be home alone! I therefore strongly object to such car parking charges!

903. These car parks are used for park and ride for train stations, it will push cars into side roads. Roland ave already has cars parked around it for the shops. This car park is signposted by the local schools to keep cars away from schools keeping children safe as is the church road car park. This will push more cars to the schools again, prevent the walking

schemes they have set up. Barlow ave is used by commuters using a green option to get to work.

904. Many of these car parks are used for people to visit doctors/dentists/pharmacies. People shouldn't have to pay to park when using these essential services.

905. This will result in people parking their vehicles in the surrounding streets and cause congestion.

906. This is the most unpopular scheme yet, it will help put traders out of business. The only ones to benefit will be the supermarkets etc with free parking

907. I have to park when shopping or visiting these places including Dr and dental appointments it will cause difficulty and extra expenses which I don't have

908. Where off-road parking directly impacts footfall into local shops then those schemes should not be implemented. In particular the Bebington car parks are frequently used by shoppers. Is Wirral Council trying to close down local business?

909. You say you want better health and then you take away our freedom to enjoy without charge our beautiful area. You say you want nicer areas and yet you litter our areas with your virtue-signalling-nudge signage everywhere. You say you want to improve business opportunities and then you deter people from going to areas which desperately need customers by your excessive parking charges. You have already killed Birkenhead with your excessive parking charges. We the people of Wirral do not want your parking charges. We already pay enough in taxes etc to local and national government. We have little enough money now. These roads and car parking spaces belong to us, not you. You are public servants who take money from the public purse to implement what should be our will but you do not listen to what we want. You, as a public servant, can also be held liable in your personal capacity if you do not act in the best interests of those you claim to represent (the public). Is this the route we now have to go down or will you listen? How many times do we have to say NO NO NO to more council parking charges in Wirral. I will not pay your parking charges. We are sick of government overreach. Your fines (without conviction) are illegitimate, unlawful and fraudulent under the Bill of Rights 1688. I will park elsewhere and walk - outside someone's house if necessary - others with less health will not have this option - and it's not my preferred option as I do care about others. But I will not pay your council parking charges to park on our land. Will you listen?

910. Roland Avenue car park is very much needed due to the local shops. People shouldn't have to pay to park their car when popping into the post office for five minutes. What about the elderly or disabled who can't walk to the shops or post office. You are killing local businesses and massively impacting on people's mental health at a time of significant cost of living crisis

911. Yes increased emissions loss to local economy more congestion people will go out of area to access free parking and drive around for longer to find free parking.

912. See2 above

913. It will kill off the shops as people don't want to pay to shop and go where it is free

914. I attend classes and social events at the 3Is adult learning centre at Bebington Civic centre. I use the Church Road carpark. The 3Is are a charity and work hard to offer a varied adult learning programme. I travel a distance like other people in the classes from all over Wirral, Chester and Neston. It's wrong for the Council to charge for car parking when it could affect the charity.

915. Banks road- the car park is used by family members, friends and health care workers for the residents of the moorings. One of these residents is also a business. It is unfair that I will have to pay £6, 5 days a week, £120 per month just to be able to park at my workplace. The moorings is a single track road so there is no road parking. People will just end up parking on banks road itself, causing unnecessary congestion on an already busy road. If you want more visitors to come and enjoy the beauty that is The Wirral and for local businesses to benefit from visitors, these car parks should be free and available to everyone, not just those that have money.

"916. if you enact this, I will stop using adjacent leisure facility (the shore line) and stores Small shops require customers, and charging for parking enacts a barrier, one I simply will not tolerate; hence those shops will lose business"

917. will be the death of local businesses! families have few places to park free for a day out, folk will either not come or not stay long....ruining the local economy.

918. As per no 5

919. Very strongly object access to countryside is imperative to maintain the physical and mental health of all residents charges do the exact opposite!

920. Will deter visitors, dog walkers, families enjoying outside leisure. Will affect local shops and sends all the wrong messages.

921. Stop people coming

922. I work in the village and I think it's unfair to make employees have to pay a stupid amount of money just to come and work. Doing this will kill all of the businesses in the village and you'll just encourage people to go else where and park outside people houses and block them in, which then causes more issues.

923. I work in the village and i think it is completely unfair that we as people who work in the village are going to be made to pay to come to work, there is no where nearby to park the cars so will encourage people to block peoples drive ways as people are not going to walk 10 minutes to work everyday when there can be a free car park, it will also mean businesses will be affected as people will not pay to come to the village

"924. This is our heritage we need to visit these areas for the benefit of our health. It's not yours to control by charging us to use cars, how do I walk from PENSBY TO NEW BRIGHTON ? Ride my bike ,! I'm 73 years old. We need our cars . To visit all the wonderful Areas of Wirral. Find another money spinner or just work to your financial budgets like the rest of us ."

925. Wirral Council should be doing all it can to improve the lives of residents and businesses on the Wirral. This scheme is damaging for all. The simple fact is that the council have incompetently mismanaged £millions and are now expecting hard working people to fill their black hole.

926. Charges will prevent and discourage people from visiting the areas to shop, walk, keep fit and enjoy outdoor spaces.

927. One of the attractions of New Brighton is the amount of green space and beaches to walk, for free, it is ridiculous and greedy that you are considering charging. Many people walk every day for their mental health, they should not have to pay to park

928. It should allow free access to nearby amenities. Not punish them with extra costs
"929.

I object to the proposed parking charges for Banks Road, Lower Heswall. My elderly sister and brother-in-law live in The Moorings, and I visit them at least twice a week, staying there most of the day. They have no room for any other parking at their home so I rely on Banks Roads 'Small' carpark when I visit them. I am also disabled, and not entitled to a blue badge. How can I afford to pay to park near my sisters house? Will I have to stop seeing my sister because of the council implementing these charges? This is not acceptable! Please think of the residents living there."

930. I think that it is shocking personally as I live, work and run a business in the area and have already watched as we as a community have suffered great losses of custom through the years this will only affect us worse. Deeply disappointed in the council.

931. As a new small local business in Church Road, Bebington I feel these parking charges will have a big impact on my business. The Village is already quiet, if parking charges are applied it will kill of the little trade there is here. Allot of the businesses already close early because there is very little activity in the area. I can see many businesses will cease trading as customers will seek alternate shopping areas with no parking charges. Again as a new business looking at trade now if trade decreases anymore it would not be worth me continuing.

932. As my comments above, we are in our mid 70's and do not use banking apps how are we to pay for parking, we can no longer use Cherry Tree Square for this reason,

933. SAME AS ABOVE

934. I am a resident of 'the moorings' just off banks rd car park. It's a 1 track unmade road with no pavements and is maintained by the residents of the road. Any visitors have to use the car park including my daughter who is here every day. A lot of our neighbours have care workers coming down 2-3 times per day. These charges are going to increase loneliness and health risks to the elderly living down here. If charges are implemented people will only try and find alternative parking eg; on banks road itself, which will cause congestion and block emergency service vehicles from getting down. It's a dead end so if banks road is congested (which it is most of the time as it is) there is no way in or out.

935. People will end up parking elsewhere, clogging up the roads moreso, parking where they shouldn't and blocking people's homes. Businesses will be less used as its will be free to park at larger supermarkets.

936. Should be encouraging members of the public to visit these areas not putting them off by charging for parking.

937. The Council do little enough for the upkeep of the Wirral roads and this is just another way to milk the car drivers

"938. Church Road Car Park in Bebington is used by the adult education charity Wirral 3LS, whose office and classrooms are based in Bebington Civic Centre. Wirral 3LS is a self funded charity that encourages older citizens to come together and make friends in a safe and friendly environment. As we grow older, many of us lose confidence and become isolated. This social exclusion of the elderly has been exacerbated by Covid and we are helping to put that right. We are quite unique and perform a valuable social function.

The civic centre is poorly served by public transport and many of our students, tutors and volunteers have no viable option other than using cars to travel to the here. The imposition of the proposed charge will increase the cost to students of our typical course by 45%. The vast majority of our students are pensioners. This level of increase may result in a drop in student number that forces us to close. Not only will our borough lose a very valuable and unique social service, but Wirral Council will lose the £30,000 annual rent we pay for use of our classrooms.

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939. Shops are finding it difficult to compete with the online world, so adding to the cost and giving people another reason to buy online is not the way to go.

940. Off street parking is essential for local businesses in these areas. High streets are already struggling to keep shops open and removing spaces to park freely will reduce the income to the local community rather than increasing council revenue

941. This is a scheme that is detrimental to the lives of local businesses and residents and is essentially a tax to fill a budgetary hole created by the significant waste of money of failed council projects.

942. You are killing local businesses by doing this!! They don't stand a chance if we have to pay to park, Wirral Council is so out of touch.

943. Again I visit local beaches with my dog and with my family often taking a picnic and spending the day there this will be unaffordable for us if having to pay to park. Again affecting our physical and mental health

944. Church Road Car Park, Bebington. This car park is used by staff and students of 3Ls based in the civic centre and for people visiting health facilities. 3Ls in particular will be badly affected as each class is 2 hours and a 3 hour price will need to be paid. Volunteers will have to pay to volunteer. If you are to start charging here you should allow a special rate for 3Ls students, say 25%. This could be purchased when the course is paid for through 3Ls as a parking voucher for the days of the week of the student's course and for the period of the course. You would benefit as: 1. Income for a large number of users would be collected by a third party. 2. The income would be guaranteed and evasion reduced. 3. The money would be collected up front. 3Ls students would benefit from 1. Reduced price. 2. Convenience: Saving time paying for parking as many students arrive at the same time and reduced problems making payments as many students are older and don't cope with technology well. This will eliminate queues at the meters.

945. Carr Lane Park. Drummond Road is on the other side of the railway track to this car park. Currently only a few car drivers regularly choose to park in Drummond Road to catch the train from Hoylake station. As there are only houses on one side of this road, there are usually spaces on the other side which is against the railway fence. If Carr Lane Car Park becomes fee paying then the likelihood is that cars will choose to park in Drummond Road instead.

946. Specifically in Bebington, where I live, businesses have struggled a lot in recent years, with several closing down in the past few years. Charging for the one main Church Road car park especially would be detrimental to the local area, meaning less people would be willing to visit local shops and restaurants. It would also be unfair on local employees who rely on the car park to go to work. The car park also serves the GP and library, which is vital for so many local people in the community. Charging for parking would disproportionately affect students, low income people, elderly and disabled needing to use these services.

"947. I strongly object to the proposed implementation of parking charges in the Church Road, Bebington and Old Chester Road /Chamberlain Street Car Parks - in particular. The Church Road, Bebington Car Parks fulfill an essential and vital function in servicing Bebington Civic Centre, Bebington Library and the Church Road shopping area. The Civic Centre is the base for Wirral 3Ls, which offers a range of daytime classes for the over 50 age group. These are extremely popular - providing learning, and in particular -social interaction - a must for countering loneliness in retirement. Public transport is limited to the Civic Centre - and for many, due to mobility issues - a car is a must. The courses last for over 2 hours- all in all - thus it would incur a three hour parking fee. Likewise tutors can be at 3 Ls

for quite a number of hours each day. I truly believe it would be the death of Wirral 3Ls - which would be tragic for so many people .

This car park also serves the Library, where all sorts of activities also take place eg Mother and toddler groups, talks and a film club. The area has lost all the facilities that the now closed down Bromborough Civic Centre used to offer.

The car park also serves the Church Road shopping area, which also has some popular cafes. Closure of this car park would be devastating for the local and wider community - effecting peoples mental health and the survival of businesses.

Old Chester/ Chamberlain Street Car Park fulfills a vital and essential function in servicing Green Lane station, thus facilitating transfer to the Merseyrail network. This de-facto Park & Ride facility is reducing car usage for commuters and other members of the public."

948. This would kill off business to the local shops. At the moment it is so convenient to park up and go to the local shops on the way home from work without having to sort out paying for parking. It would make me change my habits and go straight to Asda or Aldi where I can park for free!

949. No.

950. Local shops are struggling. This will only put more people off visiting their local shops and if they do they will park in adjacent streets as is the case since charges were introduced at the 3 stages in Spital. The traffic around adjacent roads is an accident waiting to happen.

951. Comment related to the Bebington car parks, as this is my local area: these car parks are serving public services (library, GP) as well as local businesses. In the case of public services, it feels inappropriate to ask people to pay a charge for accessing those by car. For local businesses, introducing an additional cost to access them is a threat to their existence. Indeed, the alternative to drive to the nearest retail park where car parks are for free might become more appealing. Instead, an effort should be made on a more widespread provision of proper infrastructure for active travel (e.g. cycling lanes and bike racks).

952. Again will ruin all local businesses. People will just go to supermarkets.

953. Church Road Car Park, Bebington serves 3L's volunteers, tutors and members. The 3L's charity provides valuable educational and social activities to the Wirral community.. The introduction of car parking fees at this site will discourage many people from attending courses and offering their continued support on a voluntary basis to 3L's. Consequently the 3L's charity would become non-viable which would have a negative effect on health of many members.

954. It's an outrage to ALL small local businesses in the area. I own a dance school in the area where I could lose out on children due to you making parents pay to wait to pick their child up!

955. I run a local business in Irby Village and employ members of staff who live on the Wirral. With these changes we will now have to pay for parking which will cost £120 a month. These fees are outrageous! This will negatively impact businesses in the Wirral. We'll have less people coming into the village wanting to avoid parking charges. Instead they'll go to places like Cheshire oaks where they can park for free

956. Disgrace.

957. It's a ridiculous idea! Specific to Irby, most people use it for convenience! It will kill the local businesses! It will drive people to the retail estates! Disgusting, think about the local communities and not about lining your pockets! Spend your money better instead of looking at ways to make more! M53 at the dock exit, that pot hole got repaired how many times before the patch of road was fixed? Short sighted, not my money mentality!

958. Specifically Bebington - by charging you're putting numerous small businesses at risk, as well as removing free parking close to GP and library. It'll also result in neighbouring roads becoming busier and more dangerous.

959. The shops in Church Road will suffer from this scheme. There will also be more parking on the roads as patients at the doctors at Civic Centre use the car park

"960. Any car parks near facilities where community groups meet serving the health & well being needs of the local population should be free from car parking charges.

The 3LS provides life long learning for over 55s It is based in the Civic Centre, Church Rd Bebington. Members come from all over Wirral & pay 10 week course fees of £80. The excessively risk averse Council measures during the COVID lockdowns almost resulted in the closure of this fantastic Charity which combats social isolation & keeps the older population active, stimulated & improves mental health. Classes are 2 hours so 3 hours parking would need to be paid for each class attended each week. Some members attend 2 or 3 per week. Many members will find these parking charges make continued membership unaffordable.

The 3LS office is manned by essential volunteers. Again they may not feel able to pay hefty parking fees each shift.

This car park is also used by shoppers, library visitors & the church congregation. "

961. Unfair on small businesses and people who work in the area

962. I am a local resident to a couple of these proposed areas (Pensby and Irby) and to put charges in to these areas is ludicrous. They aren't busy villages, they are handy for local residents to quickly nip to the shop or for some food. Most of these businesses are

independently owned and depend on people spending money there, hard is a cost of living crisis, yet to add a charge on to go there is wild. Driving people away instead of encouraging to support business, which surely is only a good thing for our region is not a good idea. I appreciate some people will park there all day and abuse the free parking, but maybe there is a fairer way such as a limited time to park there for free?

963. This is ridiculous! The measure will severely affect local shops, other businesses and libraries. There is no point having a free library if you have to pay to park next to it or paying £1 to park when you only want a pint of milk The main reason for the demise of Birkenhead town centre and Liscard is the parking charges. People will travel to out of town retail centres such as Rock Park and Croft retail park where they have a choice of shops and can park for free rather than pay to park in the town centre. Out of town retail centres are booming! Why not learn from that mistake and support local shops and businesses. The introduction of parking scheme number TO/24/38 introducing parking charges at small local car parks is ill conceived and extremely short sighted.

964. Pure scammer

965. It will drive people away and the money they bring to spend in local businesses, given the economic pressures on families to add another burden on people paying taxes, road tax, council tax and taxes on many other areas of their lives is abhorrent

966. Church Road Car Park: this serves Bebington Civic Centre (as well as the Library) which is the main location for the Wirrals 3Ls non-profit charity which provides daytime courses and social activities for the mainly over-50s. It is a long-established and highly valued institution that is entering its 30th year next year. Many people who come to the 3Ls are considerably older than 50 and many also have mobility issues which are not necessarily severe enough to warrant a blue card (there is very limited disabled parking anyway). There is a serious concern that the imposition of parking charges here will unfairly penalise this vulnerable segment of the population on the Wirral who would find it hard to get to the 3Ls by public transport. Further, the 3Ls plays a vital social role for many of its members, and it would be a deep shame if it closed down because of the added costs of parking meant that it ceases to be viable. As far as I know the 3Ls is also a positive contributor to the Council coffers as it rents the upstairs rooms in the Civic Centre for classrooms, so if it did close down the Council would lose out financially too. I myself come by bike, so the parking charges would not affect me directly, but I would be hugely upset to see the 3Ls come to an end. I support the parking schemes in general, but please be careful with unintended consequences for introducing parking charges for Church Road Car Park: please consider either omitting it from the scheme entirely so that it remains free-to-park, OR charging a lesser amount as some of the car parks in central Birkenhead seem to do already, OR providing some sort of scheme so that users of the 3Ls (volunteers and members) can get a rebate or be provided with some sort of parking pass, OR providing some sort of financial support to the 3Ls (a rent rebate for example) to ensure that it can remain a going concern. Thank you!

"967. In regards to the Church Road potential car parking charges in Bebington, I absolutely disagree with this proposal.

Not only do youngsters use it for their employment, pensioners use it so that they can visit the Civic Medical Centre. I think that particular age group has been punished enough for being old.

If the council are looking at raising funds then I suggest fining parents for parking on double yellow lines outside schools, such as Wirral Grammar on Heath Road. Not only does it create traffic congestion but a lot of the parents think it's acceptable to park over or near residents drives which is dangerous and inconsiderate.

This would be an easy money maker for the council, instead of targeting people who park in a car park so that they can go to work or go to the health centre for appointments.

Thank you."

968. It is outrageous that the council is considering introducing parking charges to Church Road car park. Local residents want to support local businesses by shopping locally, such as in Prost beer shop. Introducing parking fees will be a deterrent to residents wanting to shop local and would risk the sustainability of such businesses in our community. I strongly object and would urge the council to reconsider this proposal.

969. Absolutely outrageous. The amount of money this council waste, yet they feel they can claw some back by penalising the people who try to support local businesses. This is everything a local council should be against, yet here we are in a fight to oppose a decision that would be a hammer blow to small businesses .

"970. Proposals would have harsh economic consequences on the viability of many local shops/businesses ,especially for staffing

As a local resident there appears to be no plans for residents parking permits for Church Road, Bebington Car Park . Charges will simply drive motorists into the local streets

What provision would there be for St Andrews Church visitors

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971. These are all leisure areas where people with all budgets can enjoy fresh air and exercise which benefits all. There are a huge number of retired dog walkers and swimmers who use the gunsite (and I'm sure other coastal areas too) every single day throughout the year and would not be able to afford to pay the ridiculous proposed parking fees! I'm disabled but don't qualify for a blue badge and so is my friend. We both have debilitating arthritis. Our walk enables us to get fresh air, a manageable amount of exercise and is also important from a social and mental health perspective. My friend is in her 80s and is unlikely

to see this as I'm sure is the case for many older people who don't use the internet. This would have huge negative impact on a lot of us who use these areas daily.

972. Incompetent wankers. You are an embarrassment to the human race

973. another hit on the motorist & I STRONGLY Oppose .

974. I really don't know what the thinking is behind all of these schemes. There is no logic in any of these schemes.

975. This would have a detrimental effect upon so many small businesses. Small businesses are struggling to stay financially viable with so many closing down in the first few years. This scheme could kill our communities.

976. People need access to free of charge parking to access and support their local businesses and services. They will move to larger retailers where it is free to park or contest local roads to park in rather than a car park that starts to charge

977. Disgraceful to charge people who are already paying enough taxes - especially the elderly

978. This will destroy the livelihoods of many small businesses.

"979. You are killing families and older people having a day out in New Brighton.

Introducing parking fees in Moreton you will kill the few small businesses still left in the village..the same as supermarkets have closed..all the small shops."

980. Little businesses depend on footfall. People won't pay to shop in m, for example, Irby. They will go somewhere bigger. Also people will just park on the road - not fair on residents.

"981. Charges would hit the already depleted shopping areas and Library facilities in my case Church Road, Bebington, and millpark drive Eastham, both areas already struggling with affects of The Croft, incidentally free. People challenged to walk further may not be able to and

would struggle.BAD IDEA. "

982. Small business are struggling now more than ever. Charging for parking adds another barrier of access to these small business for customers and we need to make them as accessible as possible to help our local businesses thrive.

983. So you want to stop people trying to be healthy & going for a walk. Ridiculous!!! as for Irby. Would be ok if you give 1st 2 hours free so it won't affect local shops, hairdressers, cafes but would stop parking for bus to Liverpool

984. no

"985. Madness to try and charge people to use local facilities. What is the benefit, high costs to implement and monitor.

Trying to kill off local business and make it harder for the elderly and those with disabilities to park by doctors/dentists.

Complete waste of money that should be invested in the community not try to rip it apart "

986. I am happy with the Kings Parade scheme because a lot of visitors to the area use that area and a lot of other coastal towns charge to park in similar areas. However, Derby Pool, the Gunsite and Fort Perch Rock are used a lot by locals who are encouraged to get out and walk in the countryside or on the beach and this will discourage them. I have similar comments about other off street car parks as they will either discourage people to shop locally or get out into the countryside.

987. Free car parks are a vital life line for businesses and the communities in Wirral and they should remain. Not only will the parking charges have a detrimental impact on small businesses it will also prevent access to other services such as libraries. Libraries provide an excellent free service to young families however if you have to pay to park in the car park it no longer becomes free, this may be the difference in a person/family going to a library and will likely reduce footfall further, increasing the risk to libraries.

988. Do not bring in parking charges it will drive away visitors - no one on the Wirral wants this - you need to listen to the people that you represent - we all say "NO" to parking charges

989. Local shops are already disadvantaged by supermarkets and out of town large shopping outlets. As most customers pop into their favoured shops they will find paying for parking for a 10 minute visit not worth it. Also car parks like Bebington church road is used for local doctors library dentists and opticians so users of these services will be disadvantaged

990. This is most definitely unfair on families, pensioners, people on low wages like NHS staff on minimum wage and people on low fixed incomes. This is discrimination on low incomes.

991. The people of Wirral need to be able to access these sites free of charge

992. Making car parks in Bebington a chargeable car park with dessimate local businesses, it will impact upon everything that keeps Bebington village vibrant. It will increase the illegal parking along church road Infront of the shop, the free car parks are essential for visitors to the shops, the library, the Drs to change this is lunacy.

993. This scheme will have an adverse effect on local businesses, and will limit the time I spend in church road in particular. Why would I go there when the big Asda down the road has a free car park

"994. Lack of foresight in encouraging users to keep fit and well

I use bebington twice weekly for 3LR courses.

These have changed my life since the death of my husband of 55 years.

I am prescribed anti depressants by my GP and was literally unable to function.

Since beginning these courses September 2023 they have given me more than I could have hoped.

I am certain that there are a many and diverse reasons for the users of this car park

But to charge will have huge implications, not just to all who attend the courses but to the businesses surrounding the car park. The aim of a good society is to care and be responsible for its citizens, physical and mental health, social welfare, and promoting and maintaining well being.

The effects of not doing so have major implications and the ripples however small become a storm "

995. Another way to stop people visiting and using instead the big shopping parks where parking is free

996. As above

997. As above you are punishing your own electorate to balance your own financial mis management why don't you look within and create savings from the council and your own overheads before expecting the residents to incur the financial burden

998. The people of bebington protest against this. The businesses of bebington protest against this. Why does the council think they are monarchists? You have introduced countless schemes that the residents do not want to steal money - the cost of living crisis is worsened by the greed of the council.

"999. As a Bebington resident I am wholly against the proposed introduction of parking charges on Barlow Avenue, Church Road, and Roland Avenue as well Allport Lane in Bromborough. These areas are abundant with independent businesses that struggled to provide for the local community through the pandemic, and would certainly be negatively affected by the introduction of parking charges.

Especially with regards to the Church Road Bebington which I live near, most of the surrounding establishments are openly and vehemently against the proposed introduction of parking charges because of the negative affect it would have on their businesses. These establishments are predominantly independently-run- or charities- and if the car park became charged, they would certainly lose money as people would be less inclined to visit the shops in the village. Furthermore, this would likely increase the number of people inconveniently parking on the roads and obscuring shops. The introduction of a parking charge would also negatively affect people trying to visit Bebington Civic Medical Centre and likely reduce the number of people visiting the library. Both of these establishments are essential to the local community, and with libraries already suffering I would be angry to see my local library which I frequently use be negatively affected by this proposition.

For the sake of all of these establishments and the local communities that make use of them, please listen to us and reconsider introducing a charge for the Bebington and Bromborough car parks as it would certainly threaten their presence on the high street and inconvenience the public.

I would be greatly saddened if I had to see any of these beloved businesses struggle or close because of unnecessary parking charges. I implore you to listen to our community and not go through with this proposition; we believe it would be a mistake."

"1000. The parking spaces are generally used for parking for access to leisure or to local shopping.

Wirral residents have seen the decline in the shopping areas of the Borough. Whilst I realise that this is due to a multitude of factors and not parking charges alone, consistent spread of and increase in parking charges adds further barriers to the use of local shops/businesses. On line shopping is more and more convenient and postage is often cheaper now than parking fees so there is little incentive to visit local. Whilst there is obviously investment in the Birkenhead area in an attempt to make it more attractive, this investment is yet to be seen elsewhere in the Borough.

Wirral residents are increasingly being restricted from utilising their own leisure spaces by increasing charges to do so. Rather than the claims of moving traffic on, it seems more that this merely a route to provide an income revenue through these spaces, and it may be more open and honest to publish the revenue it is expected to generate versus costs of administration alongside asking for opinion.

Meanwhile Wirral residents health, both physical and psychological, continues to rank some of the lowest in the country, so it would seem more beneficial to promote use of spaces for wellbeing for all rather than create more barriers to those who are already feeling the impact of continued financial stresses and increasing the inequality in use. "

1001. these schemes are badly planned all they will do is impact the small villages like Irby etc as there is nowhere to park as it is without these no name wonders putting another charge on to the motorist, we pay more than enough for road tax so should be able to park on these roads and car parks for free, without shoppers who travel to the shops in there cars there would be a sharp fall in shops staying open, all you are doing is driving the shoppers who travel by car to the big supermarkets and in doing so damage the local economy, not good is it. + the disabled shoppers

"1002. Detrimental effect on local traders, who contribute tax revenue and to employment, effect on other streets and the dangers this might cause to pedestrians, pram pushers and mobility scooters if they become overcrowded. Infringing pavement areas often forces these onto the roadway.

Bebington civic centre provides courses - 3lls and others - which help the community enjoy contact and thus better mental health. The additional cost would make these prohibitive for many. Public transport is not adequate as a solution."

1003. I've lived in this area all my life and the free car park is so valuable to visitors of the library and the doctors. To make this a car park in which you need to pay is daylight robbery and yet another money-making scheme by the council.

"1004. I live @ halfway between the Barlow Av & Church Road car parks and this scheme will cause damage to local businesses as people will not want to park, if have to pay for a shopping trip....

The Church Road site, which is ideally placed for local shops, who will suffer and the Barlow Av car park will cause shops to lose passing trade if commuters do not stop there as they will have to pay.

Overall, this is a terrible idea which will impact local businesses massively."

1005. I used many of the above car parks, whether it's for local shopping, use of outdoor recreation or for school drop off to avoid adding to the congestion, so strongly disagree with these charges

"1006. Against the wishes of the majority of the public.

Not cost effective.

Costly for residents.

Costly for employees at a time of hugely inflated costs.

Prohibitive for businesses.

No mandate to conduct this."

1007. Church Road car park, Bebington is often used as a car park for the 3L's members who are attending classes at the Civic Centre during the day for at least 3 hours continuously. The 3L's is a volunteer run group who provide excellent education activities for the mainly over 55 years age group. This is a lifeline for people who like to socialise and learn in a fun and relaxed environment. The tutors and volunteers there who run this often spend all day at the Centre some at least 3 days a week. Charging at this car park will deter people from attending the 3L's as well as volunteers and tutors leading to a possible closure of the 3L provision there.

1008. I would particularly comment about the Church Road Car park in Bebington, adjacent to the Civic Centre. This car park enables Wirral's residents to attend their classes and social activities at Wirral 3Ls. They already pay membership and class fees and if car parking charges were to be added to that, it may well take some pensioners over the figure they can afford. They would need to take out 3 hours parking, to enable them to get into their 2 hour class on time and then to get out again following the class, resulting in a £3.60 fee on

top of their class fees. The social aspects that Wirral 3Ls offers to the older members of Wirral cannot be over emphasised, particularly as many of the members live alone and their classes enable them to get out of the house, mix with other like minded people, get fitter and hopefully keep "the little grey cells" active!

"1009. Bebington Civic Centre Car Park (Church Rd Bebington)

The Civic Centre, upper floor, is where the Wirral 3Ls daytime courses are held. The courses, for retirees, offer a variety of informative and stimulating courses for which a fees are charged. The courses run for 3 x 10 week terms. To charge for parking could make the courses unviable as it involves payment in addition to fees for students and would also adversely affect the ability to recruit tutors and voluntary administrative staff.

Roslin Road Irby is used by people visitiing the local shops & businesses, charging for the car park will adversely affect these concerns and lead to residential roads being used instead."

1010. This will kill already struggling high streets and is completely unnecessary.

"1011. As a shop owner for over 14 years in Pensby. I am disgusted to find that you are proposing to start charging for the Fishers Lane , Pensby car park. Free parking is a vital part of our existence and that of the other businesses in this area. Without the support of the public our trade will significantly reduce and we will no lnger be able to provide the same service and facilities that we have always done for many years. Our business is very much a short stay visit especially when collecting balloon orders and therefore if people are suddenly having to pay for this short period of time they will almost certainly look for other options and as a result our business will suffer immensely and probably will mean that our future and that of our staff will result in us having to close the business. The effect will certainly be the same for the other units on our parade and will no doubt result in loss of jobs and empty shop units , which has never happened during our 14 year tenure. It will also be a great loss of service and convenience to many of the residents in our part of the Wirral.

Your proposals need to be reconsidered as there will be dire consequences for many businesses and the local community.

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1012. I am not really sure that these car parks should be charged for but if they are not they will become completely overrun with inconciderate parking and clog up the surrounding areas.

"1013. As a local resident, I believe that this measure would negatively impact our community for several reasons:-

1. Parking charges won't solve overcrowding. If there are more cars than spaces on a residential street, introducing charges will create more spaces or reduce the number of vehicles. It will simply add an unnecessary financial burden on residents without addressing the root issue of limited parking.

2. Disproportionate Financial Impact on Residents. Parking fees would create an unnecessary financial burden for residents, particularly those who have no alternative but to park on the street. Many families already face increased living costs, and this change would add to their financial strain.

3. No Guarantee of Parking Availability for Paying Residents. Charging for parking doesn't guarantee that residents will actually get a space. In areas where there are more cars than spaces, residents could end up paying for a permit without being able to consistently park near their homes, leading to dissatisfaction.

4. Unfair to Residents without off street parking. Many residents do not have the option for of driveways or private parking spaces. They would be unfairly penalised by having to pay for parking, while those with off street parking avoid the fees altogether.

5. Limited Public Transport Alternatives: In areas with insufficient public transport, many residents depend on their cars for daily tasks. Charging for parking without offering viable transport alternatives forces people to rely on cars whilst penalising them for doing so.

6. Potential for Increased Illegal Parking: If parking fees are introduced but spaces remains limited, residents and visitors may resort to parking illegally or in unauthorised areas,

causing more problems in the neighbourhood and additional enforcement costs to the council.

7. Additional Costs for Households with multiple vehicles: Families with multiple cars would face even higher costs, as they may need to purchase multiple parking permits. This could place a significant financial strain on larger households who rely on multiple vehicles.

8. Impact on Visitors and Guests: Residents may find it more difficult to host guests or family members, especially if the 90 minute stay for non residents is not enough time. Visitors may have to pay for parking or risk fines, discouraging social visits and creating a less welcoming environment.

9. Negative Effect on Local Businesses: If parking charges defer visitors or customers from coming to the area, it could hurt local businesses. Shops and services in residential areas could see reduced foot traffic, which would negatively impact their revenue.

10. Administration Burden and Costs: Implementing a parking charge system requires managing permits, handling enforcement and processing disputes, which adds complexity and costs. The benefits of parking charges may not justify the added administrative burden and could result in higher operational costs for the Council.

11. Ineffective at Reducing Traffic: Parking charges may not significantly reduce car use, especially for residents who have no alternative means of transport. It would serve as a financial penalty rather than an effective traffic management tool.

12. Diminished Community Spirit: Introducing parking fees, especially in overcrowded streets may create tension among neighbors and between residents and the council. Those who can afford the fees may feel resentful towards those who cannot, weakening the sense of community.

15. Reduced Property Appeal: Introducing parking fees in already crowded areas could reduce the appeal of the neighbourhood, making it less attractive to potential homebuyers. Parking availability is often a key consideration for buyers, and charges could negatively affect property values.

16. Minimal Environmental Benefits: While the proposal may be intended to reduce car usage, charging residents for parking without addressing the overcrowding issue will likely have little or no impact on overall emissions or car dependency. Introducing residential parking charges without addressing these practical concerns can create more challenges than solutions for residents and community.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal, as it is likely to cause more harm than good for the residents of Liscard. We understand the importance of addressing climate change and traffic issues, but a fairer, more thoughtful approach is needed that takes into the account the challenges residents are facing.

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1014. Many of these car parks are near shopping areas. The Internet is already impacting small businesses and putting payments in the villages and shopping areas will only deter people from shopping especially as parking is free on the business parks such as The Croft.

"1015. Introduction of car parking charges makes it less convenient for people to use their local shops and drives them to big supermarket chains.

This also negatively impacts on people's health and well being and deters people from using public transport - short sighted

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1016. The introduction of car parking fees Under this scheme, TO/24/38 is lunacy. Lunacy. People park parking these spaces to shop and spend money locally locally in businesses already struggling due to the impacts of the pandemic and the current economic climate. Taking away revenue from these businesses would be detrimental and would certainly see many businesses close. The council seems to be hellbent on decimating places to visit and places to shop and and reducing vital income for local businesses. This is this is hugely shortsighted as no businesses means even less revenue for the council. I heard you to reconsider these charges.

1017. Stop creating more ways to get money fom the general public.

1018. Local shops and businesses will be affected. This change will only push more shoppers to shop at large supermarkets who offer free parking. I strongly believe that Wirral council has no strategy to support local shopping areas. There appears to be a target of how much money can we raise. Any parking scheme has to include a free parking period of at least 30 minutes to allow for shoppers to visit local shops.

"1019. I particularly object to there being parking charges in the car park on Church Road in Bebington. Unless you put some money into maintaining the car park there the charge is ridiculous. Also, the nearby streets shops are finally thriving and this might kill the street again, which would be a real loss to the community. Also, I believe that libraries should all have free parking nearby because they are a communal resource. The civic centre also benefits from the free parking.

Also, if people can't park there for free they will park on the streets and that shouldn't be something that is encouraged."

1020. Illegal and irresponsible parking on the roads around this car park is already chaotic and unmonitored. This proposal will make a very bad situation even worse and will cause the spill-over onto adjoining streets, creating increased danger to the public.

1021. People use the car parks to access the excellent beach facilities, allowing them to exercise and enjoy the natural environment. This we are told is beneficial for our health and mental well being.

1022. Nobody will visit because of this

1023. Just appalling for everyone involved. People will stop going to these places so as not to have to park, then without the custom those businesses will eventually close or go into liquidation.

1024. Parks and outside space should be available for all to enjoy and be a free activity. Charging for car parking in outside areas where there are little to no facilities is terrible. If

public toilets and shower are put in place charging for car parking is reasonable. The gun site is extremely busy especially in the summer and people won't mind paying for parking if they can see what they are paying for. Beach in Devon and Cornwall all have facilities and people are happy to pay the parking charges.

1025. As above

1026. There is already a problem with cars parking on yellows in Bebington village because of increased traffic flows. This will make it worse. It will inevitably impact on the businesses that are already struggling.

1027. We pay our council tax, as residents we should be able to use our car parks for free

1028. Some of these car parks will put small businesses out of business

1029. Will affect local businesses and reduce visitors to beauty spots

1030. no

1031. All leisure car parks should be free !

1032. Negative effect to businesses and local amenities eg library and local leisure centres

1033. Stop coming up with disincentives for people to get out and enjoy The Wirral, we should be incentivising people to get out and enjoy this wonderful peninsula

1034. I do not believe the council should be charging at this location. Parking charges should only be applied as a means of congestion relief and not to increase revenue. The vehicles parking at this location are not causing congestion, infact most of the day there are very few cars and, overnight there are barely any. All this action will do is force parking onto side streets where the parking is already limited.

1035. We pay enough in tax. Charging for parking will destroy local businesses & visitor numbers

1036. Re Hoylake. This will impact local business terribly. People visit to make small purchases such as DIY items. Added parking charges would make this untenable. At night people will be deterred from patronising small restaurants, bars and clubs.

1037. Money grubbing and short sighted.

1038. I think charging for these sites is not so bad as they do need maintaining.

1039. This doesn't benefit local residents if there was a local parking permit or even if there was free car parking from 5pm - 8pm. This just dampens the coast that we live here for as it now is at a daily cost.

1040. I feel it will make people park in surrounding residential areas and also will not encourage people to go to these areas. A lot of these areas have low trade already and this will have more impact as people will go to the supermarket instead rather than pay to park.

1041. Hoylake village cannot have any parking restrictions as it will only push people to go to the bigger shops outside the village.

1042. Thurstaston common car park is used for school drop offs and dog walkers. Suggest this is incorporated into the Wirral country parks parking pass.

1043. Again average numbers of cars parked peaks a few weeks in the year! Traffic wardens not needed rest of year!

"1044.

This is a popular place people and families visit and tourist visit, charging for parking will affect this and local area and businesses

People will not want to visit this area anymore "

1045. see above

1046. Bebington Library is also my favourite place to go. If I have to pay for parking, my kids and I might not be able to visit as often. Staying home too much isn't good for us. Other places as well.

1047. Elected representatives not listening again to what the FLOCK wants.

1048. Where parking charges have been previously implemented, I don't take alternative transport, I stop going.

1049. Keep parking free

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1051. The damage to the local economy and knock on effect of visitors parking in nearby residential streets, where parking is already at a significant premium.

1052. People are already struggling. Give them a break.

1053. we live in bromborough and if you charge for parking it will force most customers to go onto the Croft retail park. this will result in bromborough Village shops to lose a lot of business and could ultimately cause the village to die

1054. Stop the delusion that free car parking in towns is subsidising car parking. Look to the bigger cost of impact on the towns. This is just a cash grab.

"1055. As a Bebington resident I can only comment about the scheme affecting Church Road and Roland Road Bebington (though I can imagine similar concerns will be voiced for elsewhere.

I think charging fees will be counter productive. Lower Bebington Village particularly has already lost shops and businesses over the last 10 years and I think charging will further that by losing attractiveness for business owners, staff and customers. Also, it will push parking onto local residential streets, green borders and spaces. The Bebington bus services are not

that frequent and not connected by direct routes to and from all points Wirral, further reducing attractiveness."

1056. People less likely to go shopping in affected areas. Businesses will definitely see reduction in clients. Risk of further decline in affected villages. Risk of pushing parking elsewhere, adversely affecting local residents.

1057. Local Councils are NOT just a business. They are supposed to have a duty to represent the community, provide facilities for the community and encourage their use. Wirral Borough Council seems to have completely lost sight of these things in its pursuit of increasing revenue at the expense of the community who happen to be motorists.

1058. I cannot emphasise how much I object to the proposal for Allport Lane car park charges. Bromborough village is unique in that the Croft Shopping is so close. Charging in Allport Lane car park would mean the death of the village and the businesses there. It is completely unacceptable to charge for parking here while the Croft remains free, it will drive people away from the village.

1059. I object to the Pasture Road car park charges as the car park is part of the dr's surgery. I don't think people should have to pay in the dr's surgery car park. I know that people with blue badges can park free but there are a lot of people without blue badges, and people shouldn't be put off going to the dr's.

"1060. Businesses in the Wirral are already struggling to survive and the introduction of parking charges could well be the final blow for many as their customers choose to go elsewhere.

Local businesses are all doing everything they can to survive. They pay council tax and support the Wirral. If they lose custom and close the council will lose the income that they get from these businesses so surely this is a lose lose situation for all? I cannot understand why the council thinks this is a sensible solution. It's quite the opposite.

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1061. As a resident in New Brighton, I cannot understand why you would want to harm the local businesses by charging for parking here. My trust in the council has already hit an all time low after you tried to implement overnight parking charges and then just blanket banned people from parking overnight instead. I don't trust that these charges will help anyone.

"1062. A significant number of cars parked at both Bromborough and Eastam car parks are short term only. You visit a chemist to pick up a prescription, to pop in to a bakery or greengrocers, to buy a loaf of bread or a bottle of milk.

I will not pay £1.20 for shopping for a single item. Bromborough and Eastham villages will lose my custom. I will shop, even for a single item at the Croft retail Park, The extra cost in petrol will be less than the parking charge."

1063. Specially to Bromborough, this notion of charging for a car park is quite frankly, ridiculous. There is no foresight, and it will clearly impact Bromborough Village as a whole, destroying business and new pubs and restaurants.

1064. I work in Charles road, Hoylake. If these charges come in to play it's going to cost me £100+per month to park at work. There's no way I can afford that. I don't even have 100 spare each month as it is

1065. I think it would be fairer to local businesses to allow 2 hours free parking to allow customers to use the local businesses for free, but charge for those who choose to park all day. Also maybe give an option to buy a permit as a reduced cost for people who work locally & need to park there?

1066. This will impact on the viability of businesses within Hoylake and other areas.

1067. This is criminal...charging for families to use outdoor spaces that should be free for all.

1068. I live in the flats on church road Bebington and use this car park due to living here and also family members when visiting use it we shouldn't have to pay to see each other or to live here

1069. I would prefer car parks in shopping areas remain free to encourage people to shop locally and not choose out of town shopping where parking is free. However, as car parks require maintenance I can see the merit in a nominal fee for their use.

1070. I work in Bebington Village, so the plans to add parking charges to the Church Road car park would directly impact on me and the business I work for. To pay for parking during my 8 hour shift would massively impact on my part-time wages. In addition, as I work for an independent retail company, these charges would deter our customers from shopping in the area and would drive them away to larger shopping areas with free parking (such as The Croft in Bromborough). Lastly, the lack of free parking could encourage people to block up the residential areas by parking outside houses and on the double yellow lines in the village, reserved for the many village visitors who are blue badge carriers.

"1071. Local shops and businesses already suffering or even closing due to high rates, rents, energy costs and recovery from recent lockdowns, will be further hit both economically and socially.

Already overcrowded nearby retail parks with free car parks will take further business away from these struggling high streets and overcrowd their car parks making it impossible to use these facilities too.

Furthermore, over spill of parking will occur in nearby residential areas creating road safety hazards and inconvenience local residents.

The socio-economic climate of the areas within this scheme is already bleak. This will be the final nail in the coffin; completing the ghost town effect that we have been fighting so hard against the odds to avoid.

Once these areas become a ghost town, no one will want to visit anyway, so you'd be maintaining car parks that are not used or needed.

If you managed your finances better in other areas, there would be no need for this desperate grasping that is further eroding our patience and trust with Wirral Council."

1072. Charging for parking in Hoylake car parks will deter people from visiting, thus affecting local businesses and tourism income.

"1073. As a resident of the area I think that local businesses will suffer if parking charges are put in place. Cars will either park in nearby roads causing congestion or in the church car park. When events are on at the church this will lead to problems.

People will be inclined to shop on the Croft retail park rather than at local shops which will lead to them closing.

These businesses are already feeling the pinch as they struggle to keep prices competitive while all other costs have increased.

The local library will also be affected by any charges levied. The walk in centre car park is always full and this will put more strain on it."

"1074. Introducing parking charges is going to turn our small towns and villages into 'ghost towns'. For the period where businesses continue to operate, workers will be hit with having to pay to park their car, further inroads into incomes already under pressure. Businesses will close because of reduced trade as customers will go to shops offering free parking. The Council's fantasy that people will walk or travel by bus instead, is pure political posturing, thinking policies like this are 'on trend'. 20mph almost everywhere is in the same category, a total lack of rationale joined up thinking. People in Bristol walking or cycling more oh yes in our Winter!! Consulting? What a joke you've ignored the wishes of the majority on the 20mph consultation and no doubt you will do the same on parking charges- you're a socialist dictatorship not a social democracy- a disgrace.

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1075. Small businesses suffer.

"1076. Introducing charges to the Allport Lane car park will have a massive negative impact on the businesses in the area, their employees and customers. Saying that charging for car parks is a way of relieving congestion is at best nonsense and at worst a down right lie to fund the coffers.

Let's take the disgusting decision to charge people to use the car park at Eastham Woods. I visited the woods this weekend and the car park had very few cars in it. Instead, the cars were all parked up on Ferry Road bumper to bumper. This was causing more disruption, congestion and danger to pedestrians.

The same could happen in Bromborough Village where residential roads will become overrun, or worse still, it will put people off coming into the Village at all. "

"1077. The majority - if not all - of these car parks bring vital customers into local businesses. Introducing charges will simply drive customers away from our local villages, putting businesses at risk and leaving our villages with empty retail units. It will increase the risk of crime, vandalism & anti social behaviour for kids trying to get into empty premises, it will make our villages less appealing and reduce footfall further, it will negatively affect the local economy and could lead to a reduction in house prices because villages will be less desirable places to live.

With so many out of town retail spaces where free parking is readily available, councils should be giving incentives to people to make use of our village high streets and community facilities - not penalising people and doing their utmost to drive them away.

This is a short sighted, penny pinching farce of a policy, and one that would not even have been considered had any common sense been applied to the process. And if you disagree, please go and have a look at Ellesmere Port town centre, where parking charges were brought in a number of years ago . It is derelict, full of empty shops attracting high numbers of bored teenagers, graffiti, vandalism and requiring significant police oversight. The market is decimated, the shops are vanishing one by one, chains are pulling out and community facilities are reporting a drop in numbers, all due to parking fees which are driving shoppers elsewhere.

This is bureaucratic lunacy and needs to be stopped."

1078. With reference to Church Road Car Park in Bebington. I have the following specific objections. This car park is used by members of the 3Ls charity (I am a member), whilst attending courses at the Civic Centre. It is also used by 3Ls Tutors and other 3Ls volunteers.

Many of the 3Ls attendees travel some considerable distance to the Civic Centre and the area is poorly served by public transport, meaning that the attendees are forced to take their cars and use Church Street car park. Courses at 3Ls are generally 2 hours in length and there are 10 sessions per term. The current fee is £80 per term which increased after Covid restrictions from the previous £64 per term. With the proposed car parking costs at £1.20 per hour, attendees would need to book 3 hours parking at £3.60 per session or £36 per term. Added to the £80 course fee, this raises the outlay to £116 per term. Many of the course attendees are older people with a limited income and already struggle to pay the £80 course fee. The extra outlay for parking will undoubtedly be beyond the reach of many attendees, and so the number of people attending the courses will drop. Tutors and volunteers are also likely to drop out due to the cost of parking. The net effect of this could be that 3Ls is no longer viable and is likely to shut down. Indeed, 3Ls struggled to survive the Covid pandemic. The potential loss of the 3Ls would have a devastating affect on the local community and the mental and physical health of its members - indeed, for many the 3Ls organisation provides the only opportunity to get out of the house and enjoy social interaction. The introduction of car parking fees here will also affect the attendance of Bebington Library, which could result in the loss of yet another social amenity.

1079. Local free parking is vital for all small businesses. Drivers will be forced into using big retailers where there is free parking to the detriment of small local businesses. Civic Way charges will very adversely affect Wirral 3Ls which will reduce council income from the Civic Centre and further isolate pensioners who rely on 3Ls for company and mental stimulation. Members come from all areas of the Wirral and beyond.

1080. My objection is that it will impact the economy of the area where I live. What is the use of businesses trying to develop if the council introduces parking charges. People will just go out of town. I don't accept that we should have to follow your strategy, I don't care about it.

1081. Barlow street carpark is used as an unofficial park and ride. If you charge here you will make more people park in residential streets or take their cars to work/town which goes against the boroughs net zero. Derby pool and the gunsite are only safely accessible by car. Improve pedestrian access/lighting from public transport before charging.

"1082. I live in Hoylake but work in Bebington. Public transport is not good enough for me to use when I commute. Therefore parking charges in Roland Ave will impact my low wage. Also as a small business, we rely on the car park to help our customers use our services. Living in Hoylake, I also know many people park in Carr Lane car park so they can get the train to Liverpool or Chester. This will encourage more people to just drive instead. This proposal is not environmentally friendly.

People having to pay to park outside their own homes is also persecuting people who don't have a drive or a parking area. Once again I feel the people who struggle the most in society will be the most affected. "

1083. You cannot group different car parks, which are used for different purposes, under one reference.

"1084. 1. Church Road Car Park Bebington. The 3L's organisation provides excellent courses all lasting two hours. Charging to park here will effect this organisation. Public transport is not good from all parts of the Wirral. Also use of the local shops and cafes will drop.

2. Fort Perch Rock - easy parking for the Floral Pavilion both day and night. If you start charging use of the theatre may fall.

3. All other car parks - The Croft retail Park, the B&Q retail park and Cheshire Oakes will become even more popular for shopping.

4. I live in Wallasey and rarely go into Liscard Village because there is little there."

"1085. yes,

i am a district nurse and work at the building. i can not afford daily to be parking and seeing patients"

1086. This will affect me having to pay car parking to go to work. I am an essential car user for work. The cost of living is already high without having to add a money making scheme for the council.

1087. Charging for parking having got New Brighton to a stage where people actually want to come to spend time there seems counter productive. Charging for parking in smaller car parks, where most visits are to shops and local businesses , will have a detrimental effect on trade.

1088. In particular charging at the Park and Ride at Carr Lane Hoylake which will penalise rail travellers, force people to park on residential streets, hence worsening, not improving the traffic and parking situation. There is never any problem parking at this car park, nor in obtaining a space, hence the reason given for the scheme not only does not apply, it would make things substantially worse, rather than improving a situation which doesn't need improving.

"1089. I work in Bromborough and I am one of the many employees, like residents, like customers who uses the free parking on Allport lane. The facilities are important to the local economy and are the main driver in keeping the high-street alive, which is something that many towns across the country are failing to do. Adding charges to this car park WILL kill some of the businesses and will negatively impact the livelihoods of residents who rely on Bromborough village. This will, and the council are probably aware of it and unfortunately supportive of it, drive the local economy away from local businesses into the larger national and multi-national businesses that dominate the Croft retail park. The same can be reflected across the region.

Introducing parking fees for residents, regardless of how 'modest' they are considered to be is morally wrong at the best of times and cruel given the increasing costs of everyday living due to the many wider government policies in recent years that have gone towards privatising the nations assets (not to dissimilarly to privatising the roads). The local council has a duty to bring changes that positively benefit their constituents and charging for parking at somebody's residence has no benefit to anybody but the banker.

As for the 'it will be cheaper to park on the Wirral than in x city'. This is irrelevant. It is currently free of charge, any increase to the cost of something that is and has always been free is still too expensive. Given that public transport does not adequately cover the region, it is not an acceptable change to remove the freedom of people to access their workplace without being forced to pay for it (further than what is already being paid when their wages are taxed and road tax is considered)."

"1090. On several counts this proposal is both cynical and short sighted.

Yes. The councils are strapped for cash. This is not the fault of those of us who live in this area, and this is just another way of making us pay fir local authority failures.

How can you justify this ? This plan will just continue the ongoing decline of local communities which are centered on areas the provide both necessary and social activities, resulting in local retailers, cafes, and meeting places such as (in the case of Millpark Drive) The already reduced services offered by the library, St David's Church, which provides a very important social function and the overspill from the Eastham Rake Clinic.

All of these places will be adversely affected as people will give greater consideration to visiting the retail park.

One can only think that either the author of these proposals has not given this ridiculous and short sighted idea any serious thought, or that it is now the council's policy to drive the final nail into the coffin of our already dying communities.

Come on WBC Get real wake up and smell the coffee.

Yes you are short of cash, well we the public are not your personal bankers. You need to be speaking to the government about your problems and stop landing them on the doorsteps of the public, most of whome are in the same boat.ie struggling to live (in particular

pensioners, most of whom have already been targeted by government having the winter fuel allowance taken away and small businesses who you continue to stifle"

1091. It will discourage people from spending money in the local area

"1092. Most of the sessions on our courses last for 2 hours. To be sure of not overstaying their time then members would probably need to buy a 3-hour ticket. The proposed parking charge is £1.20 per hour. Therefore, each member will have to pay at least £3.60 in parking fees to the council.

The cost to volunteers and tutors will be even higher, because they spend many more hours in the building than the average member. Wirral 3LS relies on volunteers giving their time completely free. This enables us to keep fees to our members as low as possible. We couldn't survive without our volunteers.

We risk losing members because the cost of parking on top of course fees make them unaffordable, and our numbers may decline to such an extent that the charity is no longer viable.

We risk losing volunteers because they are discouraged by the costs of volunteering for 3LS.

We risk losing tutors or increased fees to compensate them for increased cost. 3LS may be a charity, but we operate in a marketplace and good talent has a market price."

1093. It will negatively impact all businesses and people's health and wellbeing. Public transport isn't sufficient for people to rely on this.

1094. I object to church road car park becoming a paid one due to that already without being paid multiple cars already just park on the road itself and other roads since there are other roads that can be parked on, so introducing paid parking would result in almost no one parking in the car park and all the cars spilling onto the space around it even if unsafe to do so, this would increase the frequency of road traffic accidents and would harm Bebington village since it would deter people from visiting it and take income away from workers there, Bebington village already has a relatively high turnover of businesses not being able to afford rent so it already struggles with having enough footfall for the rent prices and this would only exacerbate that and have a significant negative effect on the community

"1095. The Bromborough shopping parade has been under strain for many years. Reason being the attraction and range of shops at the Croft retail Park and the expansion of online sales and services. The Croft retail park offers free parking.

Bromborough village is mainly occupied by local independent businesses. Unlike the Croft estate. We provide friendly local service. Our customers are often elderly and appreciate this friendly environment where they are known. There is very little parking on the road. The car park supports our businesses and the wellbeing of the community.

I cannot believe that the council is considering charging. We may as well close our doors now. You will then have a street of half empty units, the closure of many local businesses and residents of Bromborough having no choice but to shop on the internet or use faceless multiples .

I object to charges at the Allport Lane car park but do not have any knowledge of the other car parks mentioned but in principle parking in areas where there are local shops is unfair and damaging for everyone. "

"1096. Carr Lane Hoylake Park and Ride is very short sighted as it takes cars off the road for journeys around Merseyside.

The car parks near coast and countryside locations will have reduced visitors affecting the local visitor economy. Local businesses will close, jobs will be lost and business rates collections will reduce.

These changes will make Wirral a very unattractive place to live and visit snuffing out any possibility of Wirral being further developed as a day tourist location"

1097. These car parks are encouraging people to visit the area and also in the case of Carr Lane Hoylake it encourages people to park and ride. Charges are going to kill off so much tourism and thus people spending in our retail outlets, already declining with the lack of banking facilities. Free car parking encourages people to visit our area, paid car parking discourages visitors

1098. As above

1099. As above

"1100. Reasonable charges to car parking in car parks in Hoylake would stop people parking in them and going to work in town all day freeing space to shoppers.

High street parking charges however would destroy are small towns "

1101. Parking should remain free to maximise local use and help businesses.

"1102. The car park at Church Road should remain free as it is vital for community life and civic purposes. Namely for those going to Church, visiting the doctors surgery for health matters or using the library and civic centre for education at the 3 Ls classes and for those visiting the shops on Church Road.

Imposing a charge will drive people to park in surrounding roads causing, danger, congestion and inconvenience for local residents. People will park illegally on the single

yellow lines already imposed on Church Road which offers no alternative short stay free parking between the hours of 7am to 7pm.

The pricing of £1.20 per hour is prohibitive.

Bebington is only a parade of shops not a town. It has become a quiet back water with the loss of several businesses chiefly the supermarket in 2018. The village is not a destination.

Charging for the car park will drive customers away to shops where there is free parking. Namely, The Croft retail park in Bromborough, only a short distance away or garden centres and supermarkets who are already head and shoulders above local independents in terms of revenue.

The businesses on Church Road will fail if charges are imposed as rising costs have made a significant impact on many businesses to their detriment.

Further costs for the traders and their staff to bear would be punitive.

Any retraction of footfall and therefore revenue will see many businesses close. High Streets should be protected and offered support from local government as we play a vital role in the community.

I am a business owner on Church Road, I am in my 14th year of business. We have already suffered the loss of the supermarket in 2018, struggled through Covid, which went on to change people's shopping habits and then the cost of living crisis. I feel this will be the final straw. I for one will consider closing my business and if the other businesses slowly go, no one will use the car park anyway.

Making charges at 22 locations across Wirral will have an impact on traffic in general, creating a funneling of traffic to areas like the Croft retail park in Bromborough. Creating even worse congestion in that area.

To recap

1. It would cause congestion and danger in surrounding roads. The Wiend, The Highcroft, Bromborough Road, St Andrews Road and Kirket Lane. This will impact on the residents.
2. It will cause people to park illegally on the yellow lines on Church Road. Again, causing congestion and chaos on a main road which would be really dangerous.

3. It will disrupt community and civic life with no free parking for the library, the Civic centre/adult learning classes and church goers.

4. It will have an adverse effect on shops and businesses on Church Road and drive customers away to free parking areas such as The Croft Retail park at Bromborough.

5. The loss of any more shops or services from the parade in Church Road would be devastating for the Bebington community

6. Ultimately people wishing to avoid a charge will travel further in their cars for alternative shops and services rather than staying local, causing more traffic on the roads and more congestion in areas like The Croft Retail Park in Bromborough."

1103. This will effect multiple small business, deterring trade and use of Leisure Centres.

"1104. How to kill businesses, as for Thurstaston common, no public transport services to there.

We are meant to be the leisure peninsula but WBC by imposing pay and display carports are not encouraging families to visit and get out and about, vital for physical and mental health purposes, the NHS is already under huge strains and this is not helping !!!"

1105. I object to this as I feel it will have an impact on local businesses. At the moment it is obvious a lot of people prefer out of town retail parks and that is for the simplicity of free parking. The council will drive customers to the larger retail parks, big business and this will have a major impact on smaller traders who rely on passing trade.

1106. Disappointed

1107. Old chester road/chamberlain St car park should be free for those using merseyrail. We are trying to promote greener travel and by making people pay for parking at the train station and still have to buy a ticket to travel seems very unreasonable given the current economic situation.

1108. The Turner Street proposals will particularly affect the Muslim community using the prayer facilities.

1109. This will have a damaging affect on small businesses. The only winner will be the Retail Parks. This is what caused the death of the Birkenhead shopping centre. Birkenhead is dead as a dodo!! Well done WBC - destroying "the little man". Watch the smaller shops fold. Drivers will find alternative ways to park, creating heated exchanges outside peoples' properties to avoid the fee. WBC appears intent on destroying Wirral. Mark my words we will have dying shopping centres, (little Birkenheads), if this madness of a scheme goes ahead.

"1110. Businesses in Bebington are struggling. A lot of shops have closed recently. Parking charges will not improve this situation as people will go to other businesses with free parking available. As a father to young children at local primary schools, introducing parking charges will cause people to park on side roads or double yellow lines and make journeys to

and from school more dangerous. My wife and I enjoy taking our children to the library, but introducing parking charges will mean that there is no longer any available free parking, reducing access to this valuable civic amenity. This will also impact churchgoers and those who attend clubs like Lego Church (again, including my children).

The council claims that these charges are to "help manage traffic, congestion and to help keep people moving so that everyone who needs to, is more likely to have access to a car parking space." I have never seen Bebington's car parks congested and I am confident that everyone who wants to is currently able to find a space. The council is right about one thing - that the proposed charges will "keep people moving". Sadly, they will indeed - they will keep people moving past Bebington's businesses and on to already congested sites like the Croft Retail Park in Bromborough,"

1111. Looks like our Council Tax will be paying the wages for an army of car park / parking wardens!

1112. A daytime seasonal charge for some car parks such as Derby Pool and the gunsite is a fairer compromise between charging a fee for visitors and having an attraction for local people to benefit from.

1113. This will make our local businesses suffer even more due to less people wanting to go and visit local shops if they have to pay to park

1114. ditto I park at some of these venues early morning to walk my dogs

1115. The introduction of parking charges will undoubtedly have a detrimental impact on business and footfall in all these areas. It will limit where people can go

1116. Many of these car parks are the only free parking in small town and village centres that small independent local businesses desperately need the support of people coming in to use local businesses rather than causing more pollution going to out of town shopping centres to use huge free carparks , large chain shops and supermarklets and add to the decline of the local high streets

"1117. Church road - leave it as is.

Do not start charging people to park, it will turn people away from an already struggling set of business units. "

1118. As a business owner (next to Charles rd car park) we have staff and customers who use this all the time. We employ 8 ppl locally. This will have a detrimental effect on our business and our staffs well being. The emotional stress already caused by this consultation is evident within our staff pool. How am I going to afford to pay to park, can I park somewhere else, what are you (me) going to do about it.

"1119. It'll deter visitors, very limited amounts of people will pay to park. The scheme will not pay for itself. Most of these areas are not congested.

The council are targeting motorists to raise funds when a lot of people are already struggling financially. Overall, I don't think the council will raise the amount of funds that they would like and the installation and management of the car charging scheme will be too costly. "

1120. Leave the car parks free of charge so that people do not park in the side streets.

1121. The council has for many years now consistently broadcast about how they are in a financially perilous position - however with all the regeneration schemes, cycle lanes plus the very controversial 20mph scheme (which was implemented without asking council taxpayers if they agree to it) leaves a sour taste in the mouth and make people wonder if the council are really as fiscally troubled as they make out. Congestion can be an issue, but people who park overnight often do if they live nearby and have no other option. By issuing charges at these car parks, it runs the risk of motorists parking on nearby streets, which will only increase congestion. This does not mean that to combat this you should charge nearby residents for permits to park outside their own home. The only reason I can theorise why these charges are being implemented are to raise revenue for the council, which would be in violation of the Road Traffic Regulation act. Charging for their use will drive people away from the area and may lead to businesses closing, reducing business rates for the council.

1122. As above

1123. Will damage local businesses and push more people to use retail parks where they can park for free

1124. Cost of living..! We want people to be able to go to places and use the facilities there and not go because of having to pay to park. You're putting businesses at risk if you charge. People are put off by being charged to park their cars. Another tax.

1125. This is a terrible idea as it will massively harm the local area. The majority of people WILL NOT GO somewhere that they cannot park, which not only negatively impacts tourism but footfall in town centres and shops.

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"1127. Free parking in Birkenhead can significantly boost the local economy by attracting more visitors and shoppers to the area. When people know they can park without incurring extra costs, they are more likely to choose Birkenhead over other shopping destinations. This increased foot traffic can lead to higher sales for local businesses, fostering a thriving community and creating more job opportunities.

Moreover, free parking can reduce congestion on residential streets. When parking is free and readily available in designated areas, drivers are less likely to park in front of homes,

improving the quality of life for residents. It also encourages the use of local amenities, such as parks and community centers, as people can access these facilities more conveniently.

Additionally, free parking can enhance the overall appeal of Birkenhead as a destination. It sends a welcoming message to visitors, making the area more attractive for events, tourism, and new businesses. This can lead to a more vibrant and dynamic community, benefiting everyone who lives and works in Birkenhead."

1128. Restricting access to amenities for elderly disabled and young mums

1129. These car parks are used by people of all ages but particularly the elderly who access the medical& dental services locally as well as the public library. The local shops are struggling but charging will put another tax on users & push them away from this area, possibly into local side streets, endangering children attending local schools& reducing access.

"1130. If these charges are to encourage people to walk, cycle or use buses, I don't think it will work, especially for older people.

Parking near shops

It will put people off shopping in local shops, they will go to supermarkets instead. How can they carry shopping when walking or cycling and buses do not go where they are needed? The small shops will then have to close down, the areas will become ghost towns, and the Council will lose council tax.

Parking along proms

This will put people off going for a walk in these places – for the good of their health. Since charges were introduced in Country Parks I have already stopped going to them. Buses don't go to them.

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1131. You will be impacting those taking regular exercise with dogs, walkers and runners

"1132. As a business owner, this will stop footfall to our local community

The local business are still recovering from pandemic and this could potentially close small businesses down

I beg you to re think "

1133. As above. I walk my dog at the first four car parks regularly and still have a limited income. If I cannot do so I am limited where I can go to take exercise. I have been to Royden

Park once but no longer because of the cost involved in parking. This is restricting my ability to exercise and keep healthy.

1134. There is absolutely no need to force people to pay to park here.

1135. Car parking charges will isolate the poor and vulnerable

1136. Make them free to use.

1137. Yes as a pensioner , I and many other less well off people will no longer be able to enjoy places like the gun site area in Wallasey .

"1138. I think it's a negative move than will directly impact the smallest of traders in the given areas.

Also, as you're aware, The Floral Pavillion is struggling financially and this move could be the tipping point in preventing people from attending the venue. "

1139. charging in Allport Lane car park Bromborough will be detrimental to the shops in the village. Why pay there when you can go to the Croft industrial park and not have to pay. This is a very short sighted scheme unless it is your intention to remove local shops from local people as many will close if footfall decreases.

"1140. Roslin Road car park.

We live opposite the car park in Roslin Road and have done for 25 years now and are aware of the usage of the car park and for what purposes. However introducing a charge, in particular an overnight charge simply moves the problems on to residents such as us. Roslin Road has already increased parking often on grass verges and we strongly object to an overnight and daytime charge as this will cause major disruption and disharmony to the residents. I accept the policy with regards to sustainability and car usage but this simply passes the problem on.

The only middle ground I can see here is the introduction on resident only parking permits on Roslin Road. Even any yellow lines used at the top of the road will simply direct people down the road blocking residents parking near to their house and causing distress to everyday life when cars are left on the road for long periods. Imagine the potential of having unidentified cars parked overnight outside our houses!? Is there any such permit plans in place to support the car park charging plan? "

1141. If you are going to implement parking changes outside of a doctors surgery on pasture road, this isn't disgrace and you should be ashamed to even implement such charges! This along with all other parking charges should be reconsidered! Yet again targeting places that should be free of charge! Disgraceful!

1142. As above

"1143. Myself and my family moved to New Brighton during the covid period.

At that time, the majority of businesses were closed due to Covid restrictions. As with many towns it looked very bleak. As new residents we were unable to see the busy and vibrant town that we now enjoy post pandemic.

We observe many people, including the elderly, parking on the sea front to admire our wonderful views. We also see many families parking and spending family time on the beach. This is just a small sample of the many visitors to the area, who also go on to use our coffee shops, restaurants and local businesses.

I, along with all of my family members, going back many generations, have been labour voters through and through. I feel very strongly about the proposed parking charges, which I feel, will have a major impact on a town, who have worked incredibly hard to make New Brighton the place to visit. You can feel the positive mood and pride to continue to improve facilities locally and make the best of our facilities.

My concern is that New Brighton will return to the bleak and depressing town, it became during the covid period, which is a very real possibility. You will also be aware that times are hard for many and the proposed parking charges maybe a step too far for many families and that they will vote with their feet.

I understand that funds are also tight for councils and that savings must be made somewhere, however I feel that this move does not reflect the councils vision in developing New Brighton and making it the 'go to' place for future generations.

I explore you, please vote against the proposed parking charges, which I feel would be catastrophic for the area.

Regards

Sheila Smith (Mrs)

Labour Voter

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1144. Adding parking charges to any of these would be harmful to local businesses and their customer. I particularly object to Church Road in Beb village. Shops such as Bulwalk Games provide a fantastic community cafe but also has customer from further afield. Free parking

in the village is a key reason people are able to spend time and money as places such as Bulwalk. Convenience shops such as Londis will not be effected by this, people spend at most about 10 minutes in places like that. For the cafes, beauty shops etc people stay for a number of hours but will likely stay away if charges are introduced. We should be encouraging people to use the village not adding another reason to stay away and buy online.

1145. I paid to have a memorial bench installed at the gunsite after the death of my husband. I drive there on a daily basis to spend time in his favourite place. Being a pensioner, if charges were introduced, I feel I would be unable to go regularly, which would break my heart.

"1146. A bit cheeky of you to lump all this together. On street parking charges on Hoylake, West Kirby & Irby will effect trade. I personally support local shops where I can, but I will not pay £1.20 to call at the shops in passing for milk, loaf or at the butchers etc for odd items, I'll clearly go to one of the many supermarkets and park for free and they'll gain my business.

You only need to look a Birkenhead!

I object to Thurstaston common car park, there is NO public transport serving this location and any car parking charges will displace parking onto the main road which will be chaotic, "

1147. this affects me and my work.

1148. Manage carparks and off street parking but take all recreational sites out of the equation, as a "Leisure peninsula " the council should be setting the standard and encouraging visitors to to all our wonderful parks, beaches, and open spaces. The hiding behind fancy words/reasons for increasing parking is abhorrent

"1149. I work at the Bebington Civic Centre as a tutor at 3Ls.

The proposed parking charges are ridiculous, insensitive and ill-conceived.

I spend Mondays and Wednesdays there and would incur charges equating to 11 hours per week.

This is simply not acceptable.

I earn minimum wage to do this job and have to travel just under 20 minutes to get there, so I would lose a significant amount each week of my pay just to park. The surrounding residential streets are only going to get blocked up as people seek free parking should the charges be implemented, leading to increased traffic and annoyance for those who live in these streets.

Furthermore other staff, and volunteers who kind-heartedly give their free time to help a the centre may be forced to quit their roles due to these idiotic charges.

I implore you to think again before going ahead with the decision."

1150. Church Rd Bebington is vital to 3 L's based in Civic Centre, for its staff & tutors, its service users & most of all its volunteers. Imposition of parking charges would have a catastrophic effect

1151. Ditto as above

1152. As a business owner in bromborough village I'm disgusted that every 2 years we have a battle on our hands about parking... you closed our Library and Civic centre which took a lot of footfall from the village and now you want to kick us while we are down with parking charges! We are so close to the Croft were parking is free that people will just stop supporting the village! My business has been here for 24 years.. il be lucky to survive another 24 months if charges are brought in...charges need to be stopped in this area... it's hard fighting against the Croft which is expanding all the time... we are still trying to recover from covid were u closed most shops...yet u still say u want to support the high street?? Is this what u call support??? Customers will stop coming and businesses will close if you bring in parking charges....this seriously needs to be stopped before you cause irreversible damage!!!

"1153. Carr Lane Car Park is P&R for train.

The so-called 'Leisure Peninsula' is becoming extremely expensive for locals & visitors.

Increased parking costs will reduce visitors, shops will suffer & lively village/town areas will turn into ghost towns, in the long-term."

"1154. Fewer Customers, Less Footfall: The introduction of parking fees, particularly in areas that have traditionally been free, could deter visitors. Many potential theatre-goers or event attendees may simply opt to stay home or visit alternative venues where parking remains free. The Floral Pavilion could see a significant drop in foot traffic, especially for evening performances when the £1 overnight charge kicks in.

"Parking Anxiety" for Theatre Patrons: The additional cost of parking, especially when attending longer events, may leave customers preoccupied with their parking meters rather than enjoying the show. We don't want patrons spending more time worrying about parking fines than watching the climax of the performance!

The Curse of Unplanned Costs: For visitors unfamiliar with parking charges, this could feel like an unexpected financial burden. Imagine a visitor excited for an evening out at the Floral Pavilion, only to discover they need to pay extra to park, and now they're late to the

show! The frustration could reflect negatively on the venue, even though it's not responsible for the charges.

Competing with Venues Offering Free Parking: Other theatres or entertainment venues that have free parking might become more attractive to customers, especially those traveling from outside the Wirral area. The Floral Pavilion could face the brunt of this competition, leading to a dip in local tourism and visitor numbers.

Impact on Special Events: Weddings, conferences, and larger events held at the Floral Pavilion could be negatively affected. Organizers might worry about the extra cost to their guests, especially if parking isn't easily accessible or there's confusion over new tariffs.

Eco-Friendly, but Not Wallet-Friendly: While aligning with the Cool 2 Climate Strategy sounds great in theory, increased parking charges might just shift the problem elsewhere, with people parking in residential areas or at other nearby free locations, clogging up local streets and inconveniencing residents.

Barrier to Accessibility for Families: Families visiting for kid-friendly shows or activities are often on a budget, and additional parking costs could be a deterrent. Families may opt for alternatives where they don't have to worry about juggling parking fees on top of ticket prices, snacks, and everything else that comes with a family outing.

Nightmare for Staff and Performers: Not only patrons, but also staff and performers at the Floral Pavilion could face difficulties. Regular parking charges might make working at or performing at the venue less attractive, leading to potential staffing or talent issues.

Parking Confusion: With overnight charges, inflationary increases, and new permits, the whole system might cause more stress than it's worth. What if someone accidentally overstays their time and leaves the venue after a performance to find a parking ticket waiting? It could lead to a public relations nightmare for the Pavilion if guests associate their night out with costly parking fines.

Higher Costs, Lower Spending at the Venue: If visitors are forking out more for parking, that's less money they'll have to spend inside the venue on refreshments, merchandise, or future event tickets. Over time, this could hit the Pavilion's bottom line."

1155. Also frequent multiple of the above often with my family. Would not pay charges on leisure basis.

1156. I agree with some of the parking proposals. For example, how Fort Perch Rock has not been pay and display for years is a mystery. However, other changes would be detrimental.

1157. DITTO

1158. These free car parks stop residents losing spaces in front of their properties and mean people use local shops

1159. Many of these car parks are what keep small local businesses going. Adding parking charges to car parks such as Roland Ave, Hr Bebington and Alport Lane Bromborough will result in a reduction in footfall to and eventually closure of local businesses. Surely this is not what 'our' council wants to achieve?

1160. For the car parks near shops, this will have a major impact on local business. Some of these shops are part of the fabric of our communities and some may be forced to close.

"1161. Church rd car park serves the civic Center we're lots of people attend classes as I do my self if you put a charge on here the tutors and students won't be able to afford to go this takes a lot of enjoyment away from so many people please don't take this away from us .

Allport lane car park you will kill the village if you charge in this car park everyone will go on the Croft estate and Bromborough my village will go like new ferry a run down boarded up area we're no one goes this has been a lovely village with a good selection of shops been there for years don't kill it ."

1162. so people who park at green lane then take the train to liverpool for work will now have to pay parking charges on top of train fares to earn a living it's absolutely absurd and disgusting yet another tax on the working classes trying to make ends meet but you councils don't care it probably doesn't affect you .let them eat cake

1163. Not required. People will not visit the area. Take a cut in pay at Wirral Borough Council.

1164. Though I do not know all the area, I know of some and I feel it's just z blatant money making scheme. Residents of Wirral enjoy living here and imposing all the draconian measures spoils the beauty of places..drives away visitors who spend money here and enjoy visiting here. In the words of Joni Mitchell, "o pay paradise, put up a parking lot"

1165. I believe this scheme will take away from local businesses more than it will benefit the council recieving this money. Not only this, but it will encourage people to park in other places cluttering up the side roads and near by homes.

1166. As above.

1167. This is something I object to as I live at property on church road Bebington. Having to pay for parking will ruin it for the little shops and local businesses. This will cause a huge annoyance for me as I drive and will have to pay to park to live at my flat. So I hope others object to this whole scheme.

1168. For the reasons above..if you want to keep your level of visitor numbers keep the parking free

"1169. Wrong to include all these areas in a bundle! each one needs proper consideration, each providing important needs to nearby facilities. For instance Roland Ave., Bebington allows use of the adjacent shops & facilities some may go out of business, that will led to a loss of revenue to the Council. Have you done an accessment of the impact? Ditto for many

of these car parking areas. Instead of a blanket charge a car park that serves local shops could have a reduced fee for mornings, allowing shoppers to frequent the shops. For those attending a restaurant perhaps a reduced evening fee, but no advantage to local businesses from overnight parking so yes have a penalty high fee.

You must serve local businesses. Also have you properly assessed the knock on effect on local roads? For instance, Barlow Ave, Bebington. It is unlikely that charges here will affect the few nearby shops but most users are commuting to Liverpool or Chester for work or pleasure. They will then increase congestion on local roads, a hazard because of the high number of schools in that area, children may be in danger."

1170. I think it will cause misery to lots of local businesses and local people. People will go to retail parks like The Croft and local business will suffer. Please introduce the first 30 mins free

"1171. Has a full cost analysis on the local business impact been done and using companies house P&L determined the relative impact that this will have. I.e. how many businesses may stop trading due to loss of income

What could the expected reduction in footfall be approximated to be

What would the consequential increase in alternative parking locations in other areas to avoid charges"

1172. I recently retired to care for my husband, I have a low income and will struggle to afford this. I swim at New Brighton most mornings and park at Fort Perch Rock, this is good for my mental health but I will now struggle to afford the charges thus risking my health if unable to swim.

1173. Spaces close to shops and amenities are necessary for small businesses to survive. A lack of parking will only send the consumer to shop online or head to retail parks.

"1174. These schemes in particular will be to the significant detriment of local businesses. For example, customers will choose to go to the Croft Retail Park over Bromborough Village, meaning that the shops in the village will have reduced customer numbers.

Local businesses are already struggling and this would be the final nail in the coffin for many."

"1175. I am not familiar with all these locations but think that charges for the smaller shoppers car parks (Roland Ave and Church Road) shouldn't penalise people who are parking for only a short time to pop into the nearby shops. At these locations I think drivers

are likely to look for alternative parking on street which may not be appropriate/safe. Could free parking for up to 30/60 minutes be considered at least??

I think that the introduction of charges at the coastal/country park locations such as the Gunsite/Derby Pool and Thurstaston will have an impact on the large community of people who are visiting the beaches/marine lake in particular to swim/kayak/paddleboard etc. It is fantastic to see how well used the beaches are at present, it would be sad if people didn't visit as often because of the charges. An annual leisure permit, payable monthly, which included parking at the country parks and coastal locations would be helpful"

1176. All of the above is not necessarily. It particularly annoys me that you want to charge for the gunsite! I go there everyday which is essential for mine and my husbands mental health if you charge for this we won't be able to go. We can let our dogs off lead and it's a wonderful place. It is disgusting that nothing is free to the community of the Wirral. Why must we pay for everything especially when it's to enjoy the simple things like connecting to a little piece of nature! I'm very angry about tjis and the fact that is actually the third time I have had to do this. Just stop!

1177. This will discourage local commerce and hamper any future regeneration. The businesses at Fort Perch Rock will cease to operate and create more vacant commercial property in New Brighton at a time when the council should be supporting and encouraging business and commerce.

1178. Parking should not be used as a cash cow. We should be encouraging visits not putting people off as it will cost to park.

1179. I walk dogs and this would be financially devastating

1180. Should encourage people to get out the house, use local shops rather than internets and take walks. This proposal will have the opposite effect and be negative for the community.

1181. Whilst I would clearly support the council's climate change mitigation agenda, I feel very strongly that charging for access to open spaces (coastal car parks and Thurstaston Common) is at odds with the council's other Public Health goals such as support for combating the obesity epidemic and wider wellbeing initiatives. I feel this is particularly disadvantageous to lower income families who will be unable to carry the necessary equipment for a family visit to the beach or for a country walk without use of their car. I am also concerned that there does not appear to be any mitigation in place. In particular, there is no public transport alternative for a number of these sites (egThe Gunsite and Derby Pool car parks) nor does there appear to be an option for reduced fees for frequent users such as the many swimming groups, other water sports users and dog walkers who use these sites. Each activity has proven benefits to physical and mental wellbeing and fees that would amount to almost £30 monthly for daily users present a significant disincentive

when added to the fuel costs already incurred in travelling to these locations. As a frequent user (3-4 times weekly) of the Gunsite carpark, I am aware of both the number and character of the current beach users and it is clear that the proposed changes would adversely impact a significant number of them.

1182. The introduction of charges at these out of town car parks will have a dire effect on businesses in the areas. People using these car parks are often there for very short periods ie less than an hour and will be reluctant to visit the shops and pay a charge. The 3LS charity which runs courses for the over 55s may also suffer a reduction in uptake for their courses as people will be reluctant to pay a parking charge on top of their course fees. This will affect older people who attend as a means of socialising and are least able to pay charges

"1183. Introduction of these charges will stop people shopping locally and we will go back to empty shops. People will start parking on local roads instead causing annoyance to the local people and traffic problems.

Fort Perch Rock is used by people visiting New Brighton including the Floral Pavillion and charges will discourage them from visiting making the area not the nice place it is. "

1184. These places should be free , thought encouraging walking and exercising should be paramount

1185. I do not object to fair charging of off street parking, as I understand that these facilities cost the council money and need to be maintained.

"1186. Many of the proposed car park schemes e.g.,Allport Lane will seriously affect trade of the local shops in Bromborough village. Many elderly people cannot walk around a large supermarket at the Croft.Shops in the village will close, so the council won't be in receipt of their rent. Getting a bus may not be an option as it would be too far to walk to the nearest bus stop. A lot of people cannot do their food shopping online,have a very limited income and rely on small shops and coffee shops to help them through their day. Their lives will be more lonely as car parking fees will prohibit trips into Bromborough village.

Church Road in Bebinton parking fees will destroy 3Ls scheme which has been run for years by volunteers. The 2hr sessions are £8 each, adding car parking fees will stop a lot of people attending."

"1187. Parking is difficult enough without adding in charging at this time of austerity.

You will impact greatly on mental health as people will be forced not to leave their homes."

1188. The 3Ls initiative runs in the Bebington Civic Centre and is an excellent initiative for learning and social opportunities for people who attend the courses, mainly over 50s but open to all and provides opportunities for volunteering. This is a most unusual initiative and I am not aware of any other like it. Parking fees would add considerably to the cost of attending courses which are mostly 2 hour sessions so a 3 hour ticket would be necessary to ensure arrival on time and time to leave the car park as the sessions ends. Not only does

3Ls provide stimulating opportunities for people to learn new skills and languages or take refreshers, develop insight into a whole range of subjects but also to mix with other people and often make friends. It supports good mental health and also organises social events, outings etc.

1189. Essential for local business. Adverse impact...I will also impact on busy local side roads and associated road safety.

1190. If the council is skint get rid of councillors not hammer the public

1191. Social isolation for older people not on bus routes.

1192. All these areas are either used for leisure and exercise or shopping. Exercise should be encouraged for its health benefits and parking near small shops and businesses should also be encouraged.

"1193. I use the Church Road Car Park, Bebington regularly to get access to Bulwark Games for hobbies, 2-3 times a week. Usually this is during the day on Sunday and on an evening on Tuesday or Thursday.

Bulwark Games is a board game store and cafe and is an incredibly valuable "third place" with a strong community - and I feel there is no equivalent community on the Wirral that suits my needs. This is a community that means a lot to me and I am concerned about the impact of this scheme on this community.

To get there via public transport, that would take an additional 40-80 minutes per visit, or 2-3 hours per week. In addition, as I use this community until late in the evening (usually until 10pm), it would mean that I couldn't spend as long in the space.

As this community has many people that are in similar situations as me, living further away with inconvenient public transport options, I am concerned of the impact that this would have on Bulwark Games.

If this goes ahead and impacts me, I will be unlikely to change my driving behaviour and instead would choose to park on nearby streets."

1194. Church Road Car Park, Bebington provides essential parking for Civic Medical Centre, for Bebington Library and the groups that meet there (e.g. Wirral 3Ls), for St Andrews Church and Church hall, for Mayer Hall etc. It is recommended by Wirral Grammar schools as a "park and walk" facility, easing the congestion around these schools and reducing the risk to pupils. The introduction of parking charges there could affect the ability of vulnerable users to access their GP, threaten the viability of community groups using these facilities,

damage local businesses (including important community facilities like dentists and opticians), and increase parking on local roads, causing a real nuisance to neighbours.

1195. I use this car park daily and have done for 20years for travelling via the train (Green lane station) to Liverpool for work along with many others, adding a charge to this car park then makes my commute not cost effective and would making driving across a better option despite the tunnel being heavily congested at that time of day. I assume the rest of the commuters who use this station will be of similar views.

"1196. I understand the budget difficulties for Wirral Council (& many other local authorities), and while the proposal will raise some revenue, I believe the imposition of parking charges at the level Wirral is suggesting, together with chargeable hours parameters the Council wish to see, that the detrimental impacts will outweigh the sole positive that the Council foresees, i.e. revenue raising.

All the arguments in the Kings Parade / Coastal Drive section apply to one form or another to all these locations. "

1197. It will stop people shopping in the area

1198. Lessons have not been learnt - town centre is classic example of introducing parking charges

1199. Church Road car park Bebington is an essential adjunct for not only the adjoining medical and police centres but also the public library. It is also an essential service for the 3Ls, a major charity providing courses for approaching a thousand local residents, many of whom are elderly. These courses would each obtain a 3 hour parking charge. It could well result in the closure of the 3Ls a charity of inestimable benefit to many Wirral residents. I can imagine no more misguided policy.

1200. Continue to drive a wedge to visitors to these areas and aid in degenerating a growing and improving area. The additional rates that you would and do receive by the additions of successful businesses to the area would more than compensate for the money grab you are trying to achieve.

"1201. I object to the charges as this will prevent people being able to shop locally or study etc without the additional worry of parking charges. Local businesses are struggling and a parking charge will put shoppers off and they will go elsewhere. If people have to start paying to park at Bebington Civic Centre to study with Wirral 3Ls then many will stop. This can affect mental health, and effects of loneliness as many study there to combat these issues. This will affect the charity's ability to function.

There MUST be some free parking provision in the Borough to prevent residential streets becoming congested with cars it's bad enough now as it is.

Has the council considered that scrapping all parking charges would do away with the need for paid parking wardens, maintenance of ticket machines etc and create a big saving? I object vehemently to the proposals. . "

1202. Disgraceful that the council and MP's , voted in by the people, choose to ignore what the people want. This will affect everyone with parking spaces in adjacent areas being used instead of paying for permits.

"1203. I especially object to charges being brought in at Barlow Avenue, Roland Avenue and Church Road car parks. Church Road has recently become a wonderful local hub with new shops, restaurants and bars opening bringing the area back to life. Many people I know who need to be able to park locally would simply stop visiting the area which will damage this new hub. They've told me they'll stop visiting if they have to pay to park here. Why would the council want to kill this newly regenerated area. Also, we'll stop coming to the Civic Centre and library which are both essential services for local people.

I regularly nip to the Post Office near Roland Avenue and while there pop to the local shops, so supporting them. Often only stopping for up to ten minutes maximum. I will stop going to this area if I have to pay for such a short stay. I am just one person, and know others who have said the same. Surely implementing parking charges in these small, well used - for only a short time - car parks will only have a damaging impact on our local shops.

Please please please don't bring these charges in. You will kill our local communities if you do."

1204. This will kill our local shops - there is no need for parking charges other than to raise money for council budgets - which must be done another way. Administering parking machines and enforcement will drain money from revenue. Stop this madness. Remove existing parking charges from shopping, leisure and recreation areas. Do not introduce more schemes. Else people avoiding the charges will park in residential streets causing a safety issue for residents. Charging for parking moves the vehicles elsewhere - which is nuts. This is awful and must not proceed.

1205. Most as above.

1206. Encourage car owners to go to these places, rather than stopping them going. Encouraging them would generate business growth, jobs improve local economy. Win win. Fining them for going (which is what your doing) will lead to more job loses, business closures and depravation. Disgrace by Wirral Council.

1207. The council is imposing a charge on people taking exercise by charging in some of these sites eg Thurstaston ,Derby Pool and the Gunsite

1208. I'm worried about the impact on the shops there, particularly on Church Road. I live in New Ferry and the decline in local shops is very noticeable. I wouldn't want to lose more shops in my locality.

"1209. My particular objection relates to Allport Lane Car Park, Bromborough.

The local shops depend on customers being able to park easily, often for a very short time. The proximity of free parking at the Croft Retail Park is likely to mean that regular customers (e.g. tradespeople and professionals) will make a permanent switch away from local retailers to large chain stores."

1210. The parking charge places the heaviest burden on people local to the area all of whom pay Council Tax. The cost benefit never includes the improvement in health and well-being of the local community pushing the additional costs out onto the health service.

1211. Fort perch rock will suffer if the charges go ahead

"1212. I want to comment on two of the above - Barlow Avenue, Bebington and Church Road Bebington.

Barlow Avenue - I am a pensioner who uses this car park mostly in the evening in order to catch the train at Bebington Station. I use it as I feel safe to leave my car there and to return to it in the dark. Not many cars use the car park after 6.00 p.m. and I question why the car park cannot be free after 6.00 as it would generate little income anyway. If people have to pay they will park on the roads near the shops clogging the road, which is more dangerous.

Church Road This is the car park which services the Civic Centre where Wirral 3Ls is based. 3Ls provides classes across many subjects and activities for the over 50s. The organisation is run mostly by volunteers. The tutors do not take a large wage for the work that they do. Many of the students are on low incomes. Most classes last two hours and therefore to continue to park would need to pay for three hours adding £3.60 per class. Over a term that could become prohibitive. The tutors are obviously there for longer as they have multiple classes and the extra cost could make the class unviable for them. Volunteers should not have to shell out for a day's parking in order to help maintain the organisation which is run on a shoestring. Public transport to Bebington is not good enough to allow people to leave their cars at home. The council should be encouraging its older residents to continue with their education to take part in fitness classes and to socialise. Charging parking fees could make people think twice about attending courses.

On a general point, should the scheme go ahead please do not assume everyone has a smart phone or uses a credit card. It must be possible to pay by cash. This of course raises

the issue of theft if machines are not emptied regularly. A cost to the council which could be greater than the income."

1213. Car park charges will greatly reduce footfall at local shops and businesses. They are struggling enough in the current financial climate and are trying to compete with the large retail parks that provide free parking. Many people are not able to travel by public transport so will be unable to visit local parks and shops.

1214. Please stop pushing Wirral as a tourist resort. You clearly don't want vehicular traffic here.

"1215. In the strongest possible way I object to this scheme. It will kill off local independent businesses, cause stress for service users (e.g doctors patient's overrunning on Thier appointments and parking expires etc) and will absolutely move traffic to residential streets for parking , with the potential for dangerous levels of parking in unsuitable areas and encourage hazardous parking. Services such as libraries, community spaces , places of workshop will be effected at a time when these sort of services are struggling so much already.

This will encourage people to big retail parks with free parking, but in the process kill off local businesses,jobs and have a huge detrimental impact on the local economy, costing people's jobs,businesses and quality of life. Community needs a way to come together easily and affordably, this proposal will directly effect that. Do not do this."

1216. It will cause further congestion in side roads, it will not pay for itself and with reduced visitor numbers will effect business footfall

1217. I often park at Fort Perch and walk along the prom to Egremont for my daily exercise. Parking charges would be counter-productive as I would probably park in one of the side roads instead or not bother going there in the first place.

1218. This unnecessary restriction is significantly hindering local businesses and adding yet another obstacle for customers to overcome. It's crucial for the community to have easy and affordable access to parking near our amenities, especially during these challenging times. Let's work together to ensure that everyone can enjoy our local businesses without unnecessary cost and disruption.

1219. These car parks are mostly in residential areas, with no 'tourism' and little passing traffic. This would penalise local residents and cause local business to suffer driving people away from local shopping areas and into large commercial spaces like retail parks/supermarkets etc.

1220. Please do not implement the charges at these local car parks. I think it will have a negative impact on footfall at local independent businesses if they are put in place. The charges will also negatively impact on people who work for these businesses, adding to the already increasing financial pressures from the ongoing cost of living crisis. Using an app to

pay for these charges will also cause a lot of stress and anxiety for older generations who do not use (and do not wish to start using) smart phones.

1221. Parking is very busy at pasture Road, with many staff and patients with varied mobility using the site. Not much other parking locally so this should not be a pay car park.

1222. Church Road car park is heavily used by staff to local businesses, including myself! If this was to happen then this would put my job at risk as many customers already complain about the lack of on street parking available. Totally would wipe out the local businesses and income for local residents in local jobs!!!

"1223. I strongly object to parking charges, life is difficult enough without having to pay to park every time we go out and everywhere we visit. It's too expensive!!!!!! And it's totally unacceptable. Leave us alone to enjoy our lives. It will make people stay at home and cause depression and anxiety, which in turn will increase costs for the NHS.

It's not acceptable. Lobby government for funding and leave us alone!"

1224. Encourage people to use these Car Parks and exercise. You will drive some people away from the area who will spend money elsewhere.

"1225. You are forcing people away from

Local shops, it will push people to park irresponsibly. & by charging to visit local beauty spots it takes away the enjoyment as you can't visit as often.

going to our lovely areas

Life is hard enough as it is with the prices of everything going up. "

1226. Church Road Bebington car park is used for shops, library, civic centre has classes run by 3l's and charges would impact on attendees many of whom are elderly and use these classes for social connection also the scheme is run by volunteers many of whom spend in excess of 3-4 hours and also tutors who teach multiple classes and this could be catastrophic to the many years spent building up a variety of excellent courses, to eat social isolation and loneliness, shops are already struggling to keep going without adding to their woes, there is also a medical centre on site. i think it's a total disgrace to impact so many people without realising the consequences of such an action

1227. I strongly object to charging in car parks that are a lifeline to the businesses and services in our villages. Without free parking people may simply not go to the places they usually go to. In particular I am not happy with Allpprt Lane, Barlow Ave, Roland Ave and Church Road car parks being chargeable.

1228. Will have a detrimental affect on businesses in some areas, totally non-sensical to introduce charges at Carr Lane Car Park which will discourage use of public transport (ie

trains), detrimental impact on Wirral residents, especially those from poorer areas of the Borough who enjoy visiting nice sports for leisure purposes.

1229. I strongly object to paying parking charges to park in our leisure areas. This is abominable and disgraceful and it must not be allowed to happen. Get money from government and leave us alone.

"1230. Re. charges proposed for Church Road Car Park, Bebington.

I am a long-standing member of the Non-profit-making 3L's group, based at Bebington Civic Centre, where I not only benefit from learning, from topics of mutual interest and from exercise but also of making social contact with likeminded people, as was witnessed by the Lady Mayor when she visited us at the end of September this year. These classes kept me in contact with friends all through 'lockdown', when we employed 'Zoom' in order to continue with our classes. Once lockdown was over, we were at last able to continue, face to face, with many extremely interesting subjects. We are almost back to our pre-Covid membership figures. Other groups I was with have, unfortunately, ceased to exist due to people not returning after Covid.

I attend one 2 hour class on Tuesday, two 2 hour classes on Wednesday and one 2 hour class on Thursday, each week. These courses consist of three x 10 weekly terms. To achieve this, I drive from Little Sutton in my low emission car and park at Church Road car park, arriving 15 minutes before my classes begin and leaving at least 15 minutes after my classes end. This means parking for 2½ hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 4¾ hours on Wednesdays. You, the Wirral Council, are proposing charges set at £1.20 per hour, which will require me to pay parking fees for 3 hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 5 hours on Wednesdays, a total of 11 hours per week. This means I will incur parking charges of £13.20 per week, £132 per term, therefore a total of £396 per year.

I am 78 years old and receiving a hard earned State Pension. £396 is an enormous amount to find, out of my already stretched income. This figure could well increase, as all tutors will incur greater daily costs which may lead to fees being raised or tutors leaving the establishment. As we are non-profit-making, we rely heavily on volunteers. Being forced to pay similar high costs will only deter such people and lead to the loss of this valuable workforce, which will be detrimental to the future of the organisation. All this will leave me with no option but to make the decision to give up my classes and I shall be returned to a forced 'lockdown'. This is not only harmful to my mental health but will greatly distress me, after all these years. I suggest that most members will be struggling with the same decision.

Many years ago, prior to joining 3L's, I attended both daytime and evening classes at Ellesmere Port and Chester. Unfortunately, they began to substantially increase the charges and enrolments began to wane to the point where classes were dropped and, eventually, daytime/ evening classes folded. These have never returned and remain a great loss to the community. The proposed car parking fees will have the same effect on 3L's.

When the Lady Mayor visited the 3L's group at the end of September, the Janitor prioritised an area for her to park in for the duration. I wonder if we could be afforded the same consideration? Or perhaps an exemption can be offered to our members to enable us to continue in enriching our lives? Bebington, itself, has slowly diminished over recent years, although St Andrews Church is still well attended. I am of the belief that Imposing parking charges will impact on this and further reduce the heart of the village, if not kill it altogether.

I put forward my very strong objections to charges for parking in the Church Road car park and trust that you will withdraw the proposal. Ann H

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1231. We are already paying a lot for parking / road tax fuel tax/ and we are the most heavily tolled area as we cant go to Liverpool for free as some of us have T-flow and other account it still cost us to get to work and back home at least 2.80 / day also many of us work in industrial areas in Liverpool that are out of city centre. This is a full failure of the council spending due to the lack of understanding how things work and uneducated people sitting in those seat with a wrong-headed mind..

1232. You will encourage the demise of local shopping by this action

1233. Residents of Wirral pay enough taxes and should be able to enjoy the area free from further charges.

1234. fed up with council over reach and killing businesses

1235. Free parking is what makes me nip to other local areas, without that I'm more likely to go to a larger out of town retail park which will directly affect the small local businesses.

1236. This will kill local business and clog up all the side streets even more than they are now.

"1237. The objection is based on the detrimental impact this will have on local traders, it pushes people to the major supermarkets with free parking.

It stops local people using the facilities to exercise and enjoy the amenities available in our beautiful borough. We regularly go for a walk round the marine lake but i will not pay for parking to do so, this will clog up local streets for local residents.

The financial cost of implementing and servicing these schemes is a waste of money.

For me in particular the charges applying to certain carparks mean far more congestion on School lane putting the children at Dawpool at increased risk, which you as a council do very little about."

"1238. Our favourite place to park is Derby Pool Car Park, New Brighton - very sadly we probably won't be able to if we have to pay!

You already have to pay at Thurstason which is another great place for my husband to ride his bike. ~We don't go there very often for that reason."

1239. Adverse affect on local businesses. Discourage people from shopping locally. Most of these car parks serve local services, eg Bebington Civic Centre. Unfair to charge people accessing important services.

1240. I shop in Brombough village for my papers which costs £1-10 , Having to pay for parking would double the price of my paper. When I voted in Wirral elections I assumed the councillors elected would represent what the magority of residents would prefer.

1241. Revenue generating, harmful to local businesses and the survival of our high street shops that are already under huge pressure from online retailers

1242. Many of these car parks are located by high street/local shopping areas that have been stagnating or declining for some time. Some have seen recent reinvigoration through the opening of new restaurants or other ventures, such as Bromborough village. The removal of the free parking in the nearby car parks risks undercutting the progress that has been made in these areas; if one would have to now pay for the parking near these areas then why wouldn't one instead get the train/bus to Chester or Liverpool for a similar fee?

1243. Will put people off visiting the area. Local businesses will suffer as a result. Many people will try and park in residential areas rather than use the car parks

1244. I am concerned that by making people pay to park in these car parks they will avoid the charges by parking on the road instead causing more congestion and problems for people living nearby

"1245. Think about residents of the area having to have visitors parking in the roads they live in :-(

Holt Avenue is already busy with non-residents / shoppers - charging for the car park will make it impossible for residents. There has been an incident in the past when an ambulance could not get to a resident's house because of non-residents parking - this happening once is too often.

It could also be detrimental to the shops - the shoppers won't come if they have to pay parking."

1246. Church Road Bebington is the only place near the village shops. When Co-Op closed the village suffered huge footfall. Now it is has re-invented itself. By charging for parking there will probably deal another blow to this stretch of shops and facilities. Please do not kill off this high street just when it has finally returned.

"1247. Derby pool and gunsite is used by so many local people for leisure, cold water swimming and dog walking each day. Its bleeding residents dry.

I can understand a charge being put on parking at fort as this is prime location but in other areas it is going to affect businesses and push parking into residential areas. It will cost more

to police than the income generated so it is sheer madness and a waste of our rates paying for signage etc"

1248. To have to pay to park to be able to walk and have fresh air is ridiculous. Health should be taken into account. Shopping areas such as Liscard, Birkenhead and Moreton are so run down and struggling already that the charges to park will mean the death of local shops.

1249. Car parking charges are having a detrimental effect on retail businesses, why go shopping in Birkenhead when I can drive to shopping complexes that don't charge and in many cases offer better choice and facilities than the Council is offering. When car parking was introduced there was a need, in 2024 the system is killing off the town centre and to the detriment of the Rates from those town based businesses that pay them. Parking should be controlled by hours allowed i.e. 3 hours then no return and this should apply wherever there is a group of shops that are serving the local community. I do not object to Parking Charges in Harrison Dr/Kings Parade New Brighton, and Moreton Shore as long as the Council provide toileting provision, thereby providing a service for a small car parking charge.

1250. Fort Perch Rock Car Park is near to the Floral Pavilion Theatre/Conference Centre. This venue does not have a designated car park. (Buses do not stop nearby - although if a bus route was diverted down Victoria Road/ Victoria Parade in the daytime and evenings for when the theatre performances ended, this could be one solution.)

"1251. The Introduction of charges in on-street parking bays and introduction of a £1 charge to park overnight (between 6.30pm and 8am) at the named location: is very ill thought out as 6.30pm is when people come to New Brighton for the evening. So if the plan is to kill evening visitors to New Brighton cafes, restaurants etc, this will kill it stone dead. And of course, once in place it will then become subject to: Inflationary increases of all charges at all council-owned car parks where fees already apply (including trader and country park parking permits)

Increase in charges for permits in resident parking schemes"

1252. Charging at Allport Lane will destroy Bromborough Village. Shoppers will simply move to the Croft Estate where parking is free.

1253. Charging for car parks near small shopping areas will lead to independent shops and businesses closing. Consequences include loss of income from business rates as shop premises remain empty and the death of the high street (a typical example is Bromborough village which is in competition with the Croft Estate which provides free parking!) It also discriminates against the elderly who need use a car because they are unable walk as far as local shops.

1254. Church Road Bebington is vital for my attendance at my classes at 3Ls , an organisation run by trustees and providing classes on a wide variety of topics. When I

retired, it was a lifeline as I felt I needed to continue my interests and make new friends. Since then, I have attended 2 classes per week. The proposed charges would cost me £7.20 per week adding £72 to my costs for a 10 week term. This will be a considerable extra expense. I know that this will prevent many pensioners like me from accessing these worthwhile courses. Many will become isolated and lonely. The 3Ls is such a worthwhile organisation run by volunteers. It is difficult to see how it would be able to continue.

1255. I work as the lead Practice Nurse at Moreton Group Practice and feel the proposed charges for the car park on Pasture Road in front of the health centre are very unfair for both the patients and staff of the practice. Many of our patients are elderly and frail and can be at the surgery for a longer period of time as a result of their increased health needs. Since a recent merge between 2 GP surgeries we are now the largest practice in the Moreton area with a patient list size of 13,000 patients adding to the demand for car park spaces. All clinics can be delayed or held up for a variety of reasons beyond our control meaning many patients may be more stressed and anxious due to car park charges. I also feel strongly that NHS staff should have access to free parking whilst attending their place of work as many are already on a lower wage and struggling in this current economic climate, to then expect them to pay to park their car for an 8 hour day seems very unfair on them.

1256. Silly

1257. Charging for parking will stop visitors and the area will suffer economically

1258. Where there are surface car parks that have maintenance costs then a reasonable charge could be levied.

1259. Parking charges will deter visitors to the area, resulting in reduced footfall for local businesses. Furthermore, it is well-documented that mental and physical wellbeing is enhanced through spending time outdoors and in natural spaces (eg beaches, country parks) - charging people to visit these places will impede promotion of wellbeing.

1260. If people have to pay car parking charges in any of these areas then either drivers will park in residential streets or stop coming completely

1261. Market Street Car Park, Hoylake shouldn't charge as this is a drop off and pick up of children from the local primary school.

1262. Church Park is needed due to the library placement. There is not currently enough parking to service the library without access to Church Road parking. Adding costly services will affect parents accessing free library services. The area also has limited shops which wouldn't justify parking charges.

1263. Most of these car parks are close to facilities like Dr surgeries and essential shops like chemists, opticians and local food stores not supermarkets or large shopping areas. Also many of these car parks are used for only short stay visits, its penny pinching of the worse kind and another hammer blow to local facilities and shops. Charging will just drive people to park on nearby side streets.

"1264. Not sure of the reasoning behind applying car parking charges against the likes of Church Road Car Park in Bebington, there are thriving shops in Bebington, some of which have recently opened, I think that if customers are charged for parking here then the majority of users will simply start shopping in the Croft Shopping Centre resulting in the shops closing, loss of jobs and a reduction in the business rates that Wirral generates?

The car park also serves the medical centre based at the Civic Centre so if users are charged it is likely to impact on sick & elderly users of the centre?"

1265. What a ludicrous scheme that will kill the chance for locals to enjoy a walk and some exercise which will ultimately contribute to their overall positive health and thereby decrease the strain on the NHS etc. In addition reducing the likelihood of locals visiting local amenities and spending money in the local region thereby reducing overall revenue.

1266. Many people depend on these car parks for exercise, shopping, etc, which will be severely curtailed if parking charges are introduced.

1267. I don't know all of these car parks but I object to enforcing payment in any area which will make it financially difficult for residents of Wirral to park to go to local shops or avail themselves of amenities. Roads are already congested and it makes no sense to force people to park on residential roads to avoid parking costs

1268. You'll need to improve the quality of some of these - it's not the end of the world if free but if when paying you'd expect a better finish.

1269. This scheme will affect rail users and local business. It will make it cheaper to just drive to work and park at work instead of parking at a train station and using merseyrail. This will have major implications for congestion and emissions. I object to the charges at Bebington civic centre because it will encourage people to not use local businesses but to drive to retail parks and use tax-dodging multinational companies where they can park for free. I think Wirral would lose more in business rate income when businesses close than they would earn in parking charges! It will also encourage people to park on The Village and in local side roads increasing congestion and inconvenience to residents. It makes no sense at all.

"1270. It is clear already that parking charges reduce the overall number of visitors to an area and put pressure on those nearby locations that are not chargeable. The car parks mentioned cover a mixture of amenity and local business areas.

You will damage business and your rateable income significantly at a time when you should be doing everything you can to encourage people to visit the area and shop locally. You are unlikely to gain much if any in income as it will put people off using the areas..

You will disincentive access to open and coastal spaces which must inevitably lead to worse mental and physical health outcomes for Wirral residents, much of which will inevitably lead to greater costs for the Council to bear."

1271. All car parks should be either free or paid for, not a mixture like now.

1272. Other than traditional freedoms, it impacts on poorer people disproportionately, reduces visiting, thence impacts local businesses and employment. Ultimately this reduces Council income, NOT enhancing it. It also increases local street parking problems as some people seek to avoid payment by parking in side roads.

1273. I wonder if permits could be issued to any local residents who regularly use the car park overnight if they struggle to park locally.

1274. As a lifelong and frequent visitor to this area I chose to have a memorial bench on the promenade I was extremely disappointed to hear that you are proposing parking charges. I have introduced lots of friends to this beautiful area that my late husband and I loved so much and I honestly think it will spell disaster for the local businesses, theatre etc that have worked SO HARD to bring diversity and entertainment to the area. Families too who bring their children to the beach. Fort Perch Rock in particular is a fantastic venue with great food and varied entertainment and I'm sure I've read about the possible closure of the theatre, surely not. Please Wirral Council RECONSIDER. Already hard hit families will thank you.

1275. This has yet to be proved to have any economic advantage to Council coffers. It is a cynical ploy to destroy the small shops in the area, driving customers to the free parking areas provided by the National chains. Then of course, the local car parks are empty and uneconomical so they can be sold to developers for housing. This is sickeningly transparent and will impact on all residents, forcing people to shop in the big shopping areas once the local shops have closed down due to the lack of footfall.

1276. Yes see above

"1277. I am writing specifically to object to the proposed introduction of parking charges at the Church Road Car Park in Bebington. There is strong community opposition to the proposal for that location, and I share the same opinion that this would be a significant detriment to the area. Bebington high street, like ailing high streets and town centres around the country, should be supported to encourage thriving local communities. The high street is already experiencing closures. The additional expense added to businesses and/or their staff, and the disincentive to customers, will undoubtedly add further pressure. I'm also aware of the importance of the library in the community, particularly amongst families, BME groups, and lower income households (including job seekers). The Church Street Car Park acts as the main car park for Bebington Central Library, given the library's car park is very small. As a free public provision, it seems counterproductive to introduce a car parking charge.

I have no objection to the proposals at other locations, including the other Bebington car parks (which I also use semi-regularly). However, I'm not familiar with many of the car parks, and given the strength of feeling regarding Church Street, I'm sure there are other such car parks amongst those proposed. I would therefore suggest further scrutiny of the list and engagement with the relevant local communities to establish where charges can be introduced with minimal impact."

1278. The proposal to charge for parking in Church Road Car Park, Bebington is badly thought out. Charging will either cause even more drivers to park on yellow lines on the main road or cause drivers to park in local side streets, annoying residents and creating congestion. We already have a dangerous situation in the village where cars are free to park on yellow lines due to lack of enforcement and penalty. Cars regularly parked on both sides of the road narrow the gap for buses and cars to pass through and the situation is made even more dangerous where cars are parked just before a bend in the road. When are you actually going to do something about this? The impact of your proposal on local shops will be severe. Why pay to park in the village when I can park for free in the Croft and shop at Asda etc instead? Library and Health Centre users will also be impacted.

1279. The effect on local businesses, along with other cost of living impacts (energy/wider economic issues caused by lower footfall).will just create another push for shoppers and visitors to go elsewhere without parking issues/costs

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1281. Church road car park Bebington, if you charge for this parking you will be putting wirral 3Ls community center in jeopardy, and the surrounding shops will lose trade.

"1282. These car parks whilst they are used by the public are also used by the residents of wirral who once again are being told ""You will pay these charges whether you want to or not"" well we don't want to pay these charges because and I'll say it again the council had had far too much money from the residents and what have we seen in return, absolutely nothing.

Again it begs the question, why should the council be allowed to force residents to pay to park where they live or to use local shops, I can guarantee this though, the council will end driving residents and businesses out of the wirral because we will not stand for anymore demands or blackmailing when it comes to OUR money.

When it comes to our money, I'm surprised wirral residents haven't turned round and said give us the money back that you have taken from us to waste on pointless projects and rubbish because frankly you don't deserve it.

Also, I don't see why the government should continue to help a council that does not deliver on it's promises and / or gives money which was given only for the Wirral to other councils."

1283. Have the council any idea what these charges will do to the local areas?. They will destroy them. People use these car parks to shop locally especially the elderly. Who is going to pay for parking to shop locally when they can go to the Croft shopping area and park for free. It will destroy local businesses and communities. Also, people who work in these areas will have to pay for parking while they work. A lot of these people are paid minimum wage, so it's an expense they can do without. It's also going to encourage people to park illegally and create dangerous situations just because they won't pay for parking. The council has taken our libraries from us, local community centres and now they're trying to limit where we can shop and how we can support local businesses. Shame on you.

1284. Yes. The proposed new parking charges will seriously affect the 3Ls Community Learning Centre at Bebington Civic Hall. This is a charity-led organisation providing extensive recreational learning to the over 50's, who in many cases are of reduced financial circumstances, and cannot afford to have the burden of extra monetary outlay for parking. In addition, ALL the staff responsible for ensuring the running of the Centre are volunteers, as indeed are many of the tutors who would have to pay for several hours parking EACH DAY. It is grossly unfair that an organisation such as this, should have its future placed in jeopardy by the Council's intended action.

1285. £1 sounds too low for overnight. Given the expense to install meters etc, I wonder if it should be higher, eg £5.

"1286. The Bebington car parks provide a life blood to the retail shops in Bebington and also for the Merseyrail station to Liverpool. Charging parking fees will have a negative impact on the local population;

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1287. Discourage people to visit, deter people from getting regular exercise, negative effect on local businesses, poor public transport system that is costly, inadequate and unreliable so people can leave cars at home.

"1288. Objection to Church Road Car Park Bebington as this Car Park has a unique usage by Wirral3Is who are located in the Bebington Civic Centre.

There are around 1200 members and a number of Tutors, Volunteers, Trustees and staff of Wirral3Is who not only attend courses at Bebington Civic Centre on a daily basis but also use the local shops.

Wirral Borough Council currently receives income from Wirral3Is for the hire of rooms and usage of the office at the Bebington Civic Centre.

If you introduce charges at Church Road Car Park it could result in the closure of Wirral3Is and as a consequence the impact could be :-

Loss of income for Wirral Borough Council from Wirral3Is who are a long established charity who are part of the Wirral community.

Elderly Wirral Residents will have lost a important social organisation that the prevents isolation and loneliness.

Tutors will lose their livelihoods

Local shops will lose trade and therefore there will be an impact on the local economy."

1289. In particular, the charges for Church Road Car Park, Bebington will inhibit people from using the doctor's surgery. They will start parking in the side roads and the Church Hall car park instead of paying for parking. This will be very unpopular and will also have a negative impact on the local shops, that are already struggling.

1290. Free parking detects business and enriches lives and brings MORE revenue in.

1291. I object to these proposals for two reasons. First, to avoid people avoiding the parking charges people will resort to parking on road instead (as already seen in Eastham Country Park, for example), possibly on single yellow lines etc, thereby increasing traffic congestion and risk to pedestrians. Second, to avoid killing off local businesses, many of which are already in a precarious position, and depend upon the 'drop in' trade enabled by local and convenient free parking. If people can't avoid parking charges, this will simply drive far more trade to local supermarkets, such as Aldi and Lidl, that do provide free parking. It is important that we protect these local businesses, both because of the employment and business rates they provide, and because local people who do not have a car, and hence may not be able to relocate their custom to a further flung supermarket, rely on the continued existence of these local businesses to provide the basics.

1292. I already pay a lot of tax!

1293. The Church Road Bebington carpark is adjacent to the Civic Centre and used by members of the 3Is charity-run organisation which offers classes and courses to pensioners,

many of whom attend more than one group. Introducing a parking fee would affect attendance numbers and volunteers for this vital social group.

1294. I strongly object to this. It is absolutely outrageous. To pop down to the prom in the car to look out at the view for a short time ... Pay for this? Awful. This will stop local elderly people having independence .. also to walk our dog on the beach once or twice a day should not mean we have to pay for this privilege. I pay council tax and road tax already.

1295. If you are currently making a £400,000+ per year loss for the arrangements that are in place now how can you begin to justify increasing the quantity of areas you charge for? Also do you not think that this sort of additional charge will put people off visiting the area? Surely your ideas should be in the best interests of the residents and local businesses and therefore should be supported by them rather than enforced upon them, I thought ideas put forward should help revive and improve our borough, I believe such charges will have the opposite effects, most of the ideas I hear being put forward/proposed by WBC aren't supported by residents as the residents don't trust your ability to represent them and do what is best for the area. All I can see is total incompetence and lack of foresight leading to contempt from residents

1296. People visit, bring business to area. Social and health benefits. People won't be able to afford to park.

"1297. It is going to cause extra congestion around the local area of Eastham library. Side roads are going to be used for parking which will lead to parking infringements; which will block people's pathways. Already park on the yellow line at the top of my close. There could be accidents happening due to cars looking for free parking. And blocking people's access. Small businesses will be ruined as well as it's going to impact on families using the library. "

"1298. We visit lots of places on the Wirral around the coast, I don't think there should be any parking charges, it doesn't cost the council anything for a vehicle to park.

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1299. As per my last objection- taking away one of the only things that is left for FREE! The views and outdoors are vital for people's good health. People with financial difficulties will be excluded from these places.

1300. I have first hand experience of how hard business owners work. Adding more financial pressure on them and their customers, can prove detrimental. We have seen so many businesses fold up since Covid, our villages and towns are under threat. Passing trade can make a big difference in whether a business succeeds or fails. Church Road, Bebington car park is used by people shopping and many over 50s to attend the 3Is classes which is a credit to Bebington. It is a lifeline and greatly appreciated by both the people attending and their tutors who are only trying to make a living. Most classes are 2 hours long so they would have to pay parking for 3 hours which is £3.60 per week. This adds up over the

months and may deter some to sign up for the classes. The domino affect is that if not enough people sign up, the classes will be withdrawn which has happened in the past. Will the council take responsibility for this? Will they provide an alternative location? Bebington library and Mayer Hall and Park is also used by many using the car park. Education and culture is so important, as is the opportunity to be able to walk in a park. Please note that this area of Bebington is not easily accessible by public transport. Many people have to travel several miles to attend these classes. Also, many elderly unable to walk distances, so they need to park nearby. Please do not ruin what is a great asset and works well as it stands presently.

1301. The Thurstaston Common Car Park is necessary for many people to enable them to get much needed exercise, for health and well-being, in a large area of open Wild country free from pollution etc. Due to the areas immense size it is very difficult for visitors to estimate just how long they may want to remain, especially for visitors from outside of the area who wish to explore and don't want to be restricted to an impossible to accurately determine time period, indeed people often get lost amongst the countless pathways etc., and thereby taking much longer to return to their starting point. That inevitably results in absolute panic and ruination of their visit due to worry and concern of receiving a totally unfair fine, i.e. a 'punishment', that does not fairly represent their understandable error in misjudging the amount of parking time paid for on arrival. That leads to much resentment and individuals pledging to never return, which therefore excludes the very people who would benefit most from such visits, thereby impacting on their health and well-being detrimentally. If Wirral Council wants that Car Park to be dominated by anti-social gangs of youths driving dangerously and performing exhaust belching 'tricks' in untaxed/uninsured vehicles that have not been registered to their home address, thereby being untraceable by the police or Council Parking Attendants etc., then simply introducing parking charges will indeed 'drive' away the very people who have respect for that Parkland and leave it free for chaos to become the 'norm'! What is more, if the Council is not prepared to have Pay and Display machines capable of receiving real money, i.e. coins, due to claims of vandalism, then that is also unacceptable, simply because I don't want to have to worry as to whether or not I have a Credit Card with me or not (I don't have a 'smart-phone' and wouldn't know how to work one) when all I want is a walk with my Dog in a Wild area that has, rightly, ALWAYS been FREE in the past! No-one has the moral 'right' to take away MY right to walk my Dog in public ANYTIME or ANYWHERE!

"1302. The impact of charging for parking will be detrimental to local businesses, does the council actually care about this?. People are more likely to drive to retail parks to avoid parking charges in the area.

People are going to park outside houses rather than in a car park causing congestion.

Tourism in the Wirral will reduce and again have a negative effect on the local economy

We pay enough through council tax already."

1303. This will increase parking in local streets and decrease visitors to the local shops and, therefore, likely cause the closure of some shops / cafes

1304. It will have a negative impact on local businesses, penalise local people, cause parking problems for the surrounding roads & stop people from using the local area.

"1305. You really want Hoylake to die too don't you. Heswall has at least got a massive tesco car park with free 3 hour parking time to have a meal and do a spot of shopping there.

How about some public toilets at Hoylake station? Can people even find Market street car park, Hoylake, could charge for that as Wetherspoons toilets nearby.

Lovely bebington has a lot of users of it's civic centre doing 3L's courses. 3L's is a fantastic service run by volunteers, to do a 2 hour class you will need to pay for 3 hours parking. This is going to impact on the attractiveness of the courses for many/ we could lose this valuable service Bebington is difficult to get to by public transport for many people. Also the spaces in the car park are very cramped and there are low walls that impact on some of the spaces. If we have to pay we don.t want to get are cars damaged by other users trying to get in and out. What about the local shops? Is there enough to justify paying £1.20 to park there.

You want to charge to park in Moreton. It is bad enough already. Are there public toilets at the station??

You might as well close Liscard down if people have to pay any more. I nearly cried last time I visited the Cherry tree precinct. Not sure how you get there on public transport. Wallasey is generally inaccessible to the people of West Wirral via public transport. It takes so long and the connections are dicey - and you have guessed it a shortage of public toilets!"

1306. See below

1307. I am concerned about proposed charging for Church Road Car Park, Bebington. I am the Rector of St Andrew's Church. The land for the car park was originally part of the grounds of The Rectory and was sold to either Wirral Council or its predecessor in title in I believe the early/mid 1960s. I believe that as part of this sale there was a restrictive covenant imposed that the land should be available for the free use of local people. This would appear to prohibit charging. I am concerned at the impact of charging on local businesses, and on the church - many people use the car park when attending Sunday services, weddings, funerals and other events. I am also concerned at the impact on local residents, as people are likely to part in the surrounding streets instead.

1308. The Wirral is totally run down and by implementing the new parking charges will be disastrous, we will get more businesses closing down and more shops being boarded up,

streets will be gridlocked and will force people to look at shopping in outlet centres, please please rethink this decision.

1309. Blatant money making from drivers who have already paid road tax or whatever you decide to call it. It is theft.

"1310. Negative effect on the local economy.

We need to be growing the economy, investing in the town, not driving people away."

1311. My husband and I work extremely hard and run a very successful and well established business in our local area. It is a home improvements company and we supply and install products to improve and enhance local people's properties. Our customers in Hoylake, Meols and West Kirby work and save hard to live where they live and spend their hard earned money on making their houses look nice. What is the point of striving to better one's property which in turn improves the look of the area where we live and thereby making it a more desirable district to reside and visit, when Wirral Council detract from all of this by imposing ugly and gaudy bright yellow lines and parking meters to our beautiful area. Along with the wreck that now is the beach at Hoylake and Meols, Wirral Council seem to be hell bent on making the Wirral scruffy, unkempt and undesirable. What are they doing to our beautiful peninsular? A place where throngs of people would visit and frequent, who ploughed money into our bustling local economy are becoming and soon will be a thing of the past. They are driving people away and Hoylake, Meols and West Kirby will become ghost towns. Businesses will suffer and more shops will close. We wholeheartedly oppose this plan and would urge the Council to rethink this very drastic scheme before it is too late.

1312. Businesses will suffer ten fold. A simple cup of coffee or a sandwich or even a meal deal will cost double if these charges are brought in which most people can barely afford at the minute with one of the highest food, energy and fuel prices in Europe. This will have a damaging effect especially on small local businesses who are already fighting to stay open with ever increasing running costs. Cafes, hairdressers, small shops etc.

1313. Parking should be free to enhance and support local businesses who pay business rates and keep our towns alive. Also charging for carparking causes chaos with local roads

"1314. It is beyond stupid that you would deliberately damage local businesses with these unnecessary charges. People don't park in these places for fun... they do so in order to work and/or shop - i.e. to support local businesses.

I'm specifically referring to the car parks that I use, and hence have an awareness of their usage (Church Road Car Park, Bebington; Allport Lane Car Park, Bromborough; Mill Park Drive Car Park, Eastham), but I'm confident that many of the other car parks on the list will be similarly utilised."

1315. Instead of perpetually penalising people, look at how you invest and keep people visiting places. How many empty shops do you think you will see?

1316. The Bebington car parks service the small number of shops that have struggled over the years and I suspect this will finish more off. Don't forget that these shops compete with the Bromborough shopping centre and Cheshire Oaks, both with free parking. The rates/council tax should be paying for car parks and be free to use.

1317. This will be the "thin end of the wedge" as the council will eventually start charging during the day as what they think is an easy way to collect money. All it will do is push people away from local shops and leisure areas.

1318. Charging for parking is the last straw dog walkers, tourists, people who don't live by the seaside are all going to be affected by these charges.

1319. It will drive people away from local shops and towards Croft Retail Park, Cheshire Oaks and the cities of Liverpool or Chester. This will impact local shops and their ability to compete with larger retailers with free parking. It would definitely keep me away from the local shops.

1320. Church Road : allow free parking for say first 30 minutes. Then charge at tiered rate. This would help alleviate quick shoppers from parking on church road itself, would also prevent people leaving their car all day unnecessarily leaving places for other shoppers. Consideration to local shops.

1321. Church Road carpark is used extensively by a self-funded voluntary organisation called Wirral 3Is. The introduction of parking fees will severely impact the members, volunteers and tutors involved in providing this important service to the wider community of Wirral. The potential demise of this organisation will cost WBC £30,000 in lost rental income and there will be a reduction in services available to avoid social exclusion for older people.

1322. Bad idea. Will impact local businesses and mental health. People should have free parking for our own spaces

1323. Why do you want to kill local shops

1324. It's utterly disgusting that you're trying to charge even more to Wirral residents.

1325. Church Road Car Park, Bebington is a handy car park which supports the local shops. If you start charging it will not support these local businesses.

"1326. Yes I object on the following grounds:

1. It is illegal for the Council to introduce parking fees for money raising purposes.
2. The council has not done an impact study on introducing this scheme at this location
3. If it is implemented, it will drive away what cars do park on these few car parks in Hoylake and businesses will suffer
4. Cars will then park on nearby roads and cause further parking and congestion issues and great inconvenience

5. The scheme cannot be cost effective, as the council is already making a loss on its parking contract.

6. The scheme will not bring in enough money to cover the cost of its parking contract

7. Attracting people to Hoylake is important to the local economy. Introducing parking charges will further affect the local economy which is already damaged by the appalling state of Hoylake beach - for which the council and in particular the Environment Committee, is already responsible

8. There are limited parking spaces in Hoylake as it is. A new development of almost 30 apartments on the old Fire Station (Town Hall) site have NO parking whatsoever. It had been suggested Carr Lane car park (a Park and Ride) would be available; however anyone moving into the Albert Road/Town Hall flats will now be looking to park on-road. "

1327. Detrimental to all

1328. This is a strategic attempt to discriminate against people who drive and actively discourage those who rely on cars from accessing public spaces, without financial penalty. We have a right to access spaces to walk and enjoy exercises without financial discrimination. The local authority actively promote healthy lifestyles and enjoying our beautiful area, however, this is yet another attempt to make it difficult and inaccessible. Shame on you.

1329. This is a money making scheme and tax by stealth. It is an unfair charge that penalises residents and businesses alike especially in the current economic climate/cost of living crisis. It will also have an adverse effect on local tourism and will lead to local businesses moving away to places where there are no parking charges

1330. Most of these areas will suffer greatly from this money grabbing, greedy scheme . Especially local small businesses that are already struggling with extortionate taxes and rents .

1331. Storing a vehicle on public and should just be a small expenditure added on to the costs of owning a vehicle. Other means of transportation are available

1332. Specifically, the car park at Church Road Bebington supports visitors to Bebington Civic centre and library. The centre provides daytime courses for Adult education (known as Wirral 3L) for a wide range of subjects and it is well attended by residents from across the Wirral. It is a unique educational and social facility for the local area and I have not been able to find similar services nearer to my home in West Kirby and therefore travel weekly by car to visit this centre. The introduction of car parking charges would be a disincentive to attend the centre and a burden for the staff who teach and the volunteers who administer this facility. The current free parking at Church road is therefore a valuable support to this site and the imposition of charges could lead to falling attendance and thus undermine the ability of this centre to provide the attractive range and quality of courses that it currently offers.

1333. Fort Perch Rock will kill off tourist visitors and Floral Hall visitors. 3L volunteers in Bebington and charities do not need these charges

"1334. Local shops may not survive at locations where there is no on road parking.

Poor public transport to many areas mean that cars are essential especially for older residents. Parking fees are yet another challenge for those on fixed incomes

As a volunteer with Wirral 3 Ls organisation the introduction of parking fees in Church Road car park will challenge my commitment to volunteer freely of my time. I may still commit to my regular one half day per week but not to additional time when others can't.

As a participant in the Floral Hall Choir I will look for parking other than Fort Perch Rock car park.

As a pensioner I face so many increased charges out of my fixed income that a further £10-15 per week (£40-60) per month is VERY concerning. I will need to control this therefore will have to give up activities that currently give me both mental and social opportunities. WBC will not benefit from my paying car park fees.

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"1335. The areas these parking charges are being introduced to already struggle with footfall and people spending in the shops due to the retail parks.

Bringing in parking charges will be the death to a lot of local shops and communities as people will just travel to the retail parks to shop and not to their local areas.

Whoever thought this was a good idea at the Council needs to have a serious rethink and stop these parking charges as it will kill off a large number of shops and businesses."

1336. Yes, stop trying to take more money out of the hands of hardworking people.

1337. As a partner of a business owner in one of these areas it will have detrimental impacts to local businesses and locals with people parking in the local streets.

1338. Small businesses are struggling and this will be another nail in the coffin You only have to go to these places now on a Saturday and see how they're struggling And that's before you have to pay

1339. To suggest overnight parking as the only tariff is a method of introducing the scheme before the obvious lack of income will then request a daytime tariff and ruin a village that is recovering from covid. This is the stealth plan and businesses will disappear from the local communities. What surveys have been done to suggest the infrastructure costs to install meters for overnight tariffs will recoup the costs. I walk through my local car park after the suggested tariff time and before the end. There has never been many, if any vehicles in it overnight so why?.

1340. The council using the motorist as a cash cow once again, it will drive people away which will affect local business incomes, possible closure and loss of jobs. Short sighted views by the council who are waging war against the motorist.

"1341. Allport Lane Car Park, Bromborough should not become chargeable as this is likely to result in greatly reduced numbers of people visiting the shops on the high street, leading to loss of business to the shops. If these businesses fail, these local services will be lost to shoppers without cars. Drivers will be more likely to go to the Croft retail park instead (e.g. to use the pharmacy in Boots or Asda rather than Swettenhams).

I also notice that one part of the car park appears to be used potentially by local residents who cannot park near their houses. Unless there is to be a residents' parking scheme implemented at the same time as the imposition of parking charges, this is unfair on these residents."

1342. As living local and using this area to park for the past 30 years, this is now restricting my freedom of movement , also my mental health, I find the restrictions unhelpful to myself local people and people wanting to visit this beautiful part of the country , I completely object to this.

1343. These charges will inhibit tourism and affect local businesses who benefit from the trade that visitors bring locally. As a local resident, business owner and campervan owner, I regularly use banks road car park in Heswall. The charges are often disproportionate to the facilities provided.

1344. Re Church Road Bebington. This car park is essential for participants in the 3 L's educational and vocational classes which alleviate isolation and loneliness among the elderly. Other activities address this problem eg monthly film club, sewing and knitting classes, talks by local authors, musical events. Children enjoy leggo clubs and story telling. Local transport cannot replace car usage and the charges would have a detrimental effect on local residents. Short sighted of the council to enforce such measures.

"1345. Stop trying to kill the local shops

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"1346. Why is Wirral council involving Bromborough and Eastham as they now fall under Cheshire West?, All these increases where ever used are just stealth taxes, which are going to add to the growing amount of people whose bills etc. are for ever going up, and pushing people closer to poverty.

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1347. Impact on remaining town centres like Moreton where small business struggle to survive . They will be impacted already with the approval of Lidl building in the area. I might as well drive to an out of town shopping centre with free parking

1348. It will deter visitors to the area . Unnecessary expense

1349. A lot of these car parks serve local independent businesses and the introduction of fee paying car parks is going to encourage customers to go elsewhere such as local retail parks. We should be supporting local independent businesses not putting obstacles in the way

"1350. I work in Irby & the car park is already difficult to get into sometimes. I park in the car park off Roslin Road when I am working in Irby Village, by having to pay to park there it will become extortionate for myself and the other members of staff within the businesses that keep Irby Village thriving.

I am also objecting to the Church Road, Bebington car park charges.

Introducing car park charges will be a major detriment to the local communities. Perhaps offering local businesses the option to purchase a parking permit for each of their employees to reduce the cost of parking each day would be a favourable option "

"1351. I strongly disagree with the proposed charges to parking sites across the Wirral, especially Roslin Road in Irby. I run a business here and employ members of staff from across the Wirral. All of us travel into work by car, these proposed charges will mean it will cost us an extra £126 every month. That's £1,506 a year! I'm also confident I'm not the only business owner here in Irby that feels this way. We all employ staff and it's a huge added expense. Without our businesses here what would the town look like? Rows of empty shops, a lack of community and without any shops here your car parks would end up empty anyway. I strongly recommend you reconsider, or at the very least, consider the workers and provide permits for those working in the areas you're imposing these parking charges on.

The alternative is that we end up moving our businesses to areas where it's easier for our staff, free parking, away from the heart of communities. "

"1352. As an employee of a business I use one of the car parks listed above during my working day i completely and utterly object to the sheer greed shown by Wirral Council with the proposed introduction of the parking charges.

Whilst some people may say i shouldn't be using the car park to park in whilst i go to work if local business owners and employees didn't use the car park to park in then there would be less business operating in the town. I work in a thriving little town with no empty shop units which is massively down to the free parking on offer. To put this into context the proposed charges would cost me an extra £120 to come to work if the plans go ahead, £120 during a cost of living crisis just to come to work! I'm then faced with 2 options i either pay this obscene charge or I park on the road (as a lot of other people will no doubt do) causing

unnecessary congestion and inconvenience to local residents of roads where people will be finding an alternative parking space. An alternative would perhaps be a cheaper annual permit to a chosen car park?

We wonder why the high street is slow dying and the Wirral is littered with empty shops how can introducing parking charges help this and encourage shoppers and potential new businesses back into towns if people have to pay whenever they are visiting. I strongly disagree with the proposed charges and feel they should be re-considered before the Wirral loses it's high street completely.

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1353. I live in Irby. We have a lovely bustling village centre due to the businesses that business owners drive to and people using the businesses drive to also. Charging for parking would destroy this. It is disgusting you constantly are considering putting charges in. You need to at least allow a period of free parking to allow us all to use the village still.

1354. Payment for use of a car park is not unreasonable

1355. Detrimental to local economy and well being of people traveling to use open spaces.

1356. The church Road Bebington car park serves the library . It is fundamentally wrong to charge people to use a library. Within the library runs 3L's continuing education for over 50's. It is wrong to charge for accessing the building where education takes place and it will have a direct and negative impact on this valuable resource , until public transport is sufficiently good for Wirral residents to be able to travel around it easily and within a reasonable yine Wirral BC should not be charging for off street parking. You won't ma ke money out of it anyway as the cost of providing the means of charging and the cost of maintenance and administration will probably absorb most of your revenue.

1357. Should be free as again I visit every afternoon to exercise me and my dog and take my grandkids for exercise and picnic

1358. It appears as a blanket money making scheme to charge for all car parks. By targeting the busiest car parks(which will still provide revenue for the council) It will at least appear to be a charge for congestion rather than for profiteering. Resentment for total parking charges is a recipe for mass non compliance in the same way that the 20mph limit is being ignored.

1359. STOP! robbing the public,

"1360. Any charges in order close to New Brighton could be a disaster for local businesses and lose a vital recreational facility for those unable to afford charges including the unemployed and pensioners.

I attend courses at 3Ls in Bebbington Civic Centre. Charges will add over £100 to costs over a year. Virtually all attendees are pensioners, many of which cannot afford such an increase.

The course tutors and volunteers will face charges too which may have to be passed on to attendees.

The courses provide a social outlet for many, who without this, would be isolated and rarely leave their homes.

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1361. parking should be free

1362. stop charging the public

"1363. I am commenting on the plan for charges at Bromborough Allport Lane car park.

Introducing charges at this car park will have a very bad effect on the village, and in particular the shops that rely on customers being able to park easily and quickly without issues and without extra cost. These businesses are in competition with national stores on thecroft retail park. If the Allport Lane car park started charging and the retail park didn't then people would go there instead.

For example, if some builders in a van were working nearby and went for lunch then they can currently go to the shops on Allport Lane easily. If they had to decide who was paying for parking etc. then they would be encouraged to go to a drive through on the retail park instead.

I generally walk to the shops in the village. If these closed then I would have to drive to the retail park or somewhere else, which would actually increase traffic on the roads.

Another impact that charging for parking would have would be that people would then park on roads nearby. You can already see this at Eastham Ferry, where there are now loads of cars parked along the road and the car park is empty.

If these started filling up then you would stop this by introducing resident parking permits, which makes it difficult for visitors etc.

The money raised for parking charges would be relatively small in comparison to the Council budget. The impact on local businesses and the roads nearby would be significant. Please keep parking in the car park free so that local businesses can compete fairly with national stores on retail parks, and allow us to have our local shops remaining open within walking distance."

1364. I don't object to all the proposed car parks, however some are for people just to pop into the chemist or post office. Expecting them to pay is ridiculous unless the first 30 mins is free.

1365. The proposed charges puts me off visiting

1366. Cash grab only not thinking of local businesses

1367. While I understand the aim of raising revenue that covers the maintenance of the car parks and reflects the need to discourage car use, I feel the negative impacts this will have

on local business will outweigh the benefits. I object on the basis I feel the revenue raised will likely be countered by losses in business rates from businesses that become unviable.

1368. Voluntary groups use these areas for litter picking as the council are already quite poor at keeping the areas tidy . If they no longer go then more rubbish for council . Areas used for exercise and mental health should be free .

"1369. People will go to areas where parking is cheaper, and area will loose income from visitors. I will start using Birkenhead and Tesco for my shopping, as there is free parking or cheap parking. I am annoyed, that the roads are so bad and the pavement are broken and a hazard, I have recently fell twice walking around Moreton.

It appears the council are penalising people and the local community. Are the councilor work places having parking meters has ordinary people have to pay to park.

Also who will pay the parking patrol person. It is so unfair, it will only be the rich people you can drive and park, not the majority of people.

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1370. But there should be should be a half hour free of charge period otherwise that £1.50 lunchtime snack is going to cost £2.50, so I'll go to Tesco's instead.

1371. If this was introduced it would discourage, people from visiting open spaces. A place for leisure jogging, dog walking, elderly walking and it would affect business, while causing traffic jams in the resort.

1372. See comments below

"1373. I particularly object to Church Road Bebington . I am a Trustees and member of Wirral 3LS. We are a self-funded charity that exists primarily to reduce the loneliness that affects so many of our older generation. As we grow older many lose self-confidence and end up isolated in our own homes. This is a situation that has worsened since the pandemic.

This is the essence of what 3LS is about. We provide our members with a set of tutor led classroom sessions encompassing a wide variety of subjects. Additionally, we run several out of class social activities ranging from dancing, coach trips, hiking and a successful choir. Our aim is to bring people together in a safe and enjoyable environment. And we are achieving that goal. In June this year our membership was 873. We ran 167 courses in the year with 2,269 learners.

We provide a unique, cost effective and valued service for the older members of our community.

We are based in Bebington Civic Centre which is serviced by Church Road car park. The Centre is poorly served by public transport and many of our members, volunteers, and tutors use their cars to travel here. Many of us travel long distances and don't have any other practical option. Existential is an overused word these days, the proposed levying of a parking charge on Church Road carpark is an existential threat to the existence of our charity.

The proposed parking charge is £1.20 per hour. Therefore, as the majority of our courses are 2hrs in duration, our members will have to pay at least £3.60 in parking fees to the council for every class they attend. This will increase the cost of a course to our members by 45%.

The cost to volunteers and tutors will be even higher, because they spend many more hours in the building than the average member. Wirral 3LS relies on volunteers giving their time completely free. This enables us to keep fees to our members as low as possible. We couldn't survive without our volunteers.

We risk:

- losing members because the cost of parking on top of course fees make them unaffordable, and our numbers may decline to such an extent that the charity is no longer viable.
- losing volunteers because they are discouraged by the costs of volunteering for 3LS.
- losing tutors or increased fees to compensate them for increased cost. 3LS may be a charity, but we operate in a marketplace and good talent has a market price.

If we are forced to close, Wirral will lose a brilliant resource that helps the older generation and Wirral Council will lose the £30,000 we pay for hiring office and classrooms space in Bebington Civic Centre.

Ideally, given we provide services Monday to Friday we would like to see the levy for Church Road not being introduced. However, if the proposal to levy charges is passed, would it be

possible for our members, tutors and volunteers being exempt whilst attending the 3LS, enabling the charity to continue providing a cost-effective social service that improves the health and wellbeing of so many of our older population. "

1374. I object to the car parks that are situated near to open walking areas such as Thurstaton common for reasons as stated above.

1375. Irby car park is well used and would negatively impact the local shops there

1376. People who use these free car parks come to the area and spend money in the local communities. If the council charge then people won't come.

1377. Absolutely a disgrace screwing the motorists again and again. Organise your own council first

1378. Greed

1379. Stop proposing things and focus on fulfilling your constituent demands; on what people who you should be serving really need and want. If you like to make car parks changed, then you firsts have to make sure that there are reliable, frequent, cheap and convenient transportation options night and day.

1380. We travel into the area a lot to shop got to events and walk , we wont be doing that in future if charges are made and this loss of trade will effect the area greatly

1381. This will destroy the tourism in the town and have a devastating effect on the local economy.

1382. See comments above

1383. Will decrease footfall to all the business s who are already struggling

"1384. The charges will negatively affect regeneration in smaller populated areas and their local communities. I thought that the council was supposed to positively encourage independent retailers and entrepreneurs but this is a major negative factor when decisions are made to open shops across the Wirral. Parking will be dispersed from car parks and local residents will suffer from nuisance parking outside their homes. People will park in restricted areas and cause traffic problems.

I'm addition, it should be noted that many people are unable to travel on public transport or cycle due to mental health or Neuro diverse conditions. Not everyone will qualify for a blue badge so parking charges will have a negative impact on those whose life choices are limited anyway. Parking charges will remove money from the local economy."

1385. The council should not be generating funds by increasing the cost of parking, it should be looking to cut costs within the council itself rather than making their residents pay more in a cost of living crisis.

1386. I object to the Bebington off street parking proposals as they provide safe off road parking for residents using local businesses.

1387. I support it wholeheartedly.

1388. People park cars for more than 8 - 9 hours a day which affects the business

1389. Drive people away from going to New Brighton, already turned Liscard into a shadow of its former self ,what ever you do will cost rate payers money to run these schemes then will be saying loosing money have to put the charge up how to drive people away

1390. Please see above

1391. Barlow Avenue is used by commuters every day who park all day. They will be forced to park on nearby streets. It will discourage use of Merseyrail for commuting from Bebington and will force more traffic on the roads and through the tunnel.

"1392. This will have affect on all local businesses who rely on people using and supporting them. If parking charges are implemented people will not visit and go to out of town retail parks.

How is this beneficial to local people and older residents of the area."

1393. The Gunsite carpark Leasowe is regularly used by wildwater swimmers who carry bulky items to keep warm and safe. There is no alternative way to travel there carrying so much gear other than by car. For these reasons I object to the parking charges for this particular car park. We want to encourage people to participate in active lifestyles on the Wirral nit discourage them.

1394. Many of these small local car parks are adjacent to businesses which will definitely feel the effect of parking charges. There seems to be no exemptions to any parking spots on the Wirral. Draconian measures.

1395. This will just drive more people to go to retail parks and drive people away from our already struggling high streets. Crazy

1396. It will have a detrimental affect on local businesses and regarding coastal changes it will reduce visitor numbers from out of area.

"1397. Turner Street is used by library and community centre users

I have no objections to charges for other car parks"

"1398. When the high street is already struggling due to Amazon.com , why make it even harder for businesses to stay open. What do all successful business like Asda, Tesco , IKEA , B&Q, Currys,Home Bargains the list goes on they offer free parking! .

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1399. Again. Stop, just stop, wirral residents are not here to get the council out of their own financial mess due to mismanagement

1400. See above

1401. Destroy business and make it harder for people to exercise. This will keep people at home rather than enjoying nature.

1402. HOYLAKE - is a town where people will stop to shop if they can park - normally a quick visit to a specific shop (its called passing trade) no free parking and people will just drive on - where to West Kirby - no free parking there either. THINK about empty high streets, empty shops and the impact on business. Having owned a business on Market Street, Hoylake know about the type of trade and the impact that parking/lock of parking can have on trade. ASK ANY BUSINESS on the high street if they support parking charges - NO NO NO...

"1403. Resident and business owners know councils need funding but charging to park at Allport Lane and all other car parks which cover small shopping precincts will only result in businesses closing due to lack of shoppers. Both people working and shopping in Bromborough will think twice about going there which will result in more premises being boarded up and another ghost town image. The council will lose income from business rates etc

Please think twice about bringing about this regulation.

I would make my views known about the other schemes, however, do not have sufficient knowledge of the areas."

"1404. In particular I object to the charges being introduced in the Church Road Carpark in Bebington where the civic centre is. A group called The 3Ls is run from the Civic Centre. This group is for over 50's but is in the main attended by retired people. It is a great asset to our more elderly community providing not only engaging courses (art, music, languages, local history walking and others) but also provides social activities. The mental wellbeing of elderly people is high on the agenda of health services . Activities that The 3Ls provide are all highly recommended by NHS to keep the mind and body well. They keep the mind and body active and prevent the dreadful scourge of loneliness in a way which is non patronising and respects the intelligence and skill of older people and their desire to meet others and engage in learning more.

Carparking fees would mean that for many of these pensioners the expense of attending courses would tip them into being unable to attend . The majority of courses are 2 hours. This would mean that a ticket for three hours would have to be purchased on each occasion. This additional expense would tip many into not being able to attend. Course tutors and office volunteers spend many hours a week in the centre. The personal expense to them would be too much and so tutors would be lost. Tutor parking fees could be passed on to course attendees however this compounds the problem with attendees paying their own parking fee AND much higher course fees. I would hope that the Council would see the benefits of keeping this particular carpark free for 3Ls members . The health and wellbeing of many older people would be seriously affected if they were not able to access this group. From a purely clinical point of view it could put extra pressure on health and care services already stretched and from a moral point of view I would hope the Council would care

about their more elderly and support the efforts that this group have made to keep ourselves healthy and happy.

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1405. Most of the car parks in this scheme service small shopping areas which will be adversely affected by the introduction of charges. I am particularly familiar with Bromborough village and Eastham and the introduction of these charges will deter people using the few remaining shops, food establishments, Library and walk-in centre.

1406. Wirral council using local people as their personal cash cows yet again. This will destroy local towns and businesses. Wirral council need to leave the free parking alone, lower the rates to their empty shops etc to get them full again instead of hiring rates and driving more independent businesses out. Surely this is obvious to all the people in the council getting paid 100k+ per year???

1407. Charging to park in this area will discourage people from visiting and harm local businesses.

1408. I have particular concerns about the inclusion of Church Road Car Park, Bebington in Scheme reference number TO/24/38, because of the effect it will have on the viability of the 3Ls based at Bebington Civic Centre. It will affect me financially, as I attend two 2-hour classes per week; it will similarly affect other students, which will have an impact on the viability of the classes, if fewer students can attend; and very importantly, it will affect the ability of the tutors and volunteers without whom the organisation could not survive. I understand the 3Ls had a tough time surviving because of the natural disaster caused by COVID, but they seem to have bounced back. However, this 'man-made' of imposing parking charges could be the death knell for the 3Ls!

1409. Moreton group practice has recently expanded to combine with Chadwick street surgery which has now closed. If anything it now needs a larger car park to cope with the increased footfall. Charging for parking will drive people into residential roads and with the forthcoming supermarket development this is where a lot of people will park. You describe it as Moreton Pasture Road car park suggesting it is a public car park which it is not.

1410. Will encourage parking in residential areas, causing congestion and affecting safety. Concerned that some of these will affect people who are parking in order to use public transport; e.g. trains etc.

1411. Church Road Car Park, Bebington: I worry that parking charges here will make the continuation of the very valuable community service of 3Ls in the Bebington Civic Centre at risk; it is supported by volunteers who will not only give their time freely, as they do now, but also have to pay up to £500 in parking charges. This service provides a great variety of classes and would be a huge loss to the community. Parking here and also at Allport Lane Car Park allows local shops to survive - parking charges will encourage greater use of the

free parking at the Croft and contribute to further local community decline. Please reconsider this proposal.

1412. Our High Streets are struggling. Generally shops are privately owned/run and are not able to compete with the put of town alternatives. Add a charge to park at these locations would be detrimental to these businesses and would also add traffic to already busy locations like The Croft Retail Park which gives the council other issues.

1413. As above

"1414. 1. As a local resident living near to Allport Lane car park I have concerns that more drivers will seek free parking in my road, Parkwood Close. We already have drivers doing this who are visiting Orchard Surgery and Bromborough Autos leading to congestion and inconvenience for residents. As we live in a cul de sac there are safety concerns, as cars use my driveway as a turning point to get back out. This is a blind corner and there is an increased risk of accidents due to the likelihood of increased traffic. I have already had my own vehicle hit by a reversing car.

2. Negative impact on local businesses. Bromborough is one of the few thriving areas in the Wirral. Parking charges at Allport Road are likely to deter customers who will opt to visit the larger Croft Retail Park instead where parking is free.

3. Parking fees will add yet another financial burden on drivers at a time when cost of living is at an all time high.

4. Increase of traffic at the already busy Croft Retail Park where drivers will move to for free parking leading to increased congestion on the A41 and possibly heightened risk of RTAs."

1415. This is the car park used by members of the 3Ls adult education centre. It is an amazing place and, quite possibly, the only one of its kind in the country. Adults over 50, many of whom have reached retirement age and beyond, come to study a variety of subjects including Modern Languages (French, German, Italian and Spanish), genealogy, photography, psychology, yoga and many more. Such activities are excellent for both the physical and mental health of this age group. It is a community and for some may be the only regular contact they have with other people. Wirral is lucky to have such service and all its financing comes from membership subscriptions and lesson fees. It is vital that the Church Road Bebington car park remain free. The proposed parking charges will add significantly to the costs of all involved (volunteers, students, tutors) and many may be deterred from helping, joining or working there. If this were to happen, the very existence of the 3Ls would be in jeopardy. Which local council or councillors want to be responsible for the prevention of elderly residents having the opportunity to keep their brain and body active and feel a real part of a community? It would be the exact opposite of what local councils are all about. To say nothing of the significant amount of rent the council receives for the use of the building. Please do not make Church Road, Bebington a 'paying' car park.

1416. Bromborough is a good example of how the scheme is likely to be damaging to the shops, and may well tip the village into decline.

1417. to put parking charges on some of these areas will kill local shopping.....its in a bad enough state as it it

"1418. I use some of these car parks near to the coast to allow me to walk along level routes. Paying will restrict my ability to do this which will affect my mental well being.

I recognise other car parks as areas that I shop in. Having to pay to park will strict my opportunity to do this, which will again affect my mental well being by restricting my social interactions with people. It will also affect the amount of money that I spend in local shops by making on line purchases more appealing.

Some of these car parks are local to my doctors surgery. Again, these charges will restrict my ability to attend appointments."

"1419. I work in a local business and can not afford to pay for parking 5 days a week as there is a little car park that is always full and hard to find spaces

We would loose customers due to having to pay for parking when it is currently free"

1420. I am not a resident of this area and therefore if I go I am a visitor so do not object to parking fees.

1421. We need encourage visitor from near and far

"1422. I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed implementation of car parking charges in these areas. This plan appears to be poorly thought out and will likely have significant negative consequences for both the local environment and the community.

By introducing parking charges, you risk discouraging visitors from coming to the area altogether. Those who do still come will likely seek alternative parking in nearby residential areas, shifting traffic congestion and creating additional strain on the local environment. This increased pressure on residential areas will not only contribute to pollution and noise but also diminish the quality of life for local residents.

Furthermore, many local businesses, which rely on a steady flow of visitors, will undoubtedly suffer from the drop in foot traffic. The reduction in visitors will have a detrimental impact on the local economy, harming both small businesses and the overall vibrancy of the area.

If Wirral Council is in need of additional funding, I would urge you to reconsider your approach. Instead of burdening residents and visitors with parking fees, focus on addressing

the inefficiencies in council spending. For instance, the wasteful and poorly conceived consultations that often lead to misguided decisions should be reassessed.

A recent example is the situation in New Brighton, where Wetherspoons was allowed to expand its business, only to abandon the location when it became too costly to maintain. Not only has this left an unsightly and hazardous empty space, but it also raises questions about why such poor planning was allowed to happen in the first place.

I urge you to reconsider these parking charges and focus on making improvements that will genuinely benefit the local community and environment."

1423. Will have a further detrimental effect on local businesses and local residents parking

"1424. Charging for the carpark at Allport Lane, Bromborough will finish off a village that has already taken far too many blows from the local authority. You have taken our library, you have introduced huge areas of new housing without providing additional infrastructure, and you are now going to turn our village centre into a wasteland by introducing parking charges. If this goes ahead, most people will travel the extra distance to The Croft, where the parking is free. How is that support for local business or independent retail?

Bromborough seems to be way down the list of priorities, whilst Birkenhead always gets the positive attention. Similarly, all the other small carparks on the list are there to provide a service to the community, not revenue to the council. If charges are introduced for Mill Park Drive car park and Allport Lane car park you will deter local shoppers, and probably also cause chaos with vehicles being left in less than ideal places; Bromborough already suffers from a lack of parking places, and charging will only worsen the situation. Also, the carparks are in places suitable for access by our elderly population and if charges are forced through, they will either not use local services at all or be forced to park some distance from the village. And before anyone says that won't happen, look at the parking around The Tap public house on Ferry Road on a weekend; people will park in ridiculous places just to save paying, so the car park is almost empty, and the roads are chaos.

Please think again; this will not achieve what you think it will achieve."

1425. I don't understand why some car parks have been included and others not. For example the car park off Croft Drive, the car park opposite Wallasey Town Hall (if marked for development then when? Private landowners install temporary parking on land they presumably will want to develop at some point). New Chester Road / Howson Street (which seems to be mainly used by local car business to sell vehicles). Frankby/Greasby Road by the library. etc.

1426. People park here for the pleasure of walking, walking their dogs or just to sit and watch the shore line. Many cannot and will not pay the proposed charges. Introducing charges will take away a lot of pleasure for people

"1427. Charging for parking in residential streets is unreasonable in that parking on the road should not involve the council in any extra costs,

cars parked are less likely to cause damage to roads than moving traffic.

there is no safety aspect involved

no expensive ticket machines

no salaries for extra traffic wardens"

"1428. I am attending a 3Ls course at Bebington civic centre. If I have to pay for parking as well it will become unaffordable for me.

Removing free car parks along the seafront will turn me into a couch potato."

1429. Short sighted vindictive idea to make money

1430. All of these parking schemes are wrong and should be shelved as soon as possible

1431. These streets desperately need customers and adding parking charges will limit access for people.

1432. Again I pay enough council tax so should not have to pay to park

1433. These car parks are extremely handy for short use, charging for parking will drive customers away. I use Roland Avenue in Bebington on a daily basis to use the Post Office and visit the local shops usually for less than 5 minutes each time . I will not use any of the shops if I have to pay for parking for 5 minute stays.

"1434. 1.The Bebington Church Road Car Park is used by visitors to Bebington Central Library, Bebington Civic Centre and The Medical Centre. The many activities in the Library and Civic Centre are a valuable resource for the community. Car Park charges will make it difficult or impossible for people to get involved.

2. Small businesses will be negatively affected if there are car parking charges near them."

1435. At a minimum, weekends should be free. This would encourage people to still shop locally, which will stop if car parking comes in.. people attending church need somewhere to park, for example, church road bebington

1436. Why punish the public further? You've increased the council tax and other taxes, so please stop imposing more costs as it's very difficult to live with all these payments at the moment

1437. We should not have to pay to,visit the shops and area

1438. Wrong.

1439. It's tax for tax sake and it's stopping people from enjoying the waterfront..its outrageous you're stopping people from the simple pleasures in life. Stop taxing everything

1440. This will cause more chaos as people park in other streets. It will affect local businesses. More people going to retail parks or online shopping. It will kill the small towns

1441. The introduction of charges to car parks in Heswall is having a negative effect on residents in surrounding roads. Workers are parking outside our houses making life very difficult for those with mobility issues, children, or simply returning from the supermarket.

1442. Will drastically reduce visitors to area, affecting local businesses. Introducing payment will increase parking in residential roads.

1443. Scheme will drive people away from local area,

1444. People can't afford these charges

1445. Will stop visitors to the area so will ultimately kill off the businesses around there

1446. If well maintained then a fair and reasonable charge should be expected in public car parks.

1447. Please stop trying to stop people driving by making it increasingly unaffordable.

1448. Times are hard. Don't do it.

1449. Charging for parking in these area affect the foot fall to shop and leisure area and has a knock on effect on the businesses and facilities in the area

1450. Yeah greedy

1451. You are going to kill trade for local businesses. you are going to discourage people from visiting places where they can get fresh air and exercise. You are discriminating against those of us on low incomes who cannot pay every time we move.

1452. I strongly object to the proposal to introduce parking charges to the Church Road car park in Bebington. The high street which it provides parking for is a thriving hub of small businesses and there is a real sense of community between them and their customers. Charging people to park in order to use these shops, cafes etc would be severely detrimental to the businesses and risk them being forced to shut down. Furthermore, I anticipate more people would stop on the road itself, rather than the car park, which would lead to worsening traffic problems and put pedestrians at risk when crossing the road by making it harder for them to be spotted by drivers. The car park also provides much needed parking for the library, civic centre and GP surgery as they only have very tiny car parks of their own. Many people will choose to park on the road, in disabled bays etc rather than pay to park in the car park. If you want to destroy a local of community of shops and small businesses, and create more parking problems, then introducing charges to the Church Road car park is the way to do it!

"1453. I live in the area of Banks Road car park and use it to park my car as there is limited parking in the road where I live.

Charges will also makes Banks Road more congested than it already is with people trying to avoid charges"

1454. I strongly disagree to these parking charges as it will stop me from visiting places and ultimately keep other people away which will then lead to deterioration and anti-social behaviour of these places

1455. People who do not have their own drive ways offen living in low cost housing will be mostly effectived

1456. Same comments as above.

1457. Will keep people away and shops and tourism will fail .

1458. Let people park in their own residential area without charge we pay enough council tax and road tax and shouldn't be charged to park outside your own property

1459. Times are hard enough for both shoppers and Small businesses. Parking charges will just make consumers shop elsewhere.

"1460. Moreton: Having been a resident in the surrounding area for over 60 years and a current small business owner.

All of the banks building societies and many independent traders have closed with the changes seen on every high street.

Introducing charges in this area will almost certainly hit the small independent trader the hardest and push more trade towards the national retailers such as Tesco, Iceland , Heron and Home and Bargain who will retain their free car parks.

I believe after many years of campaigning a banking hub is to be opened in Moreton, introducing a charge in the adjacent car park just doesn't seem to be joined up thinking.

The aim is to end the \$300,000.00 parking deficit, but at what cost to the local economy and employment."

1461. Dissapointing

1462. These are all visitor attractions that will have a detrimental effect on residents lifestyle....

1463. You will kill the number of people visiting and getting exercise, fresh air , mental wellbeing. Big up. Ditch the idea.....again 🙄🙄

1464. If car parking charges are introduced in the Hoylake area then it will deter people from stopping, the local shops will find that trade has decreased and may even go out of business. I am sure that the local shopkeepers would strongly object to the introduction of these charges. Thurstaston Common Car Park, Thurstaston should be free for all to enjoy the benefits of this local nature reserve.

1465. I am a local resident who has lived in Eastham and Bromborough all my life. I support the local shops and use the car parking facility about twice a day everyday either in Eastham or Bromborough / both. As a pensioner I have to be careful with my money especially this year as my heating support has been taken away by the Labour Government. If these charges are put in place I will not be able to use the my shops anymore , I would go to the free ' Croft Retail Park' instead. Please as a Council support the local shops, don't charge to park otherwise the shops might not exist and also therefore a loss of jobs.

1466. Charging at Fort Perch Rock, together with charging along Kings Parade/Coastal Drive, will result in visitors parking in the Marine Point shoppers' car park, to the detriment of businesses and shoppers. Visitors will also seek free parking in all adjacent roads in New Brighton, up to and beyond Victoria Road/Warren Drive. Charging for parking there will have a detrimental effect on the Floral Pavilion Theatre, which is already said to be under threat, and may well result in its closure. Charging at Derby Pool will encourage parking on the Harvester Private car park, and along the road leading to it. Charging here, and at the Gunsite, will discourage the numerous visitors and local residents who visit the North Wirral Coastal Park and the foreshore for the simple but essential purpose of rest and relaxation in fresh air and natural beauty. Wirral promotes itself, rightly, as a pleasant place, and much revenue is brought in by visitor spending. These short-sighted schemes will reduce or destroy the attraction. I doubt that any revenue gathered from charging at a small site, like Thurstaston Common [already subject to charging at the other side, Royden Park] will justify the expense of installing and maintaining pay points, and the salary of any wardens visiting often enough to enforce the scheme.

1467. It would limit me being able to leave the house or enjoy the outdoors

1468. People have enough money been taken from them

1469. As above, we need to stop the permanent parking of large vehicles, motorhomes and workers who are all taking the prime spots. Workers should park away from the prom and get a bus or walk in, motorhomes and large commercial vehicles should be banned by a weight restriction. Far too many are too big for the spaces but either block the pavement, or in the case of parking by the pumping station, they block access and take it over like a mini campsite. Its ugly to see, dangerous due to the fire risk (health and safety and fire regulations) those people wont pay for parking, so if you include it there ... it will certainly help as they will leave.

1470. Businesses will suffer as a result of greed.

1471. Charging for car parks used by people to go walking, for instance, Thurstaston, could discourage people from exercising.

1472. Some of these site yes but not all

1473. It will destroy local commerce. I realise that left wing politicians don't appear to understand how incredibly important that is to the local community because the public purse funds their lives but without our taxes, your lifestyle goes away.

1474. Na

1475. This will drive traffic into residential streets. It will also directly impact older people who are on limited budgets.

"1476. when car parks were free during Covid I often went in to liscard but because of charges I rarely go now

regarding the car parks near popular walking & entertainment areas having to pay will just push people onto side roads or not going out"

"1477. If parking is charged for on pasture road car park, this will have a huge impact on my business, The Green Hut, which is situated on the car park. The Green Hut has improved its surrounding area massive and contributed to the upkeep and maintenance of the car park and nearby community. I have recently invested a lot into the business which will suffer as customers use the car park to visit and order/ collect food. It will deter a lot of customers if they having to pay to park if they want to order food from my business. I currently employ around 10 staff who's jobs might not be viable if customer numbers decline. I have invested a lot of my own money and time into making the area around the car park much more attractive and welcoming to the public who will be it off visiting big charges are made for parking.

This will be very detrimental to my business, staff and the local community. "

1478. Enough is enough . Will be a detriment to small businesses and people who go to some of these areas to walk their dogs. People of Wirral are being unfairly treated and justifiably we are very angry.

1479. Will drive parking into the side streets which are already crowded with no driveways. People who live there will have to pay to park outside their own house. Will also damage the local economy as people will drive to supermarkets rather than support local business. Also, Market Street car park will cause chaos at school pick up and drop off. Parents will be economically disadvantaged. Parking is already tight in the surrounding streets. This scheme would make it worse. The council have a duty of care to children and surrounding streets, Lee Road, Newton Road etc will be busier. There has already been one tragic accident at this place on the corner of Lee Road.

1480. Damaging to local business residents and tourism

1481. You are stopping local shops from getting business and they struggle as it is

"1482. I object to the proposal to charge for the use of the Church Road Car Park, Bebington. I attend an adult class at Wirral 3Ls at a cost of £8, with the car parking charge this will cost me £11.60.

Wirral 3Ls is run mostly by volunteers and they will have to pay for the privilege of working for nothing! If we lose the volunteers Wirral 3Ls may cease to be going concern."

"1483. Again paid Parking is going to affect all businesses. Also people will park in residential roads, to avoid paying parking fees.

We have managed in the past, why charge now?

Money making for the council."

"1484. Church Road, Bebington is used by families on low incomes.

Library is a public resource that would suffer

Wirral 3Ls is a charity that enables and encourages adult education. These students can't afford to park all day - nor can the low paid tutors."

1485. More taxation against motorists and not needed. Plenty of visitors will have a needed visit curtailed and may well become depressed and house bound.

1486. As above

1487. Charges will drive people away from our area which in turn will in the long run affect businesses. Will councilors who we pay to work for us, the people do what we request if the majority say NO? Highly unlikely as they have never listened in the past so why would they listen now?

1488. This helps people who want to get to Liverpool by train and leave cars at car parks. If parking charges are introduced near stations, it defeats the purpose of using public transport.

1489. As above

"1490. We should be aiming to help people get out into the country to get fit, to enjoy the countryside and to bring tourists in from outside of the area. The proposed plans negatively impact all of the above.

Also, most of the coastal / countryside car parks are little more than gravel / dirt areas. It will cost more to enforce costs than the costs generate"

1491. This will simply push traffic into residential areas, the system is fine as it is

1492. We shouldn't have to park to enjoy the beach and coastline.

1493. People are more likely to use out of town free parking and this will have implications for small businesses.

1494. Ridiculous

1495. By making people pay this will kill off all the trade in these local villages. It will damage our communities and it is selfish of the council to impose these unnecessary charges.

1496. Bebington charges,would mean 3Ls would lose members and more importantly volunteers.

1497. I am retired and attend the 3Ls group in Bebington civic centre for two hours twice a week. The introduction of excessive parking fees will make me consider the financial implication.

1498. It's disgusting, all you're going to do is stop people going there and instead they'll visit the big retail parks instead. If you want to save money then cut the number of local councillors by two thirds and cut the wages of the council chief executives.

"1499. It is short sighted of the council to incur charges especially for the first hour. People are using the local businesses therefore supporting local businesses by pick up prescriptions, take aways and generally spending moneyetc Not all people are disabled but the elderly have difficulties in walking far and for their safety having off road parking is sensible. Some people are volunteering helping the community and in turn saving the council from employing people. They are giving up their time but charging for parking may mean they can't afford it. It is positive to think of the effects of cars on the environment but public transport is poor in some areas eg Irby evening a bus once an hour, no bus to get to Thurstaston so how when walking good for health are people suppose to get there? Charging will mean people will go to retail parks rather than using local businesses and also cause problems on local roads by parking in residential roads. Buses and emergency vehicles will struggle to get through. Instead of making a blanket decision across the borough the council should look at each parking on an individual basis.

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1500. I park here frequently with my mum who has dementia and husband who has sight problems to look out to sea it's a disgrace to think it will be charged for

1501. See above

"1502. We are most surprised and disappointed to hear that A car parking fee is being proposed for church Road Bebington . We presume that you will have made effort to find out who uses this car park. Clearly many will be patients attending the GP and many others older people attending the three Ls your plan would seem to totally oppose current thought, keeping older people and indeed ill people, active and involved, would it be possible to have these two groups of people given the right to park without a charge, possibly a token which could be used by different people for the reserved spaces whilst they are on site.

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"1503. The Council never seems to learn. Charging for Parking in Birkenhead was the start of all the Big stores leaving the town. It also had one of the best Markets around and most of that has now also gone. The Council put a parking meter in Eastham Country Park, which going by the number of cars that now park there was a mistake.

Will people now pay to park in Bromborough in order to shop, when they are able to shop for free at Bromborough Croft Car Park.

Past experience would now say NO, but this just happens to be Wirral Borough Council,

Without customers shops will close, people will lose their jobs and the Council will then also lose their Council Tax payments. This proposed scheme should now be cancelled

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1504. The local shops and civic centre rely on customers and users to have access via cars as there are very few buses that stop in the Church Road area. The civic centre would lose its 3L's customers as people would not be able to afford the £3.60 proposed change to attend events and events. It's not only the 3L's it is also library and one stop users. If the library customers declined then another vital service would be lost to the local community.

1505. It's a greedy money grab and will only be detrimental to the area, less people will visit and overall local businesses will be negatively impacted, therefore community negatively impacted. It is cruel when people are already struggling to pay bills.

"1506. The carpark in Bebington that services the Civic Centre is used by those attending the 3 Ls classes. Each class lasts for 2 hours so it will be necessary to purchase a 3 hour ticket. This will make attending the classes expensive (fees + parking). The 3Ls may see a decline in numbers attending classes which could ultimately lead to closure. This would have a financial impact on the council and lead to underuse of the building.

For many public transport is either not available or is at an inconvenient time.

Perhaps an area could be reserved for attendees, where the parking is free."

"1507. Generally there should be a 15 min free period before charges start.

The Allport Lane car park should have a 1 hour free parking period otherwise the shops there will be destroyed. Local businesses will be sacrificed to multi nationals at the Croft and eventually the council will lose revenue."

"1508. Mill Park Drive Eastham - with a library, Tesco Express, fast food outlets, hardware store and a dog groomers most stopping in that car park is very short stay and there is a very high turnover of parking. In particular the dog groomers will see us dropping the dog off (5 mins max) and then collecting the dog later - incurring 2 car parking charges! This car park does not meet the criteria for ""managing car parking"" - it manages itself very well. I can only assume that you want to close down these businesses.

Allport Lane car park - again mainly short term car parking with rapid turnover. I can only assume that you to close these businesses down as well. We all know that you have had your eyes on doing a deal to bulldoze the shops and carpark and sell off the land to build houses on for some years now.

The only good news to come out of this "car parking strategy" is that (together with the 20mph debacle) in a couple of years you will all be voted out and we will have a Conservative council who will run the Wirral properly. I suggest that you ditch the entire scheme."

1509. No issues with council owned car parks and non-residential areas, although chargeable parking bays on main high streets will again force people to park in residential areas instead. It will also deter people from visiting the high streets, severely impacting local businesses that are already struggling to stay afloat. Lots of empty businesses on the high streets already due to high overheads.

1510. Parking fees will only make people avoid the area like they have done in town centres and other charged areas which will result in even more business closing or moving. It will also deter out of area visitors to come to the peninsular.

1511. Parking charges for Bebington will make adult learning elitist only by penalising tutors and volunteers for spending several hours at a time at the 3 L Learning. It will also deter prospective older students on a fixed income, State Pension, from joining the classes taught due to the cost.

1512. All parking should be free.

"1513. I help run activities in our library to combat isolation and loneliness sewing class knit and natter and a cinema and paying for car parking will stop people old and unable to use public transport and on the edge financially from coming

It will kill off the local shops which are already struggling "

1514. Just leave the free car parks alone. Money grabbing idiots

1515. Church Road, Bebington is the default car park for members of Wirral 3Ls. The proposed charges will add a substantial premium to the cost of every lesson. For the many members who participate in more than one course, the cost will be even higher. The group is run by unpaid volunteers who will be left significantly out of pocket for their voluntary work. The proposed charges create the real risk that the 3Ls group will be forced to fold, with the loss of important social and learning activities for hundreds people from across the Wirral. The charges also effectively represent a tax on visitors to Civic Medical Centre and will increase the pressure on the local businesses on Church Road, which are already struggling to attract sufficient footfall. The inevitable rise in parking on the surrounding streets by those attempting to avoid the charges will cause significant congestion, especially around Church Road, Bromborough Road, The Wiend and Highcroft Avenue (where the exit onto Church Road will become more hazardous).

1516. People will be discouraged from shopping locally and using local cafes and restaurants, damaging local businesses and causing more hardship to local businesses.

1517. Local business will suffer, people who work in the areas will suffer with wages spent on parking. Surrounding residential parking will be used causing upset and danger. It will put people off using the business in the areas and impact community

1518. Church Road car park is used by many people taking part in activities associated with the main Bebington Library. Apart from the 3Ls which is extremely popular, there are other group activities: book groups, knitting, sewing, children story time, films, etc. These activities help to build the social fabric of the community, indeed, some of them (eg sewing) have received funds (from NHS?) because they are seen as a way of counteracting loneliness - especially amongst older people, and are therefore seen as positive to the overall health of the community. If you wanted to drive a dagger through the heart of this community, introducing car park charges would be an excellent way of doing it. Positive suggestion: It is a fact that the car park is used by some local business people, not necessarily retail, who could better afford charges. A free period of 4 hours would probably take care of most social activities, with charges being introduced beyond that. It would require 'policing', sporadic / random checks. but is doable. The importance of facilities for social gatherings / community activities is well known. Damaging these would be foolhardy / short sighted. Think again !

1519. The point of car parks is so people park in them rather than on the roads, causing hazards on highways . While in general I don't mind paying a small charge, some car parks charge a ridiculous amount. Also need to consider how long someone might use a particular car park, a quick stop or several hours? At church road, its general over 2 hours as there are classes being held in the civic centre which are usually 1 and a half to 2 hours. The daily charge for parking for the volunteers and teachers will probably result in classes becoming too expensive for the attendees. Lifelong learning should be encouraged not discouraged

1520. With regards to Church Road, Bebington car park. This is an area providing independent local shops, a library, GP practice and a unique 3L's centre which runs courses for over 50s. The 3L's is run by volunteers, led by teachers and attended by mainly retired/semi retired members of the Wirral community, many of whom will be unable to attend if the charges are imposed. The proposed parking charges will have a devastating impact on individuals, local services and business.

1521. Re in particular the church road Bebington. Charging to park will directly negatively impact the 3Ls charity which is based there. Tutors and volunteers are usually there for a good part of the day. Having to pay the proposed fee is likely to lead to a withdrawal of both tutors and volunteers as it is too expensive. Similarly many of the students will have difficulty in affording to pay the fees. All this will impact the future functioning of the charity . The 3 Ls is a life line to many older and often isolated people. It has a positive effect on mental well being of this population. It should be encouraged by the council. By implementing charges to parking will discourage people from attending and so have a negative impact on the mental wellbeing of many Wirral residents It may also lead to the closure of the charity

"1522. The first two hours should be free

People who live in the street should not have to pay"

1523. Local economy will shrink even more. Shoppers will go elsewhere & also park on the local roads. This already happens in Heswall.

"1524. I use the car park at Bebington civil centre to attend a 3LS course. I do this every week and the parking is the only place that I can park. If the intended parking fees are introduced I would need to book a 2 hour slot, which will add to the overall costs for my activity. The essence of the 3LS is to encourage people to get out of their homes and to be more mentally and physically active, for you to now add to the costs will I fear only lead to more people staying away and for the 3 LS operation to close down.

WE are only just getting over the problems that COVID caused.

Then of course there is the impact on the library, and goodness only knows that these have been drastically reduced by you in years. You seem able to find money for the Birkenhead park restoration but not to help people. You need to look at this again."

1525. The council seem determined to stop people enjoying the peninsula.

"1526. The reason stated by Authority for placing charges is that it will improve traffic management and safety - Please just be honest it is to raise revenue.

Charging on sites will have a number of impacts/factors which should be considered and disclosed before any final decision made.

1. Increase parking on streets around the area causing both reduced traffic flow and increased risk on pedestrians - Opposite to Council target
2. Impact on local businesses - reducing trade - as people switch even more so to retail parks where free parking is available - Is that council aim?
3. With reduced business then this will lead to less businesses and thus lower business rate collection - What level of impact study has been undertaken in this respect - How much car park revenue will be raised against lost business rate over a 5 year period??? analysis of each area independently disclosed
4. What is the cost of managing the car parks (Parking meters etc)/ensuring adherence (Enforcement Officers) - When this is taken into account and added to the points in question 3 what do the sums show - Again as far as I am aware no detail in this respect has been shared and should be as part of process to ensure full council transparency is being provided, If this is to be managed via third parties then full disclosure of procurement process should be outlined/cost - Other council contracts recently proved to be expenses/above budget/mis-managed."

"1527. Destruction of local business and tourism. This is a money producing exercise that no local wants as it destroys local business.

There should be a 2 hour waiting restriction and then charges. This will increase passing trade and decrease those parking all day for park and ride etc in areas that need passing trade."

1528. It's important to attract people to shops and not put barriers in the way. The high street is already being decimated.

1529. I live close to Church Road, I've only lived here for 6 years but in that time u have seen businesses close. The footfall in the village needs to be encouraged not restricted by introducing parking charges. I think a free 29 minutes followed by a 50p per hour charge with a maximum charge, might be slightly more acceptable. But I do not think you should be charging staff employed by the businesses on Church Rd.

1530. The Church Road Bebington proposal involves parking charges for those using Bebington Civic Centre. This location is home to the 3L's Charity - a lifeline for the over60's who use it. Parking charges will almost certainly affect its running and we will lose this vital resource.

1531. Charges per hour should be cheaper getting more expensive the longer the time to still encourage people to the local businesses but prevent car park / road abuse using as a park and ride away from the area.

1532. Church Road Bebington. This car Park is performs a vital educational need to remain free, in order to provide to provide for the residents of Wirral to access educational services. It cannot be described as a "shoppers" or casual car park as it provides parking for a very specific purpose

"1533. Whilst I can't begin to imagine what the imposition of the proposed £1.20 per hour car parking charge Wirral Borough Council is considering for Church Road, Bebington, will likely do to local businesses, I write to you as a member, participant, and volunteer of Wirral 3Ls..

Preparing to celebrate 30 years of service to the local and Peninsula wide community in 2025, Wirral 3Ls (Leisure, Laughter and Learning for the mainly over 50's) is surely an organisation any Council in the Country would be proud to champion and support. The fact that it also fills an iconic Grade II listed building every weekday with not only a substantial library, but also the throng of chatter, contemplation, shared learning and friendship in such a sociable environment under the tutelage of experienced and professional teachers, is invaluable. For information, the website is available to view here.

<http://www.wirral3ls.co.uk/>

As a frequent member myself, I fear that the extra expense of car parking charges will be a deterrent to many of the hundreds of others who visit weekly too, not to mention the course tutors and their extra hours. Without numbers, not only might the whole organisation become unviable and under threat, but a jewel of a thriving not-for-profit charitable organisation lost to future generations for years to come.

So I fervently hope that this community facility, in a much loved Civic Centre at the heart of Lower Bebington, will NOT become a victim of Council cuts, or the source of aggravation to nearby domestic streets as visitors in cars to local businesses, the historic St. Andrews Church, and Wirral 3Ls in particular, seek to find an alternative to expensive parking charges if they are unable to travel by any other method. Whilst I understand that the Council has many services to support, in terms of preventative therapies much applauded of late, I would suggest that this charity organisation - full of residents 'doing it for themselves' - has a strong case for exemption from proposed charges in Church Road car park.

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1534. You're a bunch of money grabbing, incompetent morons. None of these roads require traffic management. STOP INTERFERING.

1535. It is essential to support local shops as far as it is in the gift of the local authority to do so. A parking charge at small village car parks is a further incentive to ignore local shops and to go instead to supermarkets or shopping malls with large free car parks. Local small village car parks should remain free. The alternative is yet another financial burden on hard pressed local shop keepers and a disincentive for local residents to use their shops.

1536. Will private parking be affected or will permits be offered for free

1537. Is there anywhere you can park without being screwed by this council. Irby Village will die.

1538. I work in Irby Village and I cannot afford to pay the charges I drive from birkenhead everyday to work and this would mean I would be paying 2 lots of car parking as I would have to pay until 6.30pm and from 6.30pm to overnight even though my car won't be there over night I will be parking on Thingwall Road when this is in place

1539. I go to irby village all the time and use the car park on roslin road ... lots of local small business and lovely cafe... this will affect these business tremendously when local businesses are really suffering..... i also have a friend in roslin road this will affect her as she won't be able to park outside her own house ...

1540. Yes re the Roslin Road car park in Irby. Short stay charges should be waived allowing users to make full use of the shops, cafes & other businesses in the village. Longer term charges should be applied on weekdays for stays greater than 2 hours. Roslin Road is a very busy narrow thoroughfare, short term charges will: A) have a negative impact on business

and traders in the village leading to a Longer term degradation with ultimate closure of these businesses, this will further inconvenience local residents who are 'village dependent' for their everyday needs. And B: likely to lead to more on street parking in Roslin and Thingwall Roads in vicinity of a children's nursery potentially creating dangerous situations in respect of vehicle to vehicle and vehicle to pedestrian.

"1541. Church Road Bebington: This car park is used regularly by students and volunteers of Wirral 3ls, a charity which offers educational courses and opportunities for social contact for older people, both important for good mental health among the elderly. Many of the charity's members live some distance away or are unable to use public transport, and may not be able to afford the proposed charges. Each class normally lasts about 2 hours, so a member would have to pay 3.60 for each visit, over a ten week term. Volunteers who may spend several hours a day in the 3Ls office would have to pay considerably more.

If there are too few participants in classes, or volunteers are reluctant to pay the increased fees, a successful local charity may be forced to close.

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1542. I am particularly concerned about the proposed charge for traders for the Roslin Road Car Park Irby. The charge seems excessive, these are only small businesses and I fear that they will be unable to meet the fee proposed.

1543. Creates additional problems for local shops when out of town supermarkets offer free parking.

"1544. I strongly object to the proposal to charge for parking in Bebington Church Road car park. If introduced I believe that this would lead to the closure of the 3Ls which takes place in the Civic Centre. This is attended by elderly residents and helps to keep them mentally active. The introduction of car parking charges to residents who are predominantly OAPs, they would not be able to afford this and so would not attend the classes. This, I believe, would have a detrimental effect on their mental health leading to various complications health wise. Also the 3Ls have volunteers who give their time free of charge to ensure the smooth running of the group. If they had to pay to park then I believe it would be more difficult to recruit these volunteers. If you take the trouble to visit the car park, which I suggest you haven't yet, you will find the car park completely full illustrating how much the 3Ls are dependent on people who have to drive to Bebington to attend.

I would also point out that the survival of the businesses on Church Road is dependent on people having somewhere to park. If charges were introduced then people would be more reluctant to pay and would go elsewhere to shop leading to the demise of those businesses.

In conclusion, you have given no indication of the revenue you think you may receive by introducing car parking charges. All you appear to have done is list every single place and say

we will introduce charges for car parking. As usual I thought out survey which Wirral residents have got used to!

How much money was used to install the electric charging points in Church Road car park and then they were removed without them being used at all!"

1545. Especially Roslin Road Irby. I use this car park a lot as a local resident and it is very useful. I have a toddler and it is reassuring to be able to park in a safer area instead of on the road where she could easily run off. We use the local businesses a lot and having to pay for parking would discourage that. She also attends the nursery over the road and when their car park is full it is helpful to be able to use Roslin Road. Charges would mean it was not feasible to use for a short trip. It is also used by commuters who then continue on the bus and I think that is a great resource and keeps more cars off the road.

1546. There is limited parking available and a lot of people are already struggling financially which will deter them from popping to local shops. This will result in local businesses closing and people travelling further to large supermarkets who provide free parking. The current system works well for residents and business alike. Don't mess with it.

1547. Charging for parking near shopping and leisure areas will reduce the footfall to shops further, leading to even more closures of high street shops, including valuable services such as pharmacies. Public transport is so poor and unreliable, the car is the only viable option for most people who don't live in walking distance. Closed shops/restaurants mean less income for the council so this proposed scheme, which is clearly a money-grab, seems extremely short-sighted.

1548. This will impact small business, side roads, minimum wage employee. School runs. Absolutely no charge should apply.

"1549. I am writing express concern at your proposal to charge for parking in the Church Road car park, on four grounds:

1. **Bebington Shops.** The shops in The Village, Bebington are having a difficult enough time attracting customers currently, owing to the proximity of the Bromborough Retail Park with free parking, as is witnessed by the short life-span of any new shops opening in the village. To add to this, by charging for parking would severely impact the number of people shopping there, leading to further closures, with a consequent reduction in Council income from the rates on these shops.
2. **Effect of displaced parking.** The inevitable effect of parking charges would be that parking would be displaced onto the Wiend, Highcroft Ave or Kirket Lane, seriously affecting the householders there. It would also cause additional traffic trying to turn into or exit from these roads onto an extremely busy and dangerous junction.
3. **Use of Church Hall Car Park.** In addition, motorists would attempt to park in the St Andrew's church hall car park. This is used almost entirely for families with young children or the elderly for midweek activities. It would be impossible to prevent this illegal use, which

would severely impact such families using the church car park for its intended purpose, and create a danger to young children.

4. Effect on St Andrew's Road residents. St Andrews Church has always encouraged church attendees on Sunday, as well as Saturday wedding and weekday funerals, to park in the car park, and thus avoid congestion in St Andrews Road especially. This proposal would be a strong disincentive to using the car park.

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"1550. People will not visit, causing small businesses to close, popping to the local shops will no longer be a thing, we will just use the large supermarkets.

We are paying enough in council taxes. To cover these necessities.

Sort out adult social services look into people who are claiming from you defrauding you for adult care services.

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"1551. Bringing in a car park charge at Thurstaston Car park will have a detrimental effect on Dawpool School pupils' safety. Currently, since car park charges at Royden were introduced, School Lane is extremely congested at school pick up/drop off times. As well as school traffic, there are a large amount of dog walkers who park on School Lane rather than incur a charge at Royden. It has made the road dangerous and crowded. Introducing a car park charge at Thurstaston will increase this as it is used by school traffic around 8.45 and 3.30. Could there be a period of time during school drip off/pick up that it is free? There is a huge lack of on street parking near Dawpool and charging at Thurstaston car park would mean very congested roads near by.

Rosalind Road car park is utilised by visitors to irby village and introducing a charge would have an adverse affect on the businesses. However, people do park there all day and get the bus to Liverpool etc. Again, would a period of free time (2 hrs) keep the car park free for shoppers etc but keep people using it as a park and ride away? "

"1552. You will drive away shoppers and effect small businesses

People will shop at the large chain stores where Parkin is free"

1553. Disgraceful to inflict charges on a place that markets itself as The leisure peninsula! It will put people off!

1554. The area around the Roslin road car park is already congested. Parking charges will not free this up, Roslin Road and Seaview Avenue will be used instead making it difficult for residents to park by their property. In addition, the council have seen fit to make Rosiln Road and Seaview Avenue a 30mph road, more cars parked on this Road will create more risk of accidents.

"1555. This will cause people to park on Thingwall road and nearby roads - leading to congestion and accidents.

It will affect business's as people will not use the village .

People can not afford ridiculous costs to park!

A 50p all day would be more realistic.

This is so short sighted of the council.

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"1556. Areas of leisure such as the Gunsite car park is used regularly by myself and my family. I think it's wrong to take any free parking away for leisure. I walk there and other areas in order to maintain my mental well-being. By charging this will not allow me to go very often as I could not afford it.

The car park on Church Road. I believe there is a covenant in place from when the land was given to the Council to say the land had to be used for free. Also charging will take away from local businesses on church Road. Local businesses are already struggling due to the rise in everything/cost of living."

1557. I'm writing in regard to the introduction of parking charges at Church Road Car Park. As a member of the 3Ls in Bebington Civic Centre I am very concerned that parking charges are a threat to the continuation of an excellent organisation. The classes provide just what it says on the tin - laughter, learning and leisure for the (mainly) over 50's. These classes contribute to the mental and physical (classes in everything from history, foreign languages to yoga and dance) well-being of my age group - maintaining our good health ultimately saves the state money. Through these charges the 3Ls risks losing members, volunteers and tutors. While I am mainly writing because I see this as a threat to an excellent, unique organisation keeping parking free at the site also supports the library, another excellent organisation.

1558. Yes I live in an area where you are proposing these charges and I like to visit the areas I've mentioned, but they would be out of my reach unless I travel by car , so fuel costs and car parking add up to being unaffordable.

1559. Reference car park at roslin does it make sense to charge for parking in a small carpark you will cause more traffic to park on the main road and the buses which go through irby will be compromised in there ability to get in and out of the village.

1560. This council is against the car 20 mile zones when other councils are reducing them. Cycle lanes not thought out and put on silly roads when they would be better elsewhere. Local shops will suffer imagine paying £1.50 just to go the local shop for loaf of bread. People will drive to the supermarket then where is your pollution then. Isn't that the main reason for the 20 zone.

1561. These small local areas need access to free parking spaces to encourage people to the area and to use local businesses who are going to suffer.

1562. It will kill a lot of small businesses off as people use these businesses and often only parking for a short time and not going to pay to go into a shop for a few minutes.

1563. You'll kill local business

1564. Many of the above parking is used by walkers or dog walkers or people attending education courses. I attend courses at Bebington and would have to pay for 3 hours parking every time as the courses last 2 hours and I would not have time to get to the car

1565. will stop people from visting, same comments as above.

1566. As above

1567. It will be detrimental to local businesses and the area as people will think twice about going to the area

1568. This would stop so many people visiting for a free day out with kids!

1569. As above

"1570. wirralcouncil are extremely greedy doing this. There are bins overflowing, almost every drain blocked in surrounding areas, they're flying tipping bin bags every week on the side of the roads feeding the rats and yet they spent £30M on a restaurant and wall of which both have failed in their purpose and in turn they now want to charge for parking all along the coast which is predominantly used by local residents.

We are not a seaside holiday resort along our coasts.. we are local residents working, visiting family or friends or wanting to enjoy what little free freedom we have as you've closed most libraries , swimming pools and other public services staying lacking of funds!"

1571. It will increase on street parking making it more difficult for residents parking there cars, causing congestion and making it difficult for them to access there own houses

1572. As a 3L's retired member and user of Bebington car park I feel this would be detrimental to the tutors and vulolunteer workers at this local organisation that provides courses and social events for senior and retired local people across Wirral . Also will be detrimental to numerous small businesses who rely on passing trade when they are struggling with higher costs already.

"1573. Car park attached to Bebington Civic Library. The 3L's charitable organisation based at Bebington library serve people of a certain age who rely on this for social/mental purposes. Already being clobbered to pension reductions the proposed charge of £3.60 for a morning or afternoon session could adversely affect membership numbers which could severely impact on membership numbers to collapse causing the 3L's to close. Some

volunteers spend ALL day there so a daily charge of nearly £10 would be the death knell. Add to that charging for parking will only move parking problems to surrounding streets.

If charging is inevitable why not use the model as the Pyramids which is £1 for the first hour and a maximum of £2 for anything thereafter which is more reasonable/affordable.

Perch Rock, see comments re Kings Drive, New Brighton"

"1574. I feel that charging for parking will adversely impact local businesses by driving people towards locations with no parking charges which tend to be out of town with large corporations.

The mental health and fitness of residents will also be impacted, people go to these locations for fresh air and exercise and will be discouraged from doing so if yet another charge is levied on car owners who seem to be an 'easy target' and treated as a cash cow. "

1575. Support access to local businesses. Don't charge people to access nature. There are few places now families can take their kids for free which is beneficial both mentally and physically

1576. Charging people to park will discourage people from using these spaces and will inhibit the growth of small businesses in the area.

1577. Charging people to use these beautiful places will stop them from enjoying fresh air and walks. Not everyone can walk to these places from their home and there are small businesses which this scheme will ruin due to less traffic. Let people enjoy these places without charging. They can then spend in the businesses which will provide more positive revenue for the area. Once parking charges occur people will stop coming.

1578. Derby pool and the gunsite....Will affect local businesses and stop locals being able to enjoy community spaces. In particular the gunsite as people go solely for the beach, this will affect the coffee van as footfall will reduce and

1579. These car parks often support local independent shops, parking charges will encourage customers to larger supermarkets where parking is free.

1580. All of these locations are used by walkers, runners, swimmers, other water sports, dog walkers, families and children. Parking fees will discourage people from visiting and being active, which contradicts the council's initiatives to encourage healthy lifestyles. They are also not all particularly well maintained- especially the Thurstaton one,

1581. Charging to go and use the Wirral coast line is absolutely disgusting! It's a free space for the community and should stay that way.

1582. This is a disgrace. These are walking spots for families and dog walkers. This promotes accessing fresh air and exercise.

1583. Local residents use this to go for walks and to get some exercise

1584. Charging to park is detrimental to the economy of the area.

1585. I accept that the Council needs to make money from parking fees

1586. The local car parks next to libraries are used widely by a diverse group of attendants both for education and community based projects. Charging attendees will have an effect on both library use and the community groups who use the buildings. Those who are financially challenged will cease using the library and suffer the affects of isolation as they bow out of using community groups. The subsequent reduced traffic at the library will lead to reduced hours and possible closure- Bromborough as an example. Villages such as Bromborough rely on local use. Charging for the local car park will only encourage shoppers to use the Croft/Asda instead and thereby the closure of small businesses. It used to be a thriving village its a shame that the council feel the need to charge for services ie parking which has always been free

1587. I think a lot of these car parks are small and people use them to access local services - like quickly popping to the shop get a newspaper. People will not want to pay for short visits like these and therefore may choose to go elsewhere. It will be damaging to these small, local businesses to lose these customers. It is also likely that people will instead park on the streets to avoid parking charges, so this will cause problems for residents.

1588. Absolutely think it will be awful for people wanting a day out as a family having to pay charges

1589. Bad for local businesses and discriminatory for those with mobility issues. At a minimum there should be free parking for up to 3 hours

1590. By charging at these car parks you will have people parking cars illegally wherever they can, causing more issues, you will drive people away from areas that rely on passing trade a really bad idea

1591. Will affect businesses and families and people wanting to enjoy the seaside etc

1592. This is my one haven. My one free thing to do when I feel low, or down. I can come for a drive, stay as long as I need and breathe in the fresh air. Or just sit in the car. Please don't start charging!

1593. Leasowe Gunsite is one of the very few places left where you can enjoy the beautiful beach for free. A lot of people who go here go because it helps with their mental health, including the cold water swimmers which include the elderly who benefit from this. Charging to park will just cause more stress on people who can't afford it which will then also put more strain on our mental health services.

1594. I think one hour free, 2 hours £1. Over three £1.50 and over 4 £3.50

1595. Need excellent public transport and active travel to precede charges. Need cargo bikes to become the norm in advance of restrictions to cars and parking

1596. These charges will adversely affect a wide range of businesses, residents and community groups. People will cease to shop at small centres like Bebington and Bromborough and instead go to retail parks where parking is free. People will park in side roads affecting residents or simply cease to attend activities at all. Libraries will suffer if people have to pay to use park near them The Bebington civic centre provides a range of leisure and medical services which will suffer if charges are levied. Volunteers and staff will suffer especially as they have to park all day. Public transport is not good enough to replace cars - sadly. At the very least the charges should be more reasonable than those proposed. A half hour fee would allow local shopping. 60p per hour would not be as much of a deterrent with a maximum of £3 per day. The council needs to consider ALL the implications of this proposal - not just the apparent short term financial benefits.

1597. My comments relate to Roslin Road Car Park, Irby. Essentially it is pointless and dangerous, all it will do is push people to park on the local roads surrounding Irby Village and that will cause problems for road users, pedestrians and will cause accidents.

1598. Local businesses will be negatively affected by these charges in addition to the congestion of nearby roads. Many people just use these car parks for 5 minutes or so to nip to the shops. Could the first 29 mins be free?

1599. Disgusting to even think of charging patients to visit their GP at pasture road !!

1600. As above, I'm ok with a £1 overnight charge, in principle. I am completely against daytime parking charges though. This strikes me as a tax (which we already pay in abundance) on those who just wish to enjoy the natural surroundings of the peninsula, or embark on a shopping trip.

1601. See my first comment

1602. This is what I feel the most strongly about, nature spots you can park up at should be appreciated not used to make money, I notice too paid car parks are more of a mess with litter, people don't respect them, I never see rubbish at these car parks, people respect and appreciate them, please don't change it all now, so the right thing and let people enjoy nature

1603. It will cause people to stop using the local shops and thereby endanger their existence. Plus for many, it's too far to walk or people can't walk to the shops. Parking for small local shops should be free. It will drive more people to the bigger shopping estates such as the Croft. Life will be worse!

"1604. Pasture road doctors has now merged with chadwick street doctors I

And there is not much parking available for people as it is. By applying parking charges you are stopping staff from being able to park near there work. No one will pay for parking instead there will be empty car parks and busy backstreets of moreton. "

1605. I am objecting to parking charges

1606. We regularly visit new Brighton and looking to move to the area imminently. Parking charges aren't needed and would stop us visiting so frequently now.

1607. Stop putting up parking meters

1608. Just another way to take money, there is hardly any parking as it is, make bigger car parks before trying to charge so we can go up the local town and shop to support our communities.

1609. Covert tax . Leisure peninsula should be free to explore

1610. The joy of living in this area, is if you are having a bad and need to get out and clear your head you can do this without wondering if you can afford it. I walk my dog for my mental health and will soon be penalised for it.

1611. We pay high council tax yet you spend as little as possible on highways and byways. Over pay senior management. Cost of living is hard enough and more cost in enjoying the coastal areas will stop people who can not afford to pay from helping with mental health and wellbeing.

1612. Money grabbing evil individuals

1613. You are just going to encourage people to park in residential roads

1614. Some of the above car parks are important areas for local residents socialization attempts. They give access to meeting areas, clubs, shops and outdoor activities that are essential for the mental well-being of residents. I know people who are extremely worried that their social activities will be curtailed if they have to pay for parking. For example, the Church Road car park in Bebington is used by retired residents to attend education and social events run by the 3L's. Not only would car park fees impact on attendees but also on volunteers and tutors who spend the day at the site. Whilst owning a car may seem a luxury, in many cases it is an essential item that local people struggle to maintain as they would otherwise be isolated within their homes. To add parking fees on top would cause unnecessary distress to already financially burdened residents.

1615. this makes what is currently a free to use leisure facility into something paid for adversely affecting people's ability to exercise and use the facilities

1616. I disagree with the implementation of car parking charges as it will deter people from visiting the site and have a negative effect on the local economy.

1617. Absolutely unnecessary. Forcing people to pay to visit the best areas Wirral has to offer. People visit these sites on a daily basis to walk dogs etc. and this is just shameful money-grabbing. I would stop recommending anyone to visit the wirral if charges were introduced, especially as the scheme looks to add them to a ridiculous number of sites. The council should be ashamed.

1618. For reasons already noted

1619. Absolutely. The Gunsite facility , for example, will be ruined as one of the lung of Wallasey. Has anyone actually studied the usage? Mostly short term pleasure parking which is one of the only pleasures of this otherwise urban area. Why interfere? Mean and grasping . We are residents and are entitled to have access for free, without the dreadful presence of control mechanisms and the disgusting street furniture you are stupidly imposing in so many places. It really is past understanding.

1620. Moreton and local towns will not survive if people have to pay to park today's society drive there is no getting away from it due to where people work they need cars .

1621. These car parks are a vital link to people's health and wellbeing enabling them to get out into the fresh air and enjoy walking and also helps mental wellbeing too

1622. Will impact visitors to the area increasing or implementing charges will effect the local community.

1623. A big reason we like to visit Fort perch and the new brighton pavilion to watch shows and support the local businesses is that the parking is so easy which attracts us to this area rather than go somewhere else. It is also hugely attractive to tourists. This is a poorly thought out scheme that will result in more businesses closing down like many of our tow n centres across the UK. The results of which will mean lower income being brought into the council overall in rates and other incomes.

1624. It's going to affect businesses, mental health, physical health.... all will be massively affected negatively because of this

1625. Should have 2 hours free parking to help local businesses, and permits for shop workers.

1626. Parking charges will Deter people from enjoying what's good about the Wirral, and result in decline in local business

"1627. At peak times it is extremely hazardous to exit out of the driveway of Yew Tree Stables , Thingwall Road CH613UE which is situated almost opposite the Roslin Road car park .

So many vehicles are parked for a large part of the day on Thingwall Road , it definitely seems to be used as an unofficial ""park and ride"" location.

At Yew Tree we have horses , cars and large agricultural vehicles entering and exiting the drive at all times of the day . Our vision of approaching traffic is often completely blocked by cars and vans which park up to the edge of the driveway.

I appreciate that they are not illegally parked but most of us have experienced near-miss situations because oncoming vehicles cannot see us either due to the parked vehicles . This also puts cyclists and pedestrians at risk as it is difficult for them too .

Perhaps a representative of the council would like to visit the location at the relevant times to experience the issues we have on a daily basis ?

If car parking charges are introduced at Roslin Road car park then the situation along Thingwall Road will only get worse .

My concern is road safety for all .

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"1628. I am concerned about the parking in Irby.

Parking charges for long periods might prevent people parking in the village for the purpose of taking the bus into Liverpool but for short periods would adversely affect businesses. Maybe if the first two hours were free but not subsequently it would allow for people to use the shops and cafes.

I am concerned that if charges were brought in only for the car park it would increase parking on the street which is already excessive. I own a livery yard in Irby. In the time that I have been there the parking has increased significantly so that now it is dangerous. for horses and riders. I regularly have vehicles parking right up to our drive which makes access for lorries and tractors difficult. If more vehicles are parking there because they are not using the carpark this would become worse.

I think that the introduction of charges after say 2 hours in both the carpark and roadside could be beneficial but not for short term parking. "

1629. It would restrict visitors and residents considerably.

1630. Charging to pay for parking without any benefits is ridiculous. It isn't a secure car park, there are no services provided this is a disgusting attempt to squeeze more money out of people during a cost of living crisis.

1631. Roslin car park Irby - only a small car park and will just push people to park on the main road which is already a very busy road causing hazards with local residents and the livery yard trying to get out of their driveways and leaving the livery yard by car and on horseback there have already been a number of near misses. It is very apparent that people park all day in car park and on the main road to catch the bus to Liverpool so maybe introducing free parking for day 2 hours in the car park and road then charge thereafter that will hopefully stop people parking all day but allowing to people to park is using local amenities.

1632. Many local businesses will suffer as people will not stop and pop in a shop for a couple of items if they then have to pay parking, resulting in more people using larger shops with their own carparks and smaller independent businesses closing. Perhaps free for the first hour or two then charges apply. This would result in people not using the car parks as a park and ride. Irby carpark is regularly full all day with little apparent movement which results in the cars parking on the roads often in a dangerous manner such as by Yew Tree stables. There are cars regularly parked so close to the turn in in on both sides that make it

virtually impossible to turn in and out in a car as well as a visibility problem when turning out. It also makes it exceptionally dangerous for horses when leaving the yard.

1633. all public spaces should be free to locals paying council tax with no monetary gain or free to locals in Wirral paying council tax

1634. It'll keep people/shoppers away

1635. Many users of these car parks use them as a base for walking. Parking charges will discourage people to exercise in this way. This is essential for public health and contradicts government efforts to save the NHS.

1636. I believe this would negatively affect local shops. It would be fair to allow the first hour free to allow people to use the local shops but would stop people parking up for the day.

1637. Implementing charges will have a detrimental effect on the area specifically local small businesses

1638. Same comment as above

1639. For some of these sites, it will discourage people, especially poorer people, from the area parking up and getting fresh air and healthy exercise. Will have a negative impact on public health and mental well being.

1640. People less likely to get out to walk and enjoy areas they have to drive to. This is when we have an obesity crisis which the government is looking to tackle.

1641. As above re health

1642. It's absolutely astonishing that something like this can even be proposed. Local businesses are struggling as it is without having this further barrier imposed on them. This is just adding an additional tax to using local shops and will just mean that more shoppers will go to the local retail estate where the parking is free. This will negatively affect local businesses and local jobs and ultimately reduce revenue to the council.

1643. This scheme will not attract shoppers or visitors the town is dying

1644. Allport lane Bromborough is not listed That and Fishers lane CP in Pensby are essential to the local shops. Parking charges here will decimate these areas

1645. It will stop people shopping local if they have to pay when they just need a quick visit to the shops. They will then be pushed towards big supermarkets & shopping parks that have free parking

1646. Your scheme to charge parking in small villages will push custom away from already struggling shops. If you want to see village life die carry on services such as banks and post offices have already left.

1647. Derby Pool is a car park that has had little maintenance over the years. People often park to run their dog or simply to watch the waves, It will deter walkers for exercise.

1648. Where these are coastal recreational areas, the price must be kept simple and low to not discourage outdoor activities.

1649. The businesses in this area rely almost entirely on this parking lot, as well as the local library and medical centre. It would be a severe detriment to the local businesses and council/NHS funded places if people were disincentivised from parking here. This would damage both the community and the council.

1650. The 3Ls assist the elderly in the community and are heavily reliant on volunteers to run. Parking charges on Church Road, Bebington would cause issues as volunteers and elderly residents would struggle to pay for these charges. Please can you reconsider imposing parking charges on this area. Many thanks.

1651. Appalling decision. Lazy option from Council that needs to review savings elsewhere. Beaches are open spaces are public resources that should not charge visitors. Supports community wellbeing and why people want to live in Wirral.

1652. Charging for parking in most of these areas will discourage people from utilising the facilities and be detrimental to local businesses. Plus if people can find other places to park residential areas will become congested. It will also encourage dangerous parking.

1653. Popular sites for dog walking, getting fresh air which is good for mental and physical health. Charging people for parking will put people off and this is not good as people should be encouraged to get outside and get fresh air.

1654. You are trying to encourage people to be more active , by increasing charges people will stop going to these places

1655. I strongly object to this scheme. Many of these car parks are close to leisure areas, ie The Wirral Way, Thurstaston Common, Moreton Shore, etc, etc. The proposals discourage families from taking exercise and will add to the obesity epidemic. In other areas businesses will be affected if car parking charges are introduced.

1656. Unnecessary money making , will deter people from using local businesses and deprive people of enjoying local beauty spots

1657. Yes as they are areas for families & dog walkers. Payment will stop people getting exercise they need & will cause health issues which will add to the burden on the NHS

1658. Specifically I object to the Old Chester Road / Chamberlain Street, which is a Park and Ride for Green Lane Station. This will have perverse unintended consequences for commuters to Liverpool and is contrary to the Council's active travel policy. Similarly Barlow Road and Bebington station. It is possible this could also be a relevant consideration for other locations. Which is why it is important that each is considered on its individual merits. A long lease to Merseytravel could be considered instead.

"1659. Church road, bebington - the effect on the library, surgery and Wirral 3Ls will be considerable.

Minimum charge at Wirral 3Is will be £3.60, assuming one class. Many take two classes each over a ten week course. A cost of £7.20. Volunteers and tutors can attend more frequently and for longer each day.

This will have a serious effect on the viability of 3Is."

"1660. All Business's at these places will suffer. Maybe even causing closures.

All the local walks will probably stop people doing them cost of living is affecting everyone"

1661. You are killing off local businesses, it is bad enough that the banks have all but pulled out of most of the outer areas of the Wirral you now want to kill off any existing trade going through these towns.

1662. Current terms for overnight charges will affect too many businesses and visitors and locals on tight budgets, The definition of overnight needs to be shortened.

1663. Many small businesses are struggling to keep afloat as it is. Many of these car parks are to the local shops. Shoppers could decide to take their business elsewhere, such as retail parks, or larger supermarkets, where parking is free. This could lead to shops being forced to close down. Leaving more empty shops in the villages and high streets. Empty premises mean that there would be no business rates being paid to the council.

"1664. Hoylake Vision (the designated Neighbourhood Planning Forum) is concerned about the impact of the off-street parking charges on the vitality and viability of Hoylake centre. The Council should ensure the vitality of centres and support the role they play in the heart of local communities. We are concerned that the result of parking charges is that footfall would drop as members of the public would choose to drive to places with free parking such as out of town retail parks and stand-alone large format supermarkets. This conflicts with the Hoylake Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) which seeks to improve Hoylake centre, strengthen its role as a place for shopping, services and community facilities and to assist in increasing footfall in order to retain and attract businesses and jobs.

Centres such as Hoylake are particularly vulnerable to increased barriers for users as they have a large number of small and independent units without the dedicated private parking provided by large format stores. These businesses often operate at very tight profitability margins that cannot withstand shocks to their turnover.

Of significant concern is that the scheme is being considered for implementation without any Impact Assessment. Every town and district centre is unique, with different strengths and weaknesses including spatial considerations. An Impact Assessment would necessarily require consideration of these at a local level. In the absence of a dedicated local Impact Assessment we are presented with a Borough-wide, 'one size fits all' proposal. Of particular local concern is the potential for an increase in the numbers of shoppers driving to shop in

West Kirby, where there is free parking in supermarket car parks. Most notably this would affect lower value top-up convenience shopping where a parking charge would become a material consideration for price-conscious shoppers.

Parking strategies should be a means by which an authority can effectively deliver wider transport strategies and objectives and not be viewed as a way of raising revenue, We do not believe that the proposals have been formulated to contribute to the Council's transport objectives because town and district centres are the most accessible locations by different modes of travel; discouraging car drivers will weaken the most sustainable locations for local shops and facilities in favour of less sustainable locations which are less walkable and with a choice of public transport modes.

We are also concerned that displaced traffic would likely use surrounding residential streets and park inconsiderately/ illegally, making these streets more congested and difficult to access for residents. Around schools there is a particular concern that parents would choose to park on neighbouring residential streets during school drop off/ pick up times, exacerbating existing parking issues and potentially compromising the safety of children walking between cars and schools. "

1665. I feel that the proposed charges on Church Road car park will damage the adult learning that is conducted in the civic centre. People, mostly retired, are already paying for courses and would be reluctant to add to their bill with parking charges. It also does not seem appropriate that people should pay for the medical centre or weddings etc at the local church should. The library is an important local amenity and it would be a shame if it is used less due to the impact of these charges. The local roads may become congested if people try to avoid the cost of the carpark. Local shops will also be affected as the cost of parking will deter people from shopping in the area.

1666. It's hard to say they are all fine as I don't use them all. However, I have to admit that lots of places around the UK have paid parking and things seem fine. It's a good way to raise much needed funds at a time when so many important services are being cut

1667. I object to increased charges on existing parking bays. It is already at a reasonably high amount for drivers. Increasing will only encourage drivers to drive around to find free parking polluting the atmosphere and discourage more people visiting Birkenhead. Increasing charges will not increase revenue when less and less people use it. The cost of adding charges at free areas by paying for frankly ugly parking machines and road painting. Not to mention the cost of more traffic enforcement officers.

"1668. Think it is unfair to charge for parking in an area where families and individuals have previously been able to go for a free day out. Lots of people walk or just sit in this area

which is good for their physical and mental health. Putting a charge on parking will discourage many from visiting.

There are few free recreational activities for individuals and families to do. Walking along a promenade should be free."

1669. Barlow Ave, Roland Ave, Church Rd Bebington and Allport Lane Brom. The traffic around local schools particularly at drop off and pick up times is challenging. Schools work hard at promoting safe travel to school and these car parks in my local area help facilitate parking a short walking distance from schools such as Co Op Academy Bebington, Wirral Girls and Wirral Boys, Stanton Road Primary, Brackenwood Infants and Juniors, Town Lane Infants, Higher Beb Juniors, SJP, St Andrew's Primary. To impose parking charges makes parking away from schools less appealing, when the local authority could be working with schools to help promote the car parks as a safe 'travel to school' option. Furthermore, the impact on local businesses in these areas could be catastrophic. We should be supporting local businesses on our high streets. Finally, if we are to encourage public transport use, imposing charges at car parks close to main rail and bus links that serve our region will mean more cars on the road which is not good for the environment or our wellbeing.

1670. It will destroy Wirral 3Ls, (ref. Church Road parking, Bebington) members will no longer be able to afford to pay & attend classes, all day parking is required in many cases but charges will make it too expensive

1671. These car parks are used because they are free, if I'm nipping the shops I'm not going to pay for parking, I will park on a nearby residential street or go shopping elsewhere like the Croft which will always have free parking, because unlike the council they understand how to keep footfall up in their businesses.

1672. just added costs and problems for those who need to use car parks . public transport is not good enough and buses seem to be cancelled without any thought to travellers. People who just need to drop off or pick up something for less than 10 minutes are penalised, Waiting for someone to collect can be a big problem and It feels like we are being asked to use shops less.

"1673. Roslin road.

I work in irby village and will NOT pay to park to go to work, i know a number of girls who i work with will NOT pay either. There are a number of people who park in the village to go to work and can guarantee that they wont either this will mean the number of cars parked along the main roads will increase. This will make the village a dangerous environment, the number of parks cars along the road and people crossing the road between park cars. I really do hope you reconsider before somebody gets INJURED or DIES as a result. This will also effect the economy in the village as people will not pay to park to go to the shop for a pint of milk or a paper. The Hairdressers, the pet shop, the beauty salons, cafes will all be affected and will end up no shops as a result. I strongly suggest you rethink before irby village is ruined. "

1674. This will have a detrimental effect on businesses.

"1675. I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed introduction of parking charges in the car park of Irby Village. While the intention behind this proposal may be to manage traffic and generate revenue, the negative implications it would have on our local community and businesses totally outweigh the benefits.

Firstly, Irby Village has a unique charm and small-village atmosphere, which is largely supported by our local independent shops and services. Introducing parking charges would deter potential customers from visiting the shops and businesses in an already difficult economic climate. Many people choose to shop locally for convenience and to support small businesses. By imposing a fee for parking, we risk alienating those customers who might opt for larger corporations where parking is free and more accessible. This will have a major effect on local business and lives.

The financial implications for local shops could be severe. Many of our businesses operate on thin margins, relying heavily on foot traffic. A significant portion of their clientele is likely to be deterred by the prospect of additional costs associated with parking. Even a small charge could dissuade visitors from stopping in Irby, particularly if they perceive the area as less welcoming or more expensive compared to alternatives.

Moreover, the imposition of parking fees could lead to a shift in shopping habits. Residents may choose to drive to larger supermarkets or retail parks that offer free parking, thereby exacerbating the decline of our local economy and also increasing pollution! This could lead to a vicious cycle: reduced customer footfall could lead to decreased sales, prompting businesses to cut back on staff or even close altogether, further diminishing the vibrancy of our village.

In addition, the proposed charges may disproportionately affect specific demographics, including families and elderly residents who may not have the means to absorb the added cost of parking. These groups are often the backbone of our community and have historically supported local businesses. By making it more difficult for them to visit Irby, we risk losing not just sales, but a sense of community that has been built over years.

Another concern is the potential for increased congestion in nearby residential areas as drivers search for free parking alternatives. If the village car park becomes less attractive due to charges, motorists may park on surrounding streets, creating disruptions in

residential neighborhoods. This could lead to tensions between residents, visitors and workers, as well as potential safety concerns, as streets become crowded.

In considering alternatives, I urge the council to explore other methods of traffic management that do not impose additional burdens on our community. Initiatives such as improved public transport options or enhanced pedestrian pathways could encourage visitors to engage with our village without the need for parking fees.

In conclusion, the introduction of parking charges in Irby Village would likely have detrimental effects on our local shops and the overall community. I strongly encourage the council to reconsider this proposal in favor of solutions that prioritize the well-being of our businesses and residents. Let us work together to maintain the character and vitality of Irby Village, ensuring it remains a thriving hub for local commerce and community engagement."

1676. Roslin Road Irby. As I work in Irby in the local nursery it is very unfair that me and my colleagues should have to pay to go to work. We are paid poorly as it is to then have to charge us to park to go to work is a disgrace.

"1677. People going about normal everyday life and being

Penalised for parking. This stops people going to these areas and then it becomes run down ."

"1678. My grandchildren often appear on stage at the New Brighton Pavillion. Shows begin around 7pm and end after 10pm. Plus their post show chats will mean at least 4 hours car parking charges on top of the cost of the ticket. This will seriously bar me from supporting them in their activities.

I frequent the library and local shops at Eastham and the local shops at Allport Road, (sadly the library has now gone). Car parking charges would increase the cost of my shopping enough to discourage me. Shopping here would no longer be worth my while."

1679. This will be devastating to all local businesses and the local economy. The area will be unaffordable to visitors and locals and out of town shopping services with free parking will gain business at the expense of local businesses.

"1680. CHURCH ROAD car park: 3Ls is a charitable organisation providing academic and exercise classes for the over 50s. As such, it relies on volunteers, both for administrative support and for Trustees. Members pay both a membership fee as well as fees for their courses. The classes are £80 for a ten week course, which is cheap for the social contact and wellbeing they implicitly offer. The majority of those who use it drive to Church Road car park, where they park for free.

1. Charging £1.2 per hour for car parking will add $3 \times £1.2 = £3.60$ to each week's course, because the courses run for 2 hours, thereby requiring people to pay for 3 hrs

parking; not just 2 hrs. Such a charge on top of the course fee would deter people from continuing with their courses, which in turn would threaten the continued existence of 3Ls. Such a parking charge would represent a 45% increase in fees for courses and social interaction which is currently free of charge.

2. Because of the social contact inherent in the classes, some members attend 3 or even 4 classes a week. Car park charges would add £10.80 or £14.40 per week accordingly, which would be more than an extra class would cost. Such charges (45% increase) would deter people from taking so many classes and so increase their isolation. It would also threaten the continued existence of 3Ls.

3. If many people were deterred from taking/continuing with their courses, 3Ls could well become insolvent and have to close down. This would deny its many members their social contact, not to mention the livelihoods of the many tutors.

4. The tutors do not get paid very much and to add fees of £3.60 for each course they offer may well deter them from continued participation in the 3Ls programme. This, in turn, may well spell the demise of the charity because it needs large numbers of members just to break even.

5. Volunteers staff the administration and Trustees. If they had to pay £1.20 per hour for their otherwise freely given time, I'm sure many would simply stop doing so, despite their commitment to the charity; which in turn would spell its demise, simply through lack of staff.

6. Presumably, 3Ls pays the Council rent for the use of the property. This revenue stream would dry up if 3Ls ceased to exist, leaving the council with a large, unoccupied building that would continue to attract maintenance costs.

7. The library also offers social contact and many who use its facilities arrive in a car. The imposition of a car park charge would deter many from attending, thereby denying their small children the opportunity to learn the sheer value of books and social intercourse.

8. Imposing car park charges would simply push cars onto the surrounding streets, causing immense inconvenience and displeasure for the local residents.

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1681. Most of these places simply won't be visited if there is a parking charge. Vehicle road tax and council tax should already cover all areas for Wirral residents.

1682. Church road car parking supports the local library and 3Ls learning charity for the elderly. The pensioners pay for the lessons, some struggle more than others to pay that but for many widows and widowers it is a social lifeline. It enables the mind to be improved and prevents loneliness for many. Many charity volunteers and teachers work for the day and the site parking fees will be too much. This is a much bigger impact decision than

securing extra (and needed funds)for the council . The knock on impact on mental health and learning will be significant.

"1683. You will kill visitors to the Wirral, is that your intention I wonder? The chair of the environment committee has stated her intention to get everyone out of their cars and on to bikes or walking or public transport. Easy to say but you need to sort out public transport first. It takes me 20-25 minutes to drive to work. 1hr 40mins on public transport - that's not feasible.

Wirral is supposed to be the leisure peninsula- beaches have been destroyed, now you want to penalise anyone who drives a car and wants to stop, however briefly). No tourists, no local business, no joy on the Wirral any more. Find another way to balance the books."

1684. Car Parking charges seem appropriate here. FPR has had a free ride as it were for a long time

1685. Thurstaston common car park is used by parents of Dawpool Primary School for drop off/pick up. Charges in this car park would cause further congestion on School Lane and surrounding areas. It is already chaotic and unsafe for walkers at times without this.

1686. Yes I do object, many beaches and free walking areas are now not going to be free. This is such a disgrace and eventually this will impact peoples mental health. You say you want people to exercise more yet if they have no way to travel to these places, without a vehicle and they can't afford the constant charges. You are the driving force in creating many health related problems, issues and maybe at worst deaths. Due to the current cost of living crisis and people won't have the money to pay all the charges and will stop going out as much and you allowing this to happen and taking money off the local people. Is a disgrace

1687. Local businesses will suffer if parking fees are introduced. Small roads will become blocked with cars trying to avoid paying a fee. Holt Ave for instance has issues already with non residents parking and there is a car park at the entrance to this road. Please WBC think about what you are doing. Moreton alone will become a ghost town sooner or later.

1688. It will have a detrimental impact to local businesses and mental health and wellbeing of the people that come into New Brighton

1689. Bebington Church Road car park is used by members 3Ls. Parking charges will be detrimental to the people involved in this group and could eventually cause it close.

"1690. Cost of installing infrastructure and policing the car parks will make the proposal a burden, whilst worsening the financial position of the council... the scheme will see more people parking on adjacent roads, inconveniencing local residents and potentially creating more dangerous conditions for people using local amenities due to poor driving and parking behaviours. Rather than being a financial benefit you will be creating unsafe village centres with frustrated residents. Finally, this could have an impact on local businesses if people decide the new parking arrangements are too much hassle, at which point they may choose to take their business elsewhere... this could reduce occupancy of commercial spaces and

see further revenue loss for the council as businesses choose to vacate premises and are no longer paying rates.

This is not the quick buck you think it is. Don't cause more frustration and challenges for those who are living through the cost of living crisis."

1691. The same as mentioned above

1692. This will discourage people visiting and affect tourism. It is also normalises charges and allows further charges on other roads to happen

1693. Allport Lane car park in Bromborough will be at a significant disadvantage if car park charges are introduced as it has to compete with the Croft retail park where there are no charges. Bromborough is a lovely village centre but the footfall will inevitably decline if charges are introduced and businesses will suffer and shops may fall empty; compare with Idle in Bradford which suffered after car parking charges were introduced. Please don't let small businesses and their customers have to pay this price while the big companies on the Croft don't. I think the direct competition of the two shopping centres is a unique situation among the proposals. Please leave it as it is.

1694. We pay enough now more charges . Wants you start charging this will just increase yearly

"1695. I believe as a compromise, a 2 hour period of free car parking should be offered before charges would apply. I live in Raby and so am familiar with the use of Roslin Road car park and surrounding roads. I believe a car parking charge for all parking would negatively affect the small businesses in the village. Residents calling at the village for small, quick purchases at the convenience store, chemist etc (particularly the elderly) would choose to go elsewhere like the nearby small Sainsbury and Tesco stores where parking is free. A 2 hour free period would accommodate these visits, and also enable visitors to the coffee shops and hairdressers in the Village to partake of their services. There is a problem of people who use Roslin Road car park as a "Park and Ride" facility i.e. to catch the bus to Liverpool either to work or shop which takes up parking spaces for the entire day. It is this type of parking that must be discouraged. Perhaps some sort of permit for employees of village businesses could also be considered as I understand this is also a problem. I believe the introduction of parking fees for all visits will just cause a parking problem in the streets surrounding the village and negatively affect residents. These roads are all very narrow and extra parking will just cause traffic congestion and increase the risk of accidents and move the problem elsewhere.

I understand that a blanket approach needs to be taken for all Wirral's car parks and I assume they are also suffering similar problems and would also benefit from a period of free parking. "

1696. This community has been neglected for so many years with next to no investment from a council that has gravely mismanaged the funds set aside to improve our community. The idea of charging locals to visit the only places worth visiting in this, quite frankly, abandoned peninsula is insulting!

1697. Stop charging local people for visiting small businesses and beauty spots. Parking on the Wirral is so expensive and unnecessary

1698. Many of these car parks are in remote areas so the argument that the charge will encourage regular turnover of vehicles is futile. These are not crowded car parks where people parks. I'm also concerned that this will seriously damage some wonderful businesses that rely on people having easy free parking. For this reason, I particularly object the charges for the Pensby, Heswall, Thurstaston and Hoylake car parks. Many of these car parks are also near areas where people go for walks exercise and enjoy time spending outside. Given the societal problems that exist with obesity, lack of exercise, children screen time etc, Starting to charge people to park might deter people from using these free spaces and have a disproportionate impact on people with lower income.

1699. Car park charges deter visitors & damage businesses already struggling to compete against online shopping. Banks Road in Heswall has one business - Yot & this business is a real facility to those visiting the Heswall Shore. Parking charges at Banks Road would deter many visitors from visiting this beauty spot in Heswall.

"1700. These car parks are used by people taking air and exercise. Do you want to discourage people from doing more exercise and hopefully having a healthier lifestyle with less demands on the NHS?

If so then additional charges are tge wrong way to go. Please get a clue..."

1701. I visit the wirral for the wirral way circular route and wirral way as well as the coast partly for the walk or cycle ride but mainly to visit the great cafes and small businesses like YOT which I think is in banks road. If you charge for parking then all you do is stop people like me coming and supporting local businesses. Free parking outside all the big shed businesses should be where you charge for parking not by your local independents. Your overall economy will suffer long term should you implement this.

1702. Bebington is fighting for survival and it is good to see some quality businesses being prepared to invest in the village. The Civic Centre is the heart of the community with its library (and events arranged by the library), the 3Ls range of courses and the doctors surgery. All of these help provide employment and opportunities for engagement with the local community. At a time when loneliness is being recognised as a major factor in undermining mental and physical health, these facilities need to be promoted , nurtured and made readily accessible. Imposing car parking charges is tantamount to signing the death warrant for local businesses and community initiatives. Why shop in Bebington where you have to pay parking charges, when the large supermarkets and retail parks offer free parking? How many people who are currently engaging in 3Ls activities (taking personal

responsibility for promoting their own mental and physical health) can afford the additional cost of car parking fees each time they attend a class (for instructors and volunteers parking fees would be an even greater burden and would probably prohibit their being able to continue to contribute to the charity in those roles)? This proposal is both a slap in the face for local community and enterprise and a shot in the foot for the Council. Please, please, please DO NOT IMPLEMENT this anti-social proposal.

"1703. My son attends Dawpool Primary School and the Thurstaston Common carpark is used by parents and guardians to drop off and collect children before and after school. By adding a charge to this carpark it will mean more people will park on School Lane making an already busy and dangerous road even more hazardous.

The last few weekends have also been especially busy due to pumpkin picking at Benty Farm, and cars have been parked all the way down Thurstaston Road, making a busy road incredibly dangerous. This could be the norm if parking charges are added to Thurstaston Common carpark."

"1704. Comments here relate specifically to Church Road car park in Bebington. Some may have wider relevance for small car parks elsewhere although there will be specific local factors affecting car park usage for each.

Church Road car park is used to access local shops and the Civic Centre which houses the main library for Bebington, hosting early years', after-school and holiday activities attended by children from across the Wirral. The centre is also a hub for a wide range of learning, exercise and leisure activities to benefit physical and mental health among older people that attract people from across the borough as many of the activities are not available elsewhere on the Wirral. The centre also hosts meetings for other organisations, e.g. U3A.

As a resident living in one of 2 blocks of flats immediately adjacent to the car park exit have the following concerns:

- Our car park has space for one car per flat but electronic gates mean that other vehicles cannot enter without first alerting a resident. On-street parking is restricted in the road immediately outside which is one of 2 access roads to the main car park, and in virtually every other road in the immediate vicinity. The limited unrestricted parking available is some distance away, e.g. The Wiend, where spaces are already at a premium and where parking will become more difficult as people seek to avoid parking charges. Visitors to the flats will have to pay for parking, whether for a few minutes or a few hours – not just for social reasons, to make deliveries or to carry out work on-site but to deliver care which for some elderly residents is 4 times per day. The effects of charges could thus be to increase social isolation and costs for services delivered in homes
- The single exit road from the car park which passes both flats is less than 100 feet long and most vehicles making visits or deliveries have to use Church Road car park to turn around. Depending on the nature of the systems used to control parking they may not be able to enter the car park at all, e.g. if there is an electronic 'eye' at the entrance. This could

result in significant blockages when turning as every car in the car park can only leave this way and a significant number will also enter via this road

- With rising car park charges in urban areas some people clearly use local car parks for part of their journey and public transport (buses and trains) for the last leg. For some at this is because there are no public transport alternatives where they live. Charges may force them to either make the full journey by car and pay high charges or seek out-of-town solutions further away. From a local economic perspective shops benefit from higher numbers of car park users regardless of the reason for their stay. Footfall from tourists who use the car park to visit Port Sunlight will also fall if fees are introduced
- The Strategy focuses on the economic and environmental impacts of introducing charges in car parks. Motivation for their usage is barely considered in the research surveys which underpin the Strategy but is central to the role of Church Road car park. This includes the effect on the health and wellbeing of residents and others using the car park to access social and leisure facilities activities at the Civic Centre, including those from Wirral 3Ls for adults aged 50+, and Bebington library. Many attendees are elderly and/or have mobility issues or are from areas where public transport is limited, unavailable or difficult to access. Free parking is central to enabling them to take up opportunities. Parking charges could, therefore, have a significant effect on demand and deter volunteers who ensure programmes run smoothly, to the extent that Wirral 3Ls could become non-viable. Importantly, many older people would be cut-off from activities that improve health and wellbeing and reduce social isolation.
- Parking charges may be the final straw for local traders whose struggles since the pandemic have been compounded by the cost of living crisis, the increase in online shopping and a large retail centre nearby at Croft Retail Park where parking is free. It is not an exaggeration to say that Bebington is unlikely to remain a viable local shopping centre if charges are introduced. Anything that damages the viability of local businesses will also ultimately have an impact on local authority revenue

Would respectfully ask that the Council reconsiders proposals to introduce parking charges at Church Road. The detrimental effect on the local community would not only be in terms of reduced footfall for local businesses but the potential loss of valued amenities that enrich the lives of local residents and support health and wellbeing.

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1705. These car parks are used regularly by dog owners like myself and if there is a car parking charge we would be unable to afford to park there most days and so the spaces would be unused.

1706. I am particularly concerned about proposed parking charges for the car park in Banks Road Heswall. There is a small cafe there (Yot), which relies on patrons using that car park.

There is absolutely nowhere else to park and they are understandably very worried that people will stop coming if there is charge at the car park. It is a small business that would struggle if visitors reduced. They cannot rely upon the sort of passing trade that a cafe in a town would get. It is a lovely little place and it would be a great shame if it had to close. Please reconsider and keep this small car park free to use.

"1707. Charging for the Church Rd car park would have a serious adverse effect on attendance at Wirral 3Ls which greatly contributes to older people's wellbeing, both physically and mentally. Wirral 3Ls reduces loneliness and isolation. The proposed charges would make attendance too expensive for many people.

the proposed charges would also have an adverse effect on the use of the library, an invaluable public service. "

"1708. According to Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489), and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA), particularly Section 122, a 'Statement of Reasons' must be provided to explain the purpose of the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) in question. The 'Statement of Reasons' is a key part of ensuring that stakeholders can make informed responses to any proposed changes.

In the current consultation, this critical document has not been made available for public viewing through this consultation portal. With the consultation deadline of 23/10/24 fast approaching, it is clear that this essential document will not be made available in sufficient time for meaningful public engagement.

The omission of the 'Statement of Reasons' renders the consultation non-compliant with the statutory requirements of transparency and public participation. This failure prevents stakeholders from understanding the rationale behind each TRO, and as such, the consultation cannot be considered legally valid.

I strongly object to the scheme on these grounds and request that the consultation be voided or extended until such time as the 'Statement of Reasons' is properly published, allowing for a full and informed public response."

1709. In particular Church Road car park Bebington for users of the Civic Hall. Wirral 3Ls (Leisure, Laughter & Learning) are located in the Civic Hall, 5 days a week in term time. This is a charity - run largely by volunteers who give their time freely. and provides Leisure, Laughter & Learning for mainly the over 50s. The classes last 2 hours, so in addition to the annual membership fee of £15 and £80 per class each term, we would be paying £3.60 each week to park. We come from all over Wirral and many need to come by car because using

public transport is not a feasible option. 3Ls pays rent to the Council for use of the rooms. If 3Ls folded because of the parking charges the Council would lose this revenue. In addition Friends of Bebington Library run a Knit and Natter Group and a film show once a month. Socialising, learning something new, providing against loneliness are all on the agenda these days, eg Michael Mosely's recently aired programme on the benefits of learning something new as you get older.

1710. Charges at these car parks would have a detrimental effect on local businesses

1711. I use Roslin Rd & fishers lane. Roslin accomodates a local bus who already struggles daily to get down the road daily. This charging proposal will increase cars being double parked on Roslin & Seaview to avoid paying for a space. which will 100% be a safety hazard every day. Which even now this area is so dangerous for motorists already with everyone already double parked on Roslin Rd, & at the nursery opposite. This will be a total disaster. I also use Fishers lane to access local shops as an overflow as the small amount of spaces in pensby is usually always full in the day. We need as much encouragement for footfall for local shops as it is. Not everyone can afford to pay parking & to support local shops. Its one or the other. I prefer to continue to find money to support these pensby shops. My money cannot stretch to paying for parking also.

1712. I do not object to paying to park, however I believe that Wirral Council should encourage visitors to our Borough by permitting campervans and motorhomes to park in all areas where other vehicles are permitted to park. As a campervan owner I travel to other parts of the UK and feel welcomed as a visitor when the Local Authority has considered that the majority of campervan and motorhome drivers are responsible adults and respectful towards the areas they choose to visit. Whilst in these areas, campervan and motorhome drivers put money into the local economy, whether that be daytime activities on offer (e.g. minigolf, arcades, funfair, museums, etc), or hospitality businesses which desperately need more support to survive, let alone thrive. I recognise that a very small minority of campervan and motorhome drivers 'may' not treat all areas with the respect they should, however this is just the same as any car driver who doesn't respect an area they are visiting i.e. litter is litter, mess is mess. I think it is a shame that the message from Wirral Council is basically, "You're not welcome here". Introduction of an overnight charge should be levelled at all vehicles based upon the size of the space they take up, and I believe this would increase the number of visitors to Wirral, which in turn would increase the revenue from parking charges.

1713. Parking charges across the area doesn't take into consideration the effect it'll have on local business trade, as different areas will be affected differently. Shops in both Bebington and Bromborough will be hit hardest by these proposals. You can't transfer a scheme from one area with thriving businesses and expect it to work the same in other areas with different dynamics of business. Also, charging to park at car parks just forces increased on road parking nearby which can be more hazardous. You should be encouraging people to use car parks instead.

1714. This is an area for local people to drive to to walk dogs and visits the cafe. Parking charges will stop this and instead people will park on the road and block traffic

1715. The businesses in the Bebington car parks rely on people being able to park without charge . The Church Street car park has patients for both GP, dentist and opticians people should not be penalised for using these local services .

1716. Don't agree with adding parking charges

1717. I feel that charging in these areas will impact the businesses nearby.

1718. Charging for parking in an area where people exclusively use the facilities for exercise or recreation, as well as retail will drive consumers and users away to other sites. Parking overnight represents a different demographic, one I do not in principle have an objection to. Explicitly Banks Road Car Park is used for the only business present on the road. YOT is a beautiful facility which is accessed by multiple types of visitor. Apart from this use, the car park is in a dire state of repair. If indeed it is a council facility, it shows the mercenary approach of charging for a pot holed, rough piece of land.

1719. Banks Road Car Park is entirely unnecessary. Sheldrakes is closed, so it's not a heavily heavily used area. You are stopping people from using the Wirral way, and from visiting a small independent coffee shop. We need to be encouraging people to walk along our public footpaths (health benefits) and supporting local businesses, not threatening their existence. This is greed on behalf of the council. Unnecessary. Find your funds elsewhere.

"1720. Why not embrace the leisure side of things these venues provide

As a nation we are supposed to be encouraging people to get out walk visit beach swim etc & introducing parking fees will put people off "

1721. Introducing car parking to Banks Road Car Park, Heswall will just stop people using it and will greatly impact on the only business in the area - Yot coffee shop. Wirral council should be encouraging small business like this not put blockers in place to stop passing trade.

1722. Yes this should be left free parking

1723. It is a place for Wirral residents to enjoy and relax in our beautiful outdoors, and local businesses will suffer

1724. Businesses will fold, more people unemployed- in many places public transport, secure places to park cycles? I used to be able to take my elderly disabled parents to sit and look at the view from many places, would be prohibitive if charges introduced.

1725. Only one small business exists in this area (a small local cafe), there are few other attractions for visitors. This business is likely to be negatively impacted if car parking charges are applied at Banks Rd Heswall.

1726. Not familiar with all these, but some, like Banks Road Heswall are going to be the death knell of Yot Cafe which is so loved in the area. I'm sure many other businesses in other areas will also be seriously affected. Cars will clog up the streets for parking places. The scheme is generally just narrow minded.

1727. Charging in these car parks will encourage people to park in residential streets to avoid paying to park. There is limited capacity in these roads nearby.

1728. The car park at Banks Road lower Heswall is very poor condition. Local business would also suffer. Please do not charge for this car park

1729. We are meant to be encouraging people to be more active and look after their mental health by being outside. Charging for these car parks is going to make this so much harder to people who are already struggling in this cost of living crisis at the moment.

1730. It will prevent people visiting and affect local businesses. We already pay road tax and parking on roads means we have to pay twice. Charges will also encourage people to park in side roads which are already congested and push the problem further. Also will encourage people to use residents private car parks, creating more cost in putting up barriers to prevent this.

1731. Will have a negative impact on local residents and local businesses. It will also impact on the health and mental well-being of people who can no longer afford to visit.

1732. Yes, In particular, Banks Road and Roslin Road. Charging for parking at these two locations would be absolutely detrimental to the small businesses in the vicinity.

1733. Parking charges in Hoylake would have a devastating impact on those local businesses which are still managing to survive. Hoylake has more than its fair share of empty retail units. Residents value the small independent businesses but the introduction of parking charges would risk the Market Street becoming a ghost town. I doubt that the council would compensate businesses for loss of trade. Commuters into Liverpool rely on the carpark by Hoylake station, as do businesses on the industrial estate in order for their customers to gain access.

1734. As an a keen windsurfer parking charges would stop me visiting the Wirral coast as with tunnel charges already it becomes an expensive day out !

"1735. If parking is 'pay by card only', it will prevent many cash-only users from using it.

Also, where there are shops and other public-accessed businesses, these will suffer loss of trade."

1736. I object to some of it. If you charge for Banks Road then YOT will close down as people won't pay to park there.

1737. I most certainly again feel this is totally unnecessary, I have never made objections about anything before but Wirral Council you have gone one step to far

1738. Church Road Car Park Bebington is used by people attending the library and medical centre. In addition, many further education courses are held in the library and Civic Centre. In addition, it will further reduce the number of people using the local shops in favour of the supermarkets.

1739. Charges in the three Bebington Car Parks, which I use most often, will damage small local businesses in Higher and Lower Bebington, and also the shops between Barlow Avenue and Bebington Station. The level of charges will discourage commuters from using Barlow Avenue and travelling by train, making it cheaper to use the road tunnel, and increasing congestion: the opposite effect to the one desired. It discriminates against elderly users of Bebington Library and the Civic Medical Centre, who do not have Blue Badges, but need to use a car. It will lead to more on-street parking and side road congestion, wherever restrictions have not been put in place.

"1740. We need to encourage people to support our town centres. Parking charges do the opposite.

The council needs to cancel their £700,000 enforcement contract and employ 3-4 staff instead, thus reducing costs. The approx £400,000 cost after income from the outsourced service is woeful and needs addressing. "

"1741. This will have a detrimental effect on small businesses and their staff thys damaging the viability of some. People may start parking doen local roads instead.

These are small car parks that locals n

may stop using, thus counter productive for the council "

1742. Will ruin local businesses already struggling

1743. People need the right to visit their friends and family - do not tax visitors :(

1744. As my previous comment - I live in New Brighton, and know that day-trippers are of huge benefit to the local economy. I believe that the introduction of parking charges will have a detrimental effect on local businesses, something which local business owners also feel strongly about, at a time when it is already very hard to sustain small businesses. It will also discourage people from being able to take up the health benefits of walking in the open air along the promenade. New Brighton has so much to offer as a seaside destination, but it needs vision, investment and nurturing from the council, not the quick win of parking charges that will have no long-term benefit to the area. In addition, the introduction of parking charges at Fort Perch Rock will be detrimental to visits to the Floral Pavilion, a venue that is much valued in New Brighton but has been publicised as struggling financially.

1745. Parking charges are not ok

1746. Will kill of the small businesses

"1747. Very damaging to local businesses, as it will put people off stopping there, particularly Irby village, Pensby and unfair on people who may be just nipping into local shops/hairdressers etc to have to pay charges.

Should be at least 2 hours free parking and then charge after that so that spaces are not taken up all day "

1748. We should be celebrating the fact that we have free parking and not looking to monetise it during a cost of living crisis

1749. Local businesses rely on these car parks being free. They struggle enough as it is to get customers in. Car parking charges will put people off.

1750. For the same reasons as above. You should be trying to encourage people to visit shops, restaurants, parks, seaside etc contributing to our local economy. I just feel you have your collective heads in the sand.

1751. In principle no, but I think the one that stands out as an issue is Banks Road, Heswall, mainly residential area and I don't see the requirement, especially as essentially unsurfaced area

1752. What guarantee is there that any of the money raised will be used to improve access to any of these areas. This looks more like a money raising scheme than a plan to improve the area for either residents or visitors

1753. By introducing these ridiculous plans the Council will put people off visiting.

1754. Scandalous that people should have to pay to park outside their own homes.

"1755. We should be proud of the fact that Wirral is one of the few areas in the country that allows people free access to open, natural spaces. We should be encouraging people to get out in nature, not putting obstacles in their way.

Additionally, adding parking charges will (as has often been the case) push people into the densely populated side streets, exacerbating the congestion already there.

I have lived here for over 30 years quite frankly, I am tired of having this debate every few years. "

1756. My particular concerns are the 3 Hoylake car parks, which are used regularly by local people to visit the local shops. The Market Street car park is used by visitors to Hoylake Holy Trinity Primary School who shouldn't have to pay to park. The idea of charging commuters to park at the Carr Lane site is ludicrous. They are making use of public transport rather than driving their cars, so should not be expected to pay to do this.

1757. Again, this is mostly against locals, the 15 minute cities are going to be bad enough. How depressing to not be able to go anywhere at all with charges for going out of your area, charges for being at home, charges to go to your local area. Where does it stop? We pay road tax, we pay council tax, we pay tax on when we are dead. Why pay such a maddening

thing to even be at home. This smacks of greed and money grubbing and life is already tough enough without being locked in your house. Residents shouldn't be charged. We already pay council tax and road tax. We are already a struggling area and it is hard to go anywhere where there isn't antisocial behaviour and going to someplace where public transport doesn't go to is fabulous for us with elderly disabled parents and young children. Charging here will remove this valuable safe area from not just us but the Wirral and visitors as a whole. Additionally charging to go shopping forces us to travel further to find somewhere where we can park.

1758. Banks Road Car Park Heswall is used by walkers and visitors to the YOT cafe which is a locally run small business and one of the few independent shops in Heswall. Charging for parking would reduce visitors to the cafe and also mean that people will park on the small narrow local roads, causing congestion and nuisance to residents. It is also a turning point for the local bus service so not only a car park. Charging could also discourage people from walking in this area at a time when exercise is important for good health.

1759. People are already struggling financially and charging to pay in this area will reduce the number of people who will be able to afford to park to take exercise or visit the amenities or shops

1760. Is the Council actively trying to kill off local businesses? The vast majority of the public reject these short-sighted schemes, and as councillors work for the people they are supposed to represent, I hope they take notice and scrap these proposals immediately, as they are not wanted, and were not voted for by the electorate. One only has to look at the decline of Liscard since parking charges were introduced there, to see what will happen to other towns in Wirral if the council goes ahead with these schemes. Some businesses will have to close. People will stop coming and will instead go to out-of-town centres where parking is free. These schemes are madness.

1761. I live in Moreton and use the coastal car parks almost every day so I can run walk and get out after working from home all day. This is a necessity for my mental health and due to working hours I am limited to the time I have therefore using my car helps ensure I get the best out of my runs and walks. Along side there are small businesses including the hugely popular Green Hut and the North Shore Shack that rely heavily on passing trade which will be decimated if charging to park is installed. The main road to these sites will then be used to park on causing traffic issues in an already busy town that is already suffering due to poor infrastructure on the main roads.

1762. You may as well close the shops!!

"1763. I have no issues with the overnight parking charges, in fact I feel that they should/could be higher, however I do object to the introduction of charges at sites that allow people to enjoy the benefits of the Leisure Peninsula.

Many of those sites are at places that allow people to enjoy the beauty of the Wirral. The Derby Pool and Gun Site car parks for example are places that people use to really enjoy the

fresh air and walk or cycle along the coastal path and the beach. Using these places has a huge positive impact on people's wellbeing and mental health, and the parking charges may prevent some people from using them. "

"1764. It will have an affect on local business as it will deter customers coming to the business.

It will also have an impact on residential streets as people will park there causing problems for local residents"

1765. It's hard to say that they are all fine, as I only visit a few. Local people should be walking/cycling to their local shops. People driving further afield should be expected to contribute to the costs of parking/driving.

1766. Many of these areas are where people need to park for their mental and physical health. Derby Pool is a case in point, many people with physical needs park there for swimming all year round - Doctors are starting to see the need for people to get out to improve their health if they have to start paying it will be very hard for them. All these areas are used by Volunteers, litter pickers, etc - they save the Council money now they will have to start paying for this - think this through

1767. Same as before

1768. Let's kill the wirral

1769. Absolutely ridiculous idea to change people to park up and enjoy the Wirral peninsula it will have a huge impact on businesses etc shame on you

1770. It should be free and accesible to everyone.

1771. Very much object to this, there are few pleasures left in life. This will affect so many people who need to use these facilities for stress relies & mental health issues, leave them alone.

1772. Parking charges will deeply affect our community

1773. Suppoert our local independent businesses and keep the car parks free

1774. I think it's awful that people have to pay to park in open spaces that are meant to encourage leisure. Most of these car parks are dirt tracks and cause enough issues to your car parking there. To have to pay on top of road tax will affect single parents and low income households that already can't afford to visit some attractions in the summer hols etc

1775. All public highways are owned by the public and tax payers... authority and consent is not given to any corporation for charges to land and highways.. additionally this is unlawful and detrimental for the area...

1776. No issues with people being able to park free on this premises

1777. It's going to destroy tourism, leisure activities and severely impact local businesses

1778. This is a very bad idea for the local community and businesses alike. People/families will not be able to afford the simple pleasures of a day out in the fresh air, and it will affect local small businesses.

1779. This will lead to locals staying away and the standard of the area and the safety will diminish.

1780. Just stop trying to balance the councils coffers with easy targets on motorists, shoppers and visitors and try reducing some of the unnecessary expenditure the council commits

1781. Parking charges will put people off from parking, therefore taking their business elsewhere.

1782. Never can get a space so maybe a good turnover of vehicles will ensure spaces.

1783. It seems that the council are only looking to gain funds from making people pay for parking at any cost. These funds from parking charges can only be used for parking outlined schemes which impact on the community and independent business within them areas. I strongly disagree with any parking charges along or coastal area as these areas should be open to all for free, which they have been for over 50+ year's. In fact I believe that in some places a covenant covers land to be open and free of costs to access for general public and could be an illegal act if implemented. The general consensus is that we don't want parking charges but the consultation process only allows those with IT knowledge to put their point forward. If this consultation was in the site of the general public ie face to face with an easy petition to sign with your relevant postcode etc etc you would have 1000s signing against. But you'll pay our budget of 1000s to agency to develop a process that intentionally puts part of our community at a loss to participate.

1784. Wholeheartedly object. Who wants the town to close down? Nobody.

1785. Why do they need to start charging?

1786. I feel the council needs to encourage more visitors and tourism to this area. The free parking is one of the main reasons alot visit and add substantially to the local economy. Please don't price out day visitors as has happened in Wales with greedy parking charges.

1787. Why would you want to add cost of parking to areas where local businesses need every penny!?! For example the stretch from derby pool/leasowe bay down past the sailing club. You'll kill any reason to go down there:

1788. Bebington Civic Centre is the home of Wirral 3Ls. It is where administrative and teaching staff are based, and where the vast majority of courses are held. Imposing charges on use of the Church Road car park will undermine the viability of the 3Ls, which is a non-profit making charity and operates with very low margins. It has recently made good progress in recovering from the pandemic, which had a dramatic on further educational courses for the older age groups. Such courses, generally offered by local authorities such

as Wirral in the past, are a vital means of providing leisure opportunities, social interaction, enjoyment and learning new skills in a congenial environment. Such activities are increasingly recognised as having wide-ranging benefits in creating good mental and physical health and combating loneliness amongst older people. The success of 3Ls, based on hard work over several years by staff and students, will be put at serious risk by adding the cost of parking charges. I object and ask the Council to withdraw this proposal.

1789. For reasons as stated above

1790. These should remain unchanged

1791. We need visitors to keep New Brighton alive

1792. The amount car parks charge is already too high

"1793. The pasture road car park serves a health centre, community centre, library and local police. These vital facilities should not be restricted by parking charges. They are a lifeline for the most vulnerable in society and should not have additional barriers to their access imposed.

Also object to parking charges being introduced where there are no facilities such as at New Brighton, West Kirby and Thurstaston which are there to be enjoyed by local residents. Particularly areas for outdoor leisure - why should these be on a time charge basis? "

1794. Local residents should be allowed to use their local amenities free of charge, as part of their council tax.

1795. Many people drive to these sites to meet with others and walk dogs. Again many elderly people use these sites throughout the year

1796. Wow I didn't actually realise the extent of the damage you are doing until I seen this long list.

1797. The New Brighton charges will affect the Floral Pavilion activities

"1798. The council plan mentions having a sustainable MTFS (Medium Term Financial Strategy) but would it cost more to install machinery, maintain them, monitor, employ traffic wardens and chase any unpaid penalties??? Then there will be a loss of business rates and the cost of maintaining the then decommissioned area.

Already parking charges have reduced demand and created problems for the Wirral economy. Wilkinson's Birkenhead car park is a great example. Business in Birkenhead were booming until parking charges.

Also, car parks such as the Croft Retail park are free parking so why would anyone pay to go into Bromborough, New Ferry, Eastham or Bebington? Any parking charges will just deteriorate the already low demand for local businesses in these areas as people will just avoid the areas. Theme 4 of the Council Plan supports local businesses but will not meet this criteria as doesn't support local businesses. This will just support Multi-National organisations on the Croft Retail park who will increase their prices due to less competition from Local Businesses closing and more local residents will be unemployed due to these closures, which could mean that another objective of Theme 4 - tackle homelessness will not be achieved as these local business unemployed will not have a salary to pay their mortgage/rent.

Theme 6 of the Council Plan for improved street care and cleanliness will not be achieved as Businesses will close and not invest in their properties. Properties will just be bordered up which will mean local residents will dump their rubbish on the streets and will increase anti-social behaviour."

1799. Impartial green land train station park and ride. Students at various places of education utilise this car park. Students can't be expected to pay £6 per day for parking. It would either mean some Students won't be able to afford to attend college/school and/or would mean they would drive into Liverpool thus impacting on the already heavy morning traffic via the Merseyside tunnel.

1800. This is going to stop people from using local shops etc and put these places out of business. Meaning empty shops and people out of work. People will continue to shop online rather than travelling to local businesses. Also discouraging people to use public transport as I know Barlow Avenue is used for Bebington station. Areas where people travel to be able to go for a walk or take their dog near a beach or park is unacceptable. Areas of beauty unused because you want to charge for parking. People's health and wellbeing is a priority in this current day and this is obviously not high on the councils agenda.

1801. It will deter people from visiting the area. The scheme is ill-advised and seems to be aimed at limiting the activities of those from certain areas of society.

1802. Same as above, so we'll have nowhere on the Wirral 'leisure peninsula' where we can be leisurely as we have to worry about what time we need to get back to the car!!!

"1803. Bringing in these schemes will not help support local businesses, because why would people pay to visit these shops when you can just go to a retail park or supermarket with free parking or buy the goods online for cheaper and more convenience.

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1805. This is just a money grabbing scheme for the council. This is not based on what is good or right for the people who live in these impacted communities or use these facilities

1806. Also going to effect MANY small businesses

1807. We have already seen a massive reduction in use of the beach due to the total unnecessary parking restriction on the A554 Kings Parade. The Derby pools and Gunsites charges will be another nail in the coffin of beach life on the Wirral

1808. It will have a bad effect on local businesses people will go elsewhere where there is free parking like retail parks

1809. Introducing parking charges to these offroad parking may lead to displaced parking issues with residential areas being affected. The charges will ofcourse disproportionately affect poorer people who will be less able to make use of these facilities. Perhaps investment in alternative transport options should be considered before charging people who will have no other option than to avoid visiting these areas now. I travel from further afield for wateractivities and normally have lunch at local cafes during my visit. I will be inclined to look at other areas to visit regularly to avoid parking charges.

1810. Small businesses will suffer

1811. Seems needless given the other possible income streams that could and should be explored. The reasons given for introducing the charges do not seem applicable in lots of the locations.

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The proposed scheme will cause more problems than the revenue it will raise is worth. Many motorists will simply park in nearby residential areas in order to avoid having to pay which will cause greater congestion and parking issues in those areas for local residents. The Council will respond with more yellow lines, further reducing parking availability for everyone and causing more aggravation and annoyance for all concerned.

The proposals will be damaging to small businesses located in the near vicinity of these off-street car parks that will undoubtedly see a reduction in their client base as a result of the introduction of parking fees.

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I used to shop in Heswall, but don't anymore since the introduction of parking charges that I simply refuse to pay. I currently do shop in Irby, but won't do anymore if I cannot park easily and for free. As a local resident I already pay enough in council tax and refuse to be taxed further just because I drive a car.

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1814. Where can we walk our dogs ? If we have to pay for parking.

"1815. It will be prohibitive to people wanting to use the beach & prom and the dips, be that people walking their dogs, exercising for mental & physical health & socializing. Everything is so expensive now, if exercise in the great outdoors starts having a coat attached we will soon become a very unhealthy community.

It will put off visitors leading to less money being brought into our local community. Parking charges are so short sighted and will kill places already struggling to thrive. "

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If parking fees are introduced, I will stop shopping in Irby and go elsewhere where I can park for free.

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1817. Same as above. Small businesses and residents will suffer badly.

"1818. Church Road Car Park, Bebington.

There is a registered charity. Wirral3Ls, which operates at Bebington Civic Centre that provides courses aimed at over 55s. Each session lasts 2 hours, meaning attendees paying for 3 hours (£3,60) on top of the cost for the course. Bebington village is not well connected by public transport, anybody visiting may have to travel by car. This may put off some people, and put the financial viability of the Wirral 3Ls. As they pay rent to the council for the office and meeting rooms, this would have an effect on council finances.. Another group affected are the volunteers, who do the office work for the charity, and give their time for free."

1819. The council will kill the leisure peninsula, where will day trippers park? Where will we who live here and pay our council tax park locally? The council is killing our local businesses with their stupid rules!

1820. Charging will put people off attending and push those that do into higher side/residential roads causing issues for residents. Less visitors also means less revenue for local business. It will impact on walkers attending sites they can walk from, as they will not want to pay to enjoy a walk!

1821. Why the unnecessary charges in the first place. Where would the extra revenue go.

1822. A lot of these car parks, such as Derby Pool Car Park, The Gunsite, Pasture Road, Fort Perch Rock, Thurstaston Common, Fishers Lane etc. are at places where people go to exercise either by walking, running/jogging, playing sport, swimming/dipping, watersports or just taking exercise with their dogs and the Council should be promoting these healthy exercise and outdoor activities and not introducing punitive charges for people who avail themselves of the facilities of our 'leisure peninsula'

1823. It will affect local businesses and cause parking issues in residential streets for Wirral residents

1824. Short stay car parks that help to bring customers to the areas. People will stop using local shops and parks if there are charges

1825. We pay enough Taxes

1826. It will affect local business

1827. Will harm the economy

1828. Should be free so all elderly and young can enjoy the beach without being charged...it would be devastating 😞 if charges are applied for example dog walkers....people exercising all sorts of people enjoying themselves..

1829. Ridiculous money grasping project that will disrupt everyday life

"1830. I attend the 3Ls courses at Bebington library. The parking charges will have a serious effect on the 3Ls charity and they may be forced to close.

Most of the classes are 2 hours. To be sure of not overstaying the time, members would need to buy a 3-hour ticket at £3.60. The cost to volunteers and tutors will be even higher, because they spend many more hours in the building than the average member. Wirral 3Ls relies on volunteers giving their time completely free, enabling them to keep members fees as low as possible. They couldn't survive without volunteers. They risk losing volunteers because they are discouraged by the costs of volunteering for 3Ls, losing tutors, or increased fees to compensate them for their increased cost. They risk losing members because the cost of parking on top of course fees make them unaffordable, and the numbers may decline to such an extent that the charity is no longer viable. Alternatively

members & volunteers will try to find parking on the streets local to Church Road which could be dangerous & annoy local residents.

Allport Lane, Bromborough - Bromborough village centre already has to compete with the Croft Retail Park (which provides free parking) and introducing parking fees could mean that local businesses are forced to close due to reduced business. "

"1831. I regularly get the train from Bebington to Liverpool and use the Bebington car parks. If it becomes a pay park it will be cheaper to drive to Liverpool and cause even more tunnel congestion. We are being encouraged to use our cars less and make use of public transport but the council is making it impossible to do so. I think your quick money making schemes are extremely short sighted and also go against any attempt to encourage a greener Wirral.

In addition the car park in Irby village will just encourage more people to park along the roads making a small village even more inaccessible and local businesses who already pay very high rents will likely lose customers "

1832. Car Parks need no management It will deter people from using local amenities and send them to the big supermarkets

1833. As above

"1834. Parking is used by people to access coastal areas for health and well being eg leasowe ,derby pool

It's used by people young old for wonderful sunsets to walk dogs and to socialize for well-being .

Access by public transport is poor to these two areas "

"1835. As per all schemes.

I'm also a near-daily user of the car park as I go cold water swimming at 7am. I go by car because I also bring an elderly dog who can't walk further than the end of my street, but enjoys the beach.

A charge would mean my essential wellbeing would cost me in excess of £250 per year. Not acceptable."

"1836. Its crazy, this will not help small business or the local people of the Wirral.

Irby Car park for example for me, doing the nursey drop off and pick up (10min max parking each time) as not enough spaces at peak times in nursery car park. I will have to pay to drop off and pick up my child? child care is costly enough already."

1837. Free parking please

"1838. The derby pool car park is a great facility that encourages many locals to utilise the beach and the promenade .

Charges will reduce the amount of people getting out to the coast to enjoy the fresh air and the scenery.

Charges will impact mental health, physical health and local business"

1839. Need to enable and encourage beach access for the population for health benefits and also economy of the area

"1840. Church Road car park is used by Wirral 3Ls, which is a valuable charity providing educational courses to the community. The charges will impact tutors, volunteers and course attendees.

Banks Road car park provides easy access to shore and Wirral Way and charges will reduce people's exercise"

1841. Some of these car parks will be regularly used by residents or visitors - will they have to pay to park near their own homes?

"1842. Fgs..

Wirral is a tiny peninsular and motorists who have to drive need spaces we can park in without further squeezing our cash from us. Its getting hard to live here as it is "

1843. It's disgusting to think that we have to pay extra on top of road tax because the council can't manage their finances.

"1844. Gunsite car park is normally full of people enjoying the coast. The introduction of parking fees will result in a net loss of this coastal amenity to a huge number of people because:-

- People will not be able to afford the parking fees
- older people do not have smart phones or the ability to pay online.
- It will cause more congestion in the side streets as people use those for parking instead
- people will not get out of the car for that quick 10 minute walk or picnic on the benches

This will result in a reduction in physical and mental well being of residents and visitors."

1845. I object to charges for Church Road car park, Bebington as it will negatively affect the high street. Following the re-routing of buses, The Village already lost a few businesses as local transport options have remained inadequate. The introduction of parking fees is likely to reduce the numbers of customers using the remaining businesses and affect their viability. As well as negative effects on local employment, the council will be faced with empty premises and a fall in business rates.

1846. Once a fortnight I attend the meeting at Floral Pavilion. The meeting is for people who suffer with mental health and anxiety. This group has been absolute Godsend. I'm unable to walk there and back due to sciatica.

1847. This targets small businesses unfairly who will lose many customers to other areas which do have free parking. It will also reduce access to leisure facilities in these areas such as parks and libraries impacting on locals physical and mental health.

1848. During the pandemic many vehicles were blocking narrow sections of Broad Lane and Banks Road. If parking charges are introduced at Banks Road, the surrounding area could suffer many of the same problems with displacement of cars/vans. The 175 bus is a vital service and even the smallest buses on this route have difficulty navigating the narrow sections when people park in considerately. We are waiting for the last section of The King Charles III coastal path to be completed, the timing of any attempt to charge for parking is very short-sighted.

"1849. Many will be hugely damaging to local businesses and will probably end up cash negative for the council. This will discourage people from exercising out of working hours.

There are a lot of volunteers who park in these places (eg Fort Perch car park) to clean the beaches and lakes. This often happens between 6am and 9am - why should these volunteers pay for the privilege of doing work the council should be doing! Don't do the typical clumsy council thing and implement across the board without careful thought and planning"

1850. I regularly park in several of these to use shops etc. I would not go there if I had to pay and neither would anyone else i know. So even more local businesses will close,more run down areas,less council income from their rents. Lunacy

1851. I am disgusted

"1852. 1) Charging for car parks that were previously free will affect parking in local side streets. This will impact on both residents and local businesses.

2) Is the Carr Lane car park in Hoylake the Park and Ride facility? In this case, charging will hardly encourage people back to using trains!

3) Church Rd car park in Bebington is heavily used by students at 3Ls learning organisation and the extra imposition of parking charges, on top of learning fees, may put the future of 3Ls at risk."

1853. Fort Perch Rock car park. I park there for my free charge activities. I come by the car just to walk around, to film, to take pictures and simply to watch waters around. I do not need to spend money to watch waters.

1854. Detrimental to businesses in our high streets.

"1855. Yes it will take business away from the area and won't have as much footfall for leisure and business activities.

It will hugely impact local businesses who need all the support they can get. "

1856. This will massively decrease footfall and impact local businesses. We walk the dog here because the parking is convenient and free, if it wasn't we would park elsewhere affecting local residents or go elsewhere. We always support a local business by getting a coffee or something. But this would not happen now and we would take the business to somewhere else, Chester, North Wales, or Liverpool.

1857. I think it would be more beneficial for Wirral residents to be able to pay for a yearly pass to park wherever the schemes were being proposed. ie if you pay council tax and own a car then you're eligible for a pass, one for each car you own/use. We then pay a yearly fee for the privilege, say £120 per Yr. I have stopped walking my dog in Thurstaston, due to the introduction of the parking charges. The local shops will be affected because Wirral residents won't travel to places like New Brighton to shop. I know I won't. It'll affect the early morning business for the cafes as we'll have to start paying double to have a coffee and a catch up due to parking fees. This affecting the health and wellness of Wirral residents.

"1858. I think that walaslay vans parking there was very bad and broke the system. There's plenty of parking space available and no need for charges. Also 1£ per vehicle won't generate any income for council coffers after costs and will hinder Wirral public access to the site

Public transport cannot fill the void either"

1859. The area around Fort Perch Rock and New Brighton Marine Lake is currently being cared for and maintained by individuals like The Newbrightoneers and The Friends of New Brighton Marine Lake. They regularly organise litter picks, tidy ups, removing waste from the Lake to ensure the place is clean, safe and welcoming to visitors and locals so they can enjoy the area. This saves the council money and effort, if parking charges are implemented the volunteers may not be able to visit as regularly and partake in as big a clean up as they do now, timing and financial implications will prohibit this. The small independent businesses, restaurants, etc are injecting the town with life and a vibrancy again. This is still in its infancy. The introduction of parking charges will hinder how often I visit with my family and impact how much money I have free to spend with those businesses. A small monetary gain will result in a greater overall loss, businesses will close and you will lose the revenue currently made from those businesses. People will lose vital community spaces and lack of socialisation will result in a strain on essential services as mental health will be impacted.

1860. As above

1861. This would prevent me being able to shop at Bromborough shops & would end up in less businesses making money

1862. No free access to coastline and detrimental scheme to local shops & businesses as people will avoid area due to charges

1863. Church Road Car Park Bebington is used by visitors to the library and people (mainly pensioners) attending the 3L courses. If the proposed charges come into force, these pensioners will have to pay for 3 hours (£3.60) for every course they attend.

"1864. With respect to parking at Derby Pool Car Park, I object for the same reasons as above.

By charging for parking here, it's likely to reduce the use of this area and seriously impact the local businesses that rely on these communities to survive."

1865. Stop this stupid proposal now, local residents and businesses will suffer.

"1866. Charging for parking at Allport in Bromborough village

Will kill off the local village shops / cafe culture that is just starting to thrive

I live locally and can walk up to the local shops when buying one or two items

But need to use car to park if buying more shopping items that are too heavy to carry

If car parking charges come in

I will no longer be able to support local businesses and will just go over to the Croft Business Park 2 minutes drive away to Asda Lidl Aldi where parking is free

I am retired and need to watch finances

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1867. Turner Street car park will have an adverse effect on the Muslim community in terms of Friday Prayers i.e. paying to pray !! I would suggest that Friday is free to park which will stop hundreds of cars parking in the local housing area. I ask this in the spirit of community cohesion which I hope WBC believes in Thank you

1868. I live in New Brighton, and know that day-trippers are of huge benefit to the local economy. I believe that the introduction of parking charges will have a detrimental effect on local businesses, something which local business owners also feel strongly about, at a time when it is already very hard to sustain small businesses. It will also discourage people from being able to take up the health benefits of walking in the open air along the promenade. New Brighton has so much to offer as a seaside destination, but it needs vision, investment and nurturing from the council, not the quick win of parking charges that will have no long-term benefit to the area. In addition, the introduction of parking charges at Fort Perch Rock will be detrimental to visits to the Floral Pavilion, a venue that is much valued in New Brighton but has been publicised as struggling financially. On busy days, it will probably push a lot of visitors into the surrounding residential streets. As is often witnessed on bank holidays or sunny weekends, cars will be parked all over the place - on pavements, double yellows, blocking RNLI access to the beach etc.

1869. As a member of 31's Community Choir I am particularly concerned about the proposal to charge for parking at Bebington Civic Centre. The charges would be prohibitive for many

students and particularly tutors of courses at the Civic Centre and endanger the future running of such courses which provide a vital Social and Well Being function for many older Wirral Residents. The consequences for the mental and emotional health of a large section of the population would be very negative.

1870. People will stop using the parking if they have to pay. Working people are paying enough taxes and open spaces should not be taxed.

1871. The free parking brings much needed business to the area which will suffer if paid parking begins. People simply will decide not to go. Likewise people's health will suffer as the ability to exercise in our fantastic coastal environments will be drastically cut as they won't be able to afford to go daily.

1872. How about reining in your expenses to save money

1873. Again businesses and tourism will be affected.

1874. This will have an adverse impact on individual voluntary work (eg beach cleaning) and a negative impact on family health, leisure, tourism and community support (domestic abuse support group)

1875. I go for short refreshing walks and if I had to pay I would not go

1876. It will stop me from coming to the area.

1877. Parking charges taking customers away from local businesses

1878. This scheme will have a dire effect on the financial stability of local businesses and community organisations. Not only due to deterring customers and tourism but also highly likely causing staffing issues due to staff having to pay for parking.

1879. I believe all of the car parks which allow people access to the coast should be free. This encourages people to get out and exercise which improves their physical and mental health. A healthy population ultimately costs the council less.

1880. I strongly object the plans to introduce parking fees in Derby Pool, Fort Perch Rock and other areas. As above, local businesses are already being hit. You are driving away tourists and visitors.

1881. I visit regularly and this will affect me and my families free time and dog walks

"1882. We stand before you as the owners of a local independent cafe off the charming Wirral Way. Our livelihood hinges on the frequent visitors who travel to and fro this peaceful path; people who stop by our humble establishment for a warm cup of tea or a hearty sandwich. We feel a sense of community, hinging on the exchanges that occur within our cafe walls. However, the idea of enforcing a pay & display parking policy on Lower Banks Road threatens our survival.

We represent the only business lining this serene street, and there's an absence of other noteworthy attractions that can justify charging for parking. Lower Heswall's beauty stems from its tranquility, not overcrowded tourist attractions. Thus, the proposed introduction of such a financial toll seems out of place, unnecessary, and damaging to our business.

We have created an online petition - <https://www.change.org/p/halt-plans-for-pay-display-parking-on-lower-banks-road-lower-heswall> - that will show you over 800 people object to this. We also have over 100 signatures on papers by our local customers who also object to this. "

1883. Some residents have no choice but to park on the street as they have no drive or garage. These cases should be exempt from charges

1884. Same as above

1885. I currently attend Wirral 3Is three times a week. A two hour class would mean paying for three hours each time. I appreciate that the council is trying to raise funds, but I think in this case (Church Road, Bebington) the local high street would also lose out. Although I do have a bus pass I would have to get two buses to get to the Civic Centre, which is ok if the weather is fine, but probably not in the winter. If introduced I would park in residential streets, which isn't good for locals. In theory I don't have a problem paying something, possibly a nominal fee of £1 a day

1886. See above

1887. I am uninformed in this matter.

1888. Parking should be free to prom and beach users

1889. All individuals use Bebington Church Road car park for the Medical Centre/doctors, library, classes of all kind at the Civic Centre and for the local shops on Church road. Local businesses will lose trade.

1890. as per answer 2

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1893. These areas are used for people's leisure! Charging will severely impact them but also the people who use them. Charging at local beauty spots is just not on!

1894. Charging for parking in these car parks will either divert vehicles to nearby residential streets to the detriment of residential amenity or will discourage people from visiting these locations to the detriment of local businesses. The Council has provided no evidence from these locations that introducing parking charges will bring any benefits in terms of traffic management, so the control of parking in this way is not necessary and is not supported by the Wirral Parking Strategy .

1895. This affects the health and well-being of residents being able to afford to use these areas for recreational purposes.

"1896. Given to the public for public use

Not for the council to charge "

1897. This will cause significant impact for those who live next to these roads. We see many people parking on single yellow lines down our road in Hoylake, causing issues for those using their drives and crossing or turning into the road. This will only exacerbate this issue by pushing people off Market street. Businesses in these areas will also suffer and people will resort to the free parking in out of town areas

1898. Yes. This scheme is motivated by greed and it will be counter-productive in its outcomes. It will decimate visitors to New Brighton and the environs and will destroy the local economy, thereby reducing the amounts the council get through business rates etc. Just at a time when the economy needs a boost this is the last thing you should be doing. If you want get income from parking then place a Parking Tax on the big out of town shopping centres, but sadly I fear you are already in the pockets of organisations that inhabit such venues. You should be promoting town centres and encouraging people, businesses and investment into them, not discouraging them with measures such as this. The evidence is clear of the damage you are doing. Look at Southport and Nuneaton town centres for example. They are a shadow of their former selves and it's due to a very large extent by greedy and penny-pinches schemes like this. Please take on board what I and doubtless many others have said in their objections and don't make the same mistake. The dire consequences if you do will be felt for many years to come.

1899. We pay enough out as it is. Road tax, council tax!

1900. Concerned that creation of new parking charge areas will further damage shopping areas which are already struggling and would expect further shop closures, leading to 'ghost towns' and the prospect of the council actually losing money through the loss of business rate income

1901. Cannot afford parking charges, love to get out and walk my dog for mental health and wellness.

1902. I occasionally park at Carr Lane car park which is never full so do not see the point of introducing parking charges other than revenue creation.

1903. Access to leisure. Access to exercise areas.. Local business.

1904. Parking should be free in order to promote and assist residents to maintain healthy lifestyles; this will in turn reduce healthcare costs and improve societal behaviours.

1905. Damage businesses, discourage people from walking, resulting in poorer health.

"1906. Church Rd, Bebington.

These charges will inevitable close down Wirral 3Ls (while some will pay the extra £3.60 per class, it will be too few to keep the classes viable and will put off newcomers).

When my husband died suddenly last year, leaving me unexpectedly living alone and feeling rather isolated, it was a lifeline for me. It provided company and mental stimulation when I needed it most and I would still miss it enormously.

I hope to continue attending these excellent courses (some of which are not available anywhere else on Wirral) for many years, but I think I would have been put off initially by these costs. I don't feel able to go by public transport – from my home it is at least a three quarter hour journey, with 2 buses and a 15 minute walk, and for a morning class the journey would start shortly after 8am!

Please don't close 3Ls by accident.

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"1907. Parking should be free to promote a healthy lifestyle for residents and non-residents alike. The long term savings in physical, mental and elderly care clearly outweigh the short term revenue to the council.

Having a financial cost to being outside is not in the local or wider society interests."

1908. Local people affective again

1909. I have no objection to a small charge overnight. If the intention is to introduce a scale of charges inline with other car parks on the Wirral this is unclear from the consultation, but I would object to this as it is not explicit in the consultation. However in principle I would welcome following further consultation some sort of charge in the daytime if it could be demonstrated how this would be used to benefit the particular site in question.

1910. Small businesses will suffer if a short period of free parking is not allowed.

1911. Discourages healthy access to the beaches for kitesurfing and access to local clubs and shops

1912. Same as above.

1913. Should be free

"1914. I am concerned that the imposition of charges at the nominated car parks will have an adverse impact on local businesses, especially the smaller ones, as it will deter visitors and residents from using local facilities, encouraging them to use larger outlets offering free parking (eg supermarkets, pubs). Such effects could be most pronounced in the case of local restaurants, and cafes.

In addition, in the case of the Carr Lane car park in Hoylake, I presume that this is the 'park and ride' car park serving Hoylake Merseyrail station and the introduction of charges here must surely discourage people from using the local trains for accessing Birkenhead, Liverpool, etc. "

1915. This is the parking scheme I object to most strongly. Introducing parking charges in towns such as Moreton would threaten the viability of many small businesses, including my own, ABC Children's Centre Ltd. The nearby free carparks are an important asset, and negate the journey that many visitors make to come here. As there is so little street parking nearby, and the vast majority of visitors to our children's playcentre come with pushchairs, it would be a significant deterrent if they had to pay to park. It is difficult to use public transport with young children, and I believe we will not survive for long if the cost of parking has to be added to the other costs involved in visiting our playcentre. I also believe that if other local businesses fail because of a decline in trade, there would be a knock on effect on us. People would be even more inclined to pay their £2 to go visit free attractions in Liverpool rather than stay on the Wirral, and that should not be allowed to happen.

1916. Designated car parks take cars away from outside peoples homes. Charges will undo this benefit.

1917. It starts with overnight charges, how long until the charges increase in price and are applied 24/7? What do we as residents pay council tax and road tax for? This a slippery slope and I have no faith that Wirral Borough Council won't take this further if we lie down and take this now.

"1918. I have no problem with charging a reasonable amount for medium term parking.

But this has to be balanced against the potential to significantly impact local businesses where people are ""popping to the shop"" or something similar as they will go elsewhere/ online.

This type of traffic is also more likely to then park outside of the car park eg on the nearby roads, annoying local residents

Therefore I would suggest that a compromise would be that parking is free for the first hour, then chargeable, targeting those who are staying for a while"

"1919. Since parking charges were introduced at Thurstaston and Royden Park we have changed from frequent visitors to never visiting as we have low income and cannot afford to; for us all sites were free parking is introduced would go the same way and we would have to stop visiting though I am sure Wirral's more wealthy residents will not mind.

I and my family have lived in Wallasey Village all of our lives and have thrived on frequent free access to our coast for activities such as walking, swimming, fishing, dog walking, taking the air or simply parking up in that great environment for a while for picnics etc. I have limited mobility due to arthritis (not yet classed as disabled) and care for my mother who is over 90 years old and in poor health; I often take her to the Wallasey, Leasowe, Moreton sea fronts to relax and picnic in the car. We are both of low income and cannot afford to be paying parking charges to visit places we love which have always been free to us. It truly horrifies us that our wonderful coastline is about to be stolen away from us because, make no mistake, that is what this project will be doing to us and many others as we will be forced to stop going there.

Additionally, I am a member of Wallasey Beach CIC on Coastal Drive, Wallasey: a wonderful inclusive community project which will be crippled in terms of business and membership access by parking charges and/or restrictions.

Summarising, these parking fees plans will seriously impact our quality of life as residents of the area and will be an existential threat to the currently thriving community project of Wallasey Beach CIC."

1920. Lifelong regular visitor to several sites, low income, can't afford parking. Will have to cease visiting altogether negatively impacting my quality of life.

1921. I object on the grounds that there are enough charges levied on the tax payer and vehicle owners as it is. There has been no requirement to charge in the past so what has changed? This land in New Brighton was left to the public for leisure use by Lord Harrison. It is not fair or right that charges are being made for parking on land covenanted for free public use. In my view it is illegal.

"1922. Re Derby Pool, Gunsite in Wallasey - beach access parking

Speaking as a frequent beach user, the new charges will be very expensive for beach regular users, especially open water swimmers/kitesurfers in the Derby Pool area area during high tide at Wallasey. These activities usually take longer than four hours and are carried out during favourable tides which may be every day for a week on the tides cycle. If the tariff is £6 for more than four hours, and the beach is used for seven days this could amount to a bill of £42 per week . Many watersports users visit every day if they can so when the tides are favourable during the day (perhaps every two weeks), they could end up paying £84 per month or even more.

Fort Perch Rock in New Brighton - beach/marine lake access parking

At New Brighton, parking is very difficult for everyone during peak summer times. Parking can be chaotic backing up into local roads and obstruct traffic including the RNLI lifeboat access to the Victoria Lifeboat slipway while fishermen/women, beach users, tourists and theatre goers compete to use the car park.

The marine lake is an important community facility for health and mental wellbeing activities during the summer and winter. Open water swimmers who often use the lake every day will have to pay significantly more. eg 7 days x 6 visits at maybe over for hours = up to £42 per week as for parking to access the beaches.

If a watersports park or sailing school returns to the marine lake, users will have to pay these charges which may damage business.

Could some free parking provision be introduced near the slipway as part of the pass?

Will there be an increased impact on the RNLI lifeboat reaching the Victoria slipway for emergencies through traffic jams by the car park access during peak hours.

During the summer, families visit the beach several times a day and elderly people who are not eligible for blue badges also use the beach. It is a long walk from the train station up a hill which assumes you are fit and healthy with no accessibility needs.

It seems very unfair that local Wallasey and New Brighton residents who may live close to the beaches should have to pay to park at an asset that may be a short distance away, perhaps too far to walk to but accessible by car. They also pay Council taxes so why should they also pay the same as tourists, especially when the beaches are empty during the winter weather and winds?

Could there be some free car parking for watersports users and/or seasonal passes providing a prepayment discount?

Could those local residents, regular users, those on low incomes/benefits and those who are not eligible for blue badges get a seasonal pass providing a discount?

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"1923. Any car parks which are near to local shops should have 1 or 2 hours free before any charges then start.

You would still need to display a ticket.

I feel this would enable customers to still use their local shops and not drive them to large supermarkets."

1924. You are penny pinching, show me the labour manifesto that stated the first meaningful change you are making post election is to create parking charges? It is a cost of living crisis where salaries have not even come close to inflation and you offer no financial subsidence but instead demand residents pay to park in run down car parks. There are no

major attractions the car parks are near. You will close local businesses down. You need to remember that we pay car tax, council tax, massive income tax. We are already bled dry and you ask for more. It's a disgrace you are trying to push this through again and as a resident of 28 years I expect you to see sense.

1925. If it costs to park in local shopping areas, it will force people away from local shops and into retail parks which will affect small traders who will go out of business leading to demise of local shopping areas

1926. This will kill the small village businesses...they are struggling as it is without the complication of having to pay to park here as well. I feel very, very strongly against this.

1927. Charges will affect local businesses and people wanting to walk or exercise in the country park.

"1928. Small local businesses will be impacted and may go out of business.

Customers will use the retail parks and Cheshire Oaks where parking is free.

If parking fees have to be introduced, the first 20 min should be free.

We should be promoting and supporting local communities. A vibrant town/village boosts the local economy and improves people's well being.

Parking fees will inevitably lead to people parking in surrounding roads causing congestion.

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1929. Damage to the availability of 3 L courses, volunteer teachers will be disadvantaged financially and may no longer be available to this much used community resource

1930. Many of these are in small neighbourhoods where local people will be penalised for shopping local!

1931. This is going to affect small business at the shops. People will be less likely to visit or pop into smaller shops if they have to pay to park.

1932. Open spaces should not be monetised... its a place for people to unwind, relax forget about the rat race and not having to pay for it

"1933. Several of these car parks support small groups of local shops. Barlow Avenue is a good example. The average dwell time for customers in the Post Office and most of the other shops in that row is just a few minutes. Yet under the new scheme people will have to pay £1.20 for the minimum term of one hour even if they only spend 5 minutes posting a letter. I run a small business and drop off parcels there nearly every day. There are rarely any spaces in the on-street bays and I can't use public transport or a bicycle to drop-off a large pile of parcels. This will damage local businesses and increase the incidence of drivers parking on double -yellow lines (already a hazard around the junction of Roland Avenue and

Teehey Lane) or clogging up residential streets. I have a petition of objection from 136 customers of the Post Office on Teehey Lane.

Some of these car parks service train stations, so you will be penalising people for taking public transport."

1934. I am very concerned that the proposed charges at Bebington Church Road will deter people from shopping in the village, where several businesses have already closed recently. I am also very worried about the potential effects on users of the library and the 3Ls adult education programme. Learners at the latter - already on pensions - will be faced with significant additional costs and the whole scheme could be jeopardised. A further consequence will be cars parked in sidestreets and considerable inconvenience for local residents.

1935. Will stop visitors and people going to these places

1936. Parking charges will not encourage visitors to our villages. The net result is business will fold leaving visitors and locals with no incentive to visit (and therefore not pay any Parking fees) and the council will also lose income from vacant business property.

1937. See comment below

Appendix 6: Do you have any comments to make about all schemes?

1. It is hard enough for small businesses at this moment in time. We should be encouraging growth and supporting small independents, most you would only nip in for a short 5 or 10 mins so why do you need to park for an hour. This will drive people to use retail parks and kill those small business.
2. We as a borough are driving visitors and investors away with poor house keeping excessive parking charges even our beauty spots are parking charged. No security and the funds created are wasted on other projects
3. Would have a detrimental effect to local business and amenities
4. Just seems like the council flexing it's muscles yet again to make money, forcing things onto the very people who voted them in. Disgraceful
5. As above
6. Whilst it is only overnight I feel that the start time is too early and will affect local businesses
7. You cannot tell the public to get out for their mental health then charge them for the privilege. This council really is trying to kill off our economy.
8. Most people are sick of bearing the brunt of govt cuts. From garden waste bin charge increases to council tax increases, the burden cannot keep falling on ordinary working people - we are already suffering from 10 years of austerity and a huge cost of living rise
- "9. Overnight parking I agree with, however the daytime tourist/family parking I do not agree with this area will become deserted.

You will be pushing the traffic into already over populated areas.

Ticket the areas where there are yellow lines, and make other areas safer to walk/park E.G Arroe Brook Road when the football is on - horrendously dangerous there on a Saturday. "

"10. This will damage local businesses as fewer people will visit the area. It will push more people to areas that offer free parking, such as the Croft Retail Park in Bromborough. It is deeply unfair that traders in this area will benefit from free parking, but those in the area above will see reduced takings because people will no longer be able to park nearby.

While you are investing money trying to regenerate local town centres, parking charges will damage them by reducing the number of people who visit them.

You need to invest more in cycling infrastructure. There is nowhere safe for people to park their bikes. There are not enough on-street bike stands. Crime is high in certain areas and you should provide a safe indoor location for people to park their bikes."

11. The whole scheme is designed to make money when the council already wastes tax payers money on useless things and not to actually better residents lives or businesses. Once again trying to cause problems for people who use their own transport and try and introduce 15 minutes cities so people will end up going nowhere.

12. This will push people away from local shops even more! It will just encourage on road parking around people's houses, it's completely ridiculous!

"13. Introducing charges will impact local businesses.

Without the businesses, you, as a council will also lose out on businesses rates and the area will become rundown and unattractive to visitors and new businesses. Think long term impact."

"14. Parking isn't free, and someone has to pay for it. It costs money for the land, the tarmac, to maintain it etc. Right now, we all pay for these car parks as residents through our council tax, regardless of whether or not we drive or even own a car – and bearing in mind according to the latest census, 1 in 4 households in Wirral do not own or have access to a vehicle. It is only right that those using these facilities bear the full cost of it, rather than relying on everyone else to pay for it – even if they do not have the ability to do so.

I fully support these proposed charges, and argue they do not go far enough. Ideally, all roads in the Borough where 90% of homes have off road parking should be made chargeable. Residents without off road parking could be given a free pass for their first vehicle. However, if you buy more personal property than you have the ability to store on your private property, you absolutely should expect to pay the council to rent the land you are storing private property on.

However, you MUST introduce No Stopping on Verge or Footway TROs on surrounding streets – many of them narrow – to ensure that selfish, entitled drivers do not simply move where they park their vehicle into the surrounding streets. This is a well known phenomenon and will happen. In particular, it is known they will start dumping them on footways impacting those who rely on wheelchairs and mobility scooters, people with limited vision or who are blind, parents with prams or small children, people walking dogs, and pedestrians in general. This doesn't even take into account the cost to the council of

having to resurface these footways earlier than anticipated due to the damage of weight not intended to be on them causing damage and risking legal challenges against the council, costing even more money.

No Stopping on Verge or Footway TROs allow residents to easily submit photographic evidence of offences of drivers failing to keep their vehicles on the road to Merseyside Police as clear failure to follow road signs under the Road Traffic Act and lifts pressure on the council to enforce these rules."

15. I live in New Brighton in The Prom apartments next to the Floral and have 2 cars but only 1 allocated parking spaces so have to park one car outside. If changes came in, it would cost me over £2000 per year to park my car outside of my own property!!

"16. Public transport is completely unreliable on the Wirral. Cycling is too dangerous due to a lack of cycle lanes. Buses turn up when they want, trains break down all the time, and the private companies that run these services are not held accountable.

You've built an entire peninsula which is only hospitable to drivers, and now you're planning on charging more for parking. It's disgraceful and disgusting. "

17. Your earlier consultation on the Parking Strategy showed a clear majority against more charges. yet, here we are...ignoring residents as per usual

18. Do not introduce them, existing schemes are damaging enough, Payment is difficult without cash being allowed - not all people have cards and phones to pay for things. I already avoid Birkenhead for these reasons.

"19. This is a disgraceful proposal from the council. It is short sighted and will have permanent irreversible negative effects on business and residents across the Wirral who rely on car usage to get to these areas.

There needs to be a genuinely objective business case that demonstrates that these car parking charges will not cause a loss of revenue to the council from lost business rates, and that there will not be negative societal impacts of increased deprivation in some of these areas that will increase social care costs to the council. Otherwise this is short sighted and damaging.

All of the ridiculous proposals Wirral council has put forward (20mph scheme or closing the fun pool at Europa for example), this one is BY FAR the worst and most damaging. If anyone on the council genuinely cares about the Wirral and the people in it, get rid of this (and ideally the people who keep making residents lives worse)."

20. Ridiculous idea that won't raise anything like as much money as you think it will.

"21. I am not opposed to paying to park in car parks but I do object to paying to park at the beach, this is not acceptable.

And I do not agree with charging for car parking at thurstaston common as mentioned above."

22. I think there is too much free parking in Wirral. Places like perch rock should have charges through out the day. Not NCP levels but a few quid for the day per car could go along way to help a cash strapped council!!

23. Once again, such a badly thought out idea from Wirral Council. You are slowly killing everything in the Wirral.

24. I am a NB resident. Do you expect my visitors and I to pay £6 a day to park? There are no residents parking schemes near my home. It will be over £2k a year to park!!!! I would have to move if this scheme comes in.

25. The carparking charges will kill off small shopping areas that have already struggled to attract customers. The charges at carparks used for leisure will stop people from exercising due to the cost. This will have a massive impact on mental health and physical wellbieng.

26. Times are Hard and the council are making times HARDER youll be charging for us to breathe soon

27. Money making scheme with no thought to residents and businesses impacted. This was illegal last time and heavily rejected last time! Leave our parking alone For once it's about time you listen to the electorate.

28. So long as this is not a prelude to introduce daily charges which will affect local business and drive parking into nearby streets as it has done in other areas of the borough.

29. I understand there is income to be found in parking charges and income for the area is a positive. However punishing both local people plus visitors to the area as well as businesses by driving people away because of car park charges I don't understand. I can understand the overnight charge as that stops people just abandoning vehicles everywhere so that I support. But to charge for the car parks in the daytime will only serve to drive people away. The free parking is one of the main draws to the area. There are no other seafront areas I can think of where you can park for free. That drives revenue as people would choose to go to our area. This will only make it more unappealing for the majority. You could also gain revenue by enforcing the parking restrictions you already have in place. The football pitches at Arrowe Park have loads of vehicles visit every weekend. Enforce the yellow lines you have and put more in. Between that and the hospital cars that are parked on the main road and residential streets you could make more money off that than you would doing even more parking schemes. Arrowe Brooke Road will have an accident soon. It's dangerous as kids are forced by their parents to squeeze between cars to cross a busy road. Things like that would

better serve the community than car parking charges to visit local attractions and businesses.

30. It will impact the number of visitors which will in turn impact local businesses

31. Stop, just stop it. People can't afford to live, your wasting the council money left right and centre it's already difficult enough as it is. Some people wait to be able to go out until after 6:30pm so that they can park without worrying. Enough is enough wirral council stop this ridiculousness. NO TO THE PARKING CHARGES. JUST NO!

32. This really will have a detrimental effect on local businesses who are already struggling. Even introducing a 'free 30 mins' scheme would be preferable.

33. The cost of living and inflation on all road users has gone to far most insurances increased by upto 100% fuel has dropped slightly giving us a small sigh of relive but know you plan to add parking taxes to some this may be a small amount of money to others that need to use local shops regularly for prescriptions etc this can amount to alot of money making people use retail parks with free parking interm destroying our community shops leaving buildings empty for vandalism etc

34. Once again, you are robbing the residents of wirral of money they dont have, stop wasting it on stupid useless schemes no one wants, for once use your brains

35. It will destroy tourism and day trippers and devastate the local economy. Once you start charging for parking the whole area starts to deteriorate. It is a terrible terrible idea . It's low hanging fruit for the Council but you are failing to consider the downstream consequences. People will not visit daily and spend money and time in.the local area. They will.choose not to come.

36. People are already struggling financially and this will only make it worse. It will also deter people from using local high streets - it makes you think twice about nipping to the shops when you have to faff with parking charges.

37. People are already struggling financially, and we pay our taxes, so can't afford these further charges.

38. A bad time to introduce these charges during a cost of living crisis. If introduced it will damage businesses, effect the freedom to travel and visit places of interest and enjoyment through charging for parking.

39. It's is totally unnecessary to introduce parking charges. At a time when people are getting continually squeezed financially by the increased cost of living, why would the council decide to introduce parking charges in places where they are not required. Most of the places listed above are used predominantly by local residents, so I don't see why the council needs to charge extra money for these facilities. Just leave things the way they are.

"40. As a single parent of 2 young children with limited finances, many locations mentioned are areas we and many other families visit because they are affordable and enjoyable

options that are achievable on a limited budget. By applying additional costs will reduce the leisure possibilities for many people, having a dramatic impact on population wellbeing and exacerbating mental health decline. Also, many are popular areas for the elderly and disabled, a lot of whom who rely on private transport to get about and often don't benefit from the blue badge scheme - this vulnerable demographic will be impacted severely by additional costs, especially in the current economic climate.

Considering the reduced public transport services the peninsula has suffered over the past 5 years, to penalise alternate transport options without addressing the initial transport problem just adds insult to injury.

Birkenhead is already a recognised area of poverty with severe decline in the town centre shopping area and other amenities. To add extra pressure on an already crumbling business area is just ludicrous and not community friendly. "

"41. This survey is not being conducted in a fair democratic manner. The vast majority of Wirral residents are not aware of the revised car parking increases. The steps to notify people are/were inadequate.

Robin Eley Jones"

42. Keep short stay parking free to enable people to pop briefly into local shops, especially chemist, post office, corner shop.

43. NEED RESIDENTS PARKING IN WEST KIRBY

44. We pay enough in road tax . Rates . Taxes . Disgusting.

45. Some people e.g. elderly and disabled have to use cars to get about. Parking charges as detailed will stop people going out as much and lead to greater isolation and the eventual end of town centres where local people feel some belonging. It is a shame that such measures are being considered. Surely there are other ways to save money which do not affect services and car users.

46. Little confidence that you'll listen to the reality and logic of my comments but it will cause serious increase in traffic volumes and accidents in west Kirby - general opposed to on street charging especially as the concourse car park is never full!

47. You will never stop the need for people to use cars, particularly when shopping. However, rather than take on the charges people will just shop elsewhere where there is free parking, or will resort to parking in side streets in residential area. I live in a street that is used throughout the day by casual parkers. Whilst it doesn't effect me as such because I am at the opposite end, it does cause issues for access and egress of the street. To be fair, it's only a matter of time before there is a serious accident. Is this what you want to see happen on New Brighton and Hoylake seafront ?

48. Damages small business, damage to mental health and a cost of living crisis. Find your money elsewhere please.

49. I agree with the charges for overnight parking especially in New Brighton as it was completely taken over by motorhomes. However charges during the day will have a negative impact on those families who are already struggling financially. The council had a "get everyone active" campaign trying to fight obesity to cut down on the demand on GP'S and the cost to the NHS to deal with this for those people who would drive to new brighton to walk the coastal path and the prom to get fit will be impacted and will just stop them doing it.

50. Parking should be free to everyone to encourage people to visit these places, thus boosting the local economy

51. Wirral's car parking strategy is not fit for purpose. In particular the car parking strategy should support the regeneration of Birkenhead. The way in which it could this would be for parking in Birkenhead town centre to be free.

"52. The parking charges as they stand are harming small businesses. I would go to Wards in Birkenhead more often but I'm not going to pay £1 or £2 every time. Applying the same standard charge across the borough makes no sense. Some of the places for TROs are quiet so will only put people off further. Maybe even look at seasonal charges like other areas for the coastal and parks. In winter these places need to encourage visitors not deter them.

Public transport to some of the places is non existent so car is only viable option."

53. Controlling the increasing traffic and inconsiderate parking is a key factor to create a clean, safe and greener community

"54. Wirral already has a high car parking charge in comparison to other areas and there are few alternatives to council ran parking other than smart parking that has ruined many business such as the cherry tree liscard.

These increases will reduce tourism to these areas and impact on local residents enjoying time out at these locations.

Lots of increase are hitting normal families. New Brighton has just been voted best seaside, lets not discourage people from visiting our beautiful coastline by over charging for parking!

I also oppose the dramatic increase in residents parking permits from £10 per year to £60 per year and as this isn't part of this consultation I'll email separately about this. "

55. I object to all schemes, it is an unnecessary and unaffordable scheme. It is hard enough to afford to live as it is, there is no need to make it harder for people to go to work. This will only drive small business to close and larger business that offer free parking to thrive. We

need to start looking after and helping our community not driving people and business away.

56. Awful decision. This is going to have a significant impact on the roads near to to the promenades. Many of these roads contain terraced houses with limited off streets parking. This is going to make parking even more difficult for the local residents. Any residents lucky enough to have a front garden big enough will soon be paving it over. Local businesses will suffer as their customers will struggle to find places to park. It's going to cause congestion away from the promenade areas. A bad decision for visitors, residents and businesses. These are residential roads, not council car parks. The councillors who have pushed this through should be ashamed of themselves. Disgraceful.

57. As previously stated locals are being penalised to pay for parking particularly when this can deter custom for local businesses . It also prevents access to outdoor spaces for mental health particularly if locals are short of money .

58. It is reasonable to charge where there is easy access to public transport but many of these schemes relate to places where that is not the case. Local businesses will suffer as people will be less likely to use local shops and instead go elsewhere - Liverpool One, Cheshire Oaks. Also many of the schemes are for places where people go to enjoy fresh air and exercise - crucial for improving physical and mental health. Parking charges will again mean people are less likely to visit - or park on residential streets to avoid parking charges.

59. Parking charges in these areas will ruin small local businesses. It will also increase congestion in roads surrounding the car parks. Where charges are made at popular beauty spots it will discourage visitors who would have enjoyed the amenities and outdoor healthy activities particularly disadvantaging poorer members of the community and the elderly who are less able to walk far and adversely affecting mental health and well being of Wirral residents. And and money raised from parking cannot legally be used to fund shortfalls in council budgets so there can no real justification to impliment any of theses schemes which will run Wirral down. Yet another dreadful idea from WBC to ruin our area.

"60. If you want to get people out to enjoy the Wirral then you shouldn't penalise them, especially the old and disabled who have no other option than to use cars as they can't walk or cycle and public transport is either not available, doesn't run very often or takes a long time. At a time when there are more mental illnesses these are going to stop people getting out and there will be a further impact on people's mental wellness which will end up with more people having to go to drs and hospital putting more strain on NHS.

This will also impact local community shops (I suggest a lot of the shops near these car parks will have to close), and or push cars onto side roads causing more issues on roads"

61. Needs to be thought through better. Where can people reasonably access without cars that will actually bring lots of money in?

62. This is lazy management by WBC.

"63. We shouldn't be paying more money out when you waste so much of it on pointless things like cycle lanes and changing the speed limit on 30mph roads.

I object to you charging people like me to park outside our my own home in a permit area when you are terrible at enforcement. "

"64. This is a punishing move by the council during a cost of living crisis. Honest people are trying to support their local businesses and get to their jobs and the council are making it increasingly harder and more costly. Parking charges should only be used in areas of high congestion and plenty of the areas listed are not congestion as the car parks help keep the main roads more clear of parked cars. The council have admitted this is only a fund raising exercise at the expense of the local working person.

People will not spend money to park in a local town to shop instead they will go to a retail park where they can park for free. There is already little incentive to park and shop in somewhere like Birkenhead and widening these charges will result in even less footfall. "

65. The proposal is disgusting. There is no reason to make people pay to park in their own towns or to visit their own local natural sites. It will force cars to park on residential roads, blocking space for those residents, and you will then have to deal with the fallout of that. You have already removed every single possible amenity that you are in charge of. And now you plan to price people out of visiting their local independent shops or walking their dogs or running along the promenades? It is absolutely heartless and devoid of any humanity. If this goes ahead, I will vote out any person possible that had any hand in this. It is absolutely horrendous.

"66. Your plan is such one-dimensional short-termism and fails to see the disastrous impact of this scheme - please publish the 20-year impact of this strategy.

You are supposed as Councillors to act in the best interest of the peninsula - so much money wasted on building The Sail Loft without an end-user tenant in place, wasteful 20MPH zones, ruining the beach at Hoylake and now at Meols plus ridiculous and hardly used cycle lanes whilst offering the bare minimum in services.

Our Councillors are not serving residents."

67. I'm living wage to wage and struggling really bad. These areas are good to go and refresh my mental health as well as body well being. I've struggled to have a £1 in my account and the stress this caused and stress to find extra income on an already tight budget is shocking. These roads and car parks should be free to a public that pay their council to maintain; via local tax and which it's failed miserably. How can you charge people to park when you cannot look after a road?. The outdoors are free not a business.

68. Stop penalising drivers! You've enforced the 20mph limit across areas even outside of school hours. Would not have been simpler to have controlled speed limits during certain hours? Now you want to hammer drivers even more by charging them to park in places they

love. Forget about cycling routes. Nobody is going to want to cycle in wind and rain. As for buses, I've never known a car driver to go on strike!

69. Target tourists and visitors to the areas and not forgetting the locals who would use the car parks more on a regular basis if the cost was kept low as the decline in all our shopping areas due to parking charges has led locals to further afield shops that come with free parking

70. I do object to all but one which is 7 as I know nothing about it, but if it means bringing in parking meters to areas that are going to suffer then yes I object.

71. Introducing these schemes will drive people away. People will no longer use the shops, such as Bromborough or Mill Park. You will be inhibiting people accessing coastal areas for leisure and health. Disgusting money grabbing exercise.

"72. Charges should be fair and equal across the borough and there are plenty of reasons for there to be no charges:-

NHS health and wellbeing statistics show obesity and mental health crises. People need to be able to "get outside" and enjoy nature for the health and well-being. Adding these charges could prevent people from being able to do so. We need to encourage residents to exercise and use our open spaces rather than charge them to park near Country Parks, beaches and green spaces.

Roslin Rd Irby (and others) - Elderly and vulnerable people will have to pay to park to access essential services such as pharmacy and post office.

Roslin Rd Irby (and others) - People won't use local shops but will go to supermarkets where there is free parking

Thurstaston Common, Roslin Rd Irby (and others) - There will be more congestion in surrounding roads as people will park in these areas. The parking in Sandy Lane and surrounding areas increased massively when charges were added to Royden Park, if they are now also added to Thurstaston Common this problem will increase, especially at school (Dawpool) drop off and pick up times (which are already dangerous) - If there have to be charges, could the first hour be free in order to facilitate this?"

"73. Stop this madness now, stop the cycle lanes, 20

Mph limits, learn from your failings and stop making the same mistakes "

74. We are already charged for a lot of parking around the Wirral. Many are already at places to go for walks and it looks like there are plans to add more of those sites now. The council want people to be more active. I go to New Brighton, West Kirby Meols etc, the places that are being proposed to start charging to park. I see lots of people out walking, running, cycling. They are nice places to get out there and be active. Not everyone lives near there and so drive to those places and I think that charging for those will discourage people to carry on being active

75. People have enough expense without adding more and impacting local businesses

76. Stop destroying Wirral.

77. Will make people go elsewhere so they don't pay parking fees

78. We are taxed enough. Local families are financially stretched to the max. Introducing carparking charges will prevent families being able to access our local area without restrictions.

79. Should not be allowed just like the 20mph limits.

80. Stop being so greedy!!!!!!! Try helping residents instead of finding more & more ways to ruin their lives - you are all an absolute disgrace

81. Yet again !!! Give local people a break, your wrecking what was once a lovely place to live, I feel very strong about this and wouldn't have a problem taking this to itv. We have a right.

82. No consideration for residential parking and the knock on effect it will cause.

83. Will put visitors off & ruin local businesses, especially if all the proposed cycle lanes go in too....please keep our borough a pleasant & thriving place to live & work.....all these plans are killing it!!!!

84. No problem with charging, just how much. if you want to attract visitors to the area keep it a nominal charge

85. This scheme was voted no a while back, not sure why we are replicating the vote. People are sick of WBC take, take, taking. Don't ruin the few perks Wirral residents have left

"86. The increase in residents parking permits from £10/year to £60/year does not reflect inflation over the period stated. The council don't appear to do anything to improve the environment with the money raised in our area.

All this is doing is persecuting families, some of whom may not be able to afford it and will force people out of the area and stop visitors from coming

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"87. This is a truly awful proposal. It will just push parking onto side roads and other free areas making it worse for local residents.

It will also put people off using the areas for fitness/walks, when money is tight you cannot afford to pay for parking.

This would be truly awful for the community."

88. I think I have been very clear that it is unfair to begin charging for parking in areas where the public park to exercise or enjoy time with their families in areas that were previously free. The cost of living for your council areas is increasing and for many people on or just

above the poverty line a walk in fresh air should be free. The impact on local residents will be enormous and only have a negative impact.

89. The proposed charges will result in significantly lower numbers visiting these areas, resulting in lower footfall & reduced revenues to businesses in the area. This will damage the local economy resulting in businesses & retail premises closing.

"90. With everyone struggling for money and their mental health, I think this council is cruel and unfair to start charging for parking when they have always been free, this will cause a lot of side road parking and will be unfair on residents, I have a doctor's at the end of my road and the way people park especially the disabled people who think it's ok to double park and block the road off (reported and council do nothing). This is going to push other side streets into the same mess as ours.

Everyone at the council has the money or possibly a disabled badge so it won't affect them but it will for families who want to do shopping or spend quality time on a day out with family."

91. Unacceptable! We pay a lot of money in council tax already that goes up every year. Wirral Council should look for other ways to make money.... Or maybe look at how much they're spending on nonsense! These car parks service the local economy. If you charge then people will boycott and the businesses will suffer. They're also vital for people using local doctor surgeries and hospitals. This is particularly cruel for elderly and vulnerable people!

92. You get enough money off us. Maybe try and spend it better and not help out other councils and make people go to work instead of giving money out for free! Whilst I am at it... get cleaning the roads and weeds. The Wirral looks scruffy.

93. I'm not sure anyone will read anything the residents have said. This sadly is the way this council has treated the residents. You treat your constituents like mushrooms. No transparency at all. Prove us all wrong and listen.

94. I think the above states it quite clearly, speaking to local people not one person wishes for this stupidity to be enforced.

95. I am a university student and work part-time along side. I can just about make ends meet without extra charges for PARKING in my own area! I pay my council tax, car tax and road tax. Why must you need to add extra charges! Do us all a favour and stop giving free handouts, instead do what we pay council tax and road tax for in the first place. There is no cleaning of the Wirral, half the roads are close to popping tyres!

"96. Many people walk daily in this area with obvious benefits to both physical and mental health. The introduction of charges would dissuade many, including myself, from doing so as a daily walk, with charges of even £2 per stay, would incur a considerable cost of approximately £60 per month. You would thereby restrict the option of cheap, easily accessible exercise at a time when the cost of living is a major issue for many.

Additionally it serves as yet another targeted attack on motorists who are resident in the local area. There appears to be a dedicated strategy to make Wirral a ghost town. Cycle lanes will result in the closure of businesses, and will encourage new businesses to set up elsewhere and this new scheme will result in reducing the quality of life for residents still further."

97. You're killing businesses in Wirral. Moreton especially relies on people being able to park easily and freely. If this doesn't kill Moreton, the proposed cycle lanes will.

98. This appears to be a money grabbing exercise without any reference to the needs of local people.

99. Having to pay for parking in these areas detract people from spending time in the area. This is detrimental to local business and deters people from spending time outdoors/ exercising. This is purely a money making scheme for the council for total disregard for the health and welfare of people visiting these areas for pleasure and business

"100. People need these areas free now more than ever. We need to protect families access to outside spaces. Life is too expensive as it is.

Charge people to park on the street outside their homes for cheap annual cost. Get more money that way and protect our spaces.

We want people to come to Wirral and we want Wirral people to enjoy where they live. Not have to count pennies when they go out. "

101. It is detrimental to local business, pensioners, people who enjoy the beach but can't afford to pay for parking! It's disgusting!

"102. Parking fees actively damage local communities. If you want to apply fees, then the local communities should be considered exempt as they already pay council taxes.

All these schemes are an actual additional tax, might as well increase the council tax! "

103. As above

104. Charging for inner city parking is very different to levying charged on health, sports and fitness related areas enabling residents to enjoy the great outdoors. We have wonderful coastal and countryside areas which should be free access.

105. As above. Disgusting decision if it goes ahead.

106. I use the beach to meet up with a group to swim and sometimes use the places mentioned to walk. Travelling from Chester already costs me in petrol. If parking charges were introduced I couldn't afford to go as much. Meeting to swim has health and mental

benefits for many people not just myself. If others like me can't afford to go then these will decline in many and they may use the already struggling NHS.

107. Unfortunately, there is a case for controlled managed car parking but not in areas of natural beauty which are vital for mental and physical wellbeing

108. Many, like Bromborough are of service to a community who use it to visit an already impoverished and threatened local shopping area. To raise charges on the use of these facilities would be to further damage these vital local hubs and shopping amenities.

109. There are a number of reasons why I object. I live adjacent to the prom and everyday I see people taking exercise. Very healthy exercise be it walking, running, walking the dog, yoga in the dunes, etc. Many of these people have to travel to get here and they should not have to pay money in order to get some healthy exercise. Where does the council draw the line in trying to bring in more income? It never ends. Also, you will create problems because people will seek out nearby free parking in nearby side roads, etc. then residents will struggle to get parking by their homes. What then? A further cost to introduce a resident parking scheme?? I totally object to this scheme. It's a big open lovely free space and people ought not to have to pay to come and enjoy it. It will become cost prohibitive. Many of these visitors spend money in local shops too. This will also suffer.

"110. People are having a hard enough time as it is without having to pay extra for a day out with their families, this council needs to look at the money it wastes rather than penalising people.

This is not going to contribute anything to local people."

111. The council seem to be very good at taking from the people of Wirral without giving much back. They need to be better at balancing their books and not wasting money on schemes such as unwanted/unused cycle lanes - Fender Lane for example, say no more! Sad thing is no-one listens to what we actually want and this consultation will fall on deaf ears like every other time.

112. I won't be voting for any local councillors who vote in favour of this or the cycle lanes!

"113. Having seen similar schemes put in place at various councils the fall in usage has been significant. This will affect local business and restrict using key areas for free and low cost leisure activities. I have also seen limited funds from car parking go back into the car parks, apart from the cost of meters and parking control officers... which then create more funds!

Prices in swimming pools, sports facilities etc have increased so people can't take varied and different activities.

Keep your uniqueness, be different and stay as you are please "

"114. Will reduce tourism

Will reduce putting extra money into local businesses from tourists/visitors

Will push parking into residential side streets "

115. Lack of consideration for people who may not have any money. Will limit the amount of time people can use the areas.

116. Unnecessary will cause people to use free parking in streets which will effect residents near sea areas. Also there is not a parking issue on the Wirral there is enough space for everyone. Overnight parking is not a massive issue what is this about camper vans? And so what anyway. We are all paying road tax already. And council tax . Don't you want people to visit the areas? Just leave it as it is if it ain't broke

117. This scheme is likely to discourage visitors from parking and ultimately visiting the local area, potentially hurting the local economy. This scheme also paves the way for future, higher parking fees that may span more sociable hours that some users will not be able to afford, excluding those less privileged from visiting the area. The local community should be encouraged to park in these areas, not dissuaded as they are generally used for exercise, recreation and to promote mental wellbeing.

118. No

119. They deprive local people , many who are elderly, of the chance to come and enjoy being by the sea.

120. The council is already saving money by locals doing g their jobs. Litter picking the keeping up of amenities. Please remember we pay your wages you should be working for us not looking at vanity projects. You are a disgrace

"121. Stop adding to peoples every day struggles.

Peoples Mental Health is at stake here, we walk at these beautiful places to get away for the every day struggles that you seem fit to pile on us day by day,

I really worry for our area with you as leaders of it, I really do .

We live in a beautiful area stop penalising ,and taking advantage of it .

Car owners are not cash cows,

They are not a luxury item , they are a necessity!

Stop treating us all the way you do

We have nothing else on the Wirral now due to your Labour councillors,

I am ashamed to say I voted Labour, but I certainly will not be in future!"

122. Why is blue badge parking free. Disability doesn't necessarily mean poverty.

"123. Introducing more parking charges will significantly affect the footfall in areas and thus affect local businesses who are already struggling. We need visitors and tourists to be able to park and use the great facilities (and spend their money in local businesses) on the Wirral.

I particularly cannot see the reason why charges are required in Meols and Hoylake.

Please look at alternative ways of making money, this will only affect residents in a very negative way."

124. I am moving to this area and it was one of the attractions about the area and we thought other councils would do well to do the same to attract tourism and to allow residents to use parking particularly in areas that allow people to enjoy the beautiful sights of the Wirral....

"125. Residents of the Wirral pay enough. You would make more money using parking control officers around the Wirral .. there are plenty of people who

Park on double yellows around school time in

Meols for example.

If you were going to implement any charges, at least don't charge for the 1st hour. Please also about the impact on residents nearby and the problems it would cause them. "

126. You're already charging in other car parks that used to be a free day out for many people. You will increase loneliness.

127. I think the scheme is disgusting and 99% of these areas do not have a congestion issue. It is just a pure money grab due to a council that continually miss handles and squanders funds.

128. People will be less inclined to get out to exercise, dog walkers especially will be penalised. This is a mean & ridiculous plan

129. Local Businesses and tourism will be completely affected by this charge

130. Seems like a ridiculous short term way of making money, which will lead to many more long term costs in the future, such as NHS costs for poor health and mental health and taking money from some of those who need it most (including parents wanting a free, healthy day out for their children, which should be encouraged).

131. Any charge for parking which causes people to drive to a free car park further away will be counter to the council's desire to improve air quality and the environment

132. It will destroy shopping and tourism!

133. As above

134. These schemes are short term answers to long term issues. It looks like our Council are just trying to increase their income without looking at the bigger picture. Parking is an easy quick "fix" method that will just cause congestion on smaller private roads.

135. Silly

136. Everybody with a vehicle pays car tax. Further taxation is wrong.

137. I would like to see a response from planning to address the inconsistencies this will cause with recent planning consent and previous decisions. I would like to see an impact assessment regarding access, impact on visitors and impact on local businesses to fully understand the negative impact of the proposals on local services

138. Disgusting money making scheme with no thought to how it will affect the local communities

"139. What is the Council going to spend the extra money on? It certainly won't be to maintain these 'Car Parks'.

We already pay Council Tax - what for I really don't know, because lots of 'Services' we used to get have vanished.

Just forget these schemes and let people park their cars for free and allow them to get on with their lives."

140. This will deter people from being able to visit any of the areas for social and leisure purposes, as well as hitting the local small businesses, who will lose out on trade. It will also just push parking onto the side streets, causing more congestion there. Also, the £1 overnight parking charge will surely encourage camper vans and motor homes to park along the proms overnight?

141. Will destroy opportunities for growing businesses in the area and damage much needed tourist traffic to the region.

"142. This is an unfair tax on Wirral residents.

Definitely not a vote winner"

"143. As above:

Local people should not pay to get out & exercise & not have to pay for it. Already pay huge council tax bills & let's be honest they will be increasing too...Should encouraging outdoor activities/not prohibiting people with cost to stop their daily walk/ effects on local businesses with people not prepared to pay to park to maybe buy just a few items/

Look at bigger picture & effect in towns parking charges have had. "

144. In general I think that charging for parking in car parks reduces the flow of customers to local businesses. So they are very bad for our communities unless all we want is dormitory towns with no local amenities. Charging for parking on roads is a doubly bad idea as it affects residents, businesses and reduces visitor numbers. All in all, when you take into

account the enforcement charges I believe the savings will be considerably less than 300k and will adversely affect local communities. If shops subsequently close then the council will lose even more revenue.

145. I would like the council to spend their time fixing the issues we already have rather than thinking up new ones. On a personal level, the drainage system at the beach in Hoylake and Meols has been disregarded for so long by the council that when something is done it will be a huge project. How about fixing that rather than charging people to visit and paying traffic wardens to make sure people abide. The streets are full of weeds, they are unclean and pot holes on every road. Some major changes need to be made and charging local people for parking on their streets will no fix this.

"146. Parking is nessacery for both residents and visitors, being a relatively rural area with fairly poor public transport links, our businesses rely on parking being available, I agree certain areas could be time limited for an hour or two free, this blanket application to apply fees to all these areas will mean no doubt mean parkers will relocate to side roads as they are entitled to do, causing chaos until you decide to introduce residents permit parking causing extra costs to residents for these permits etc. My understanding is that parking charges should only be introduced in areas requiring control because of congestion, many of these areas listed are not congested., and any fees collected have to be ring fenced for parking related costs. I can only assume that this will mean more money being spent on signage, payment meters, agencys to collect money, more wardens being employed, so really a pointless exercise as you wont be filling the black hole of the councils budget.

Whatever happend to ""the leisure peninsula"" it now costs to go to the beach ."

147. All a big money making scheme, no benefit to local people or economy. This is about looking to be seen to be doing something, but we pay road tax and council tax already and I feel that this yet another attack on working car drivers.

148. I agree with the increase in parking fees but but the implementation of an overnight charge in council car parks. I think the availability of free parking after 6pm is a great help to the businesses and people of the Wirral and putting such a charge in place is detrimental and unfair in a cost of living crisis.

149. WBC seems to be trying to discourage drivers and driving on all fronts.

150. You can get more money by making sure that businesses pay their taxes NOT by making it harder for families to enjoy free/cheap days out around our beautiful countryside and seaside

151. I particularly object to proposals to charge for car parking at Fort Perch Rock, Derby Pool, The Gunsite, and Thurstaston Common car parks. Residents have a right to free access to the shoreline and Wirral's open spaces. The Council should be encouraging local residents to use the shoreline and open spaces for exercise, recreation and keeping fit. Making residents pay to park at the shore, country parks and public parks will inhibit them

from enjoying Wirral's wonderful open spaces and environment. In addition, charging to park in these locations will shunt car parking onto nearby residential streets causing severe congestion for local residents who already struggle to park near their homes.

152. They will kill off tourism and businesses on the Wirral. A silly money grubbing scheme anti motorist scheme by an inept, failed council.

153. this will force cars onto side roads and if permits are introduced to prevent this it will cost local residents in permit fees

154. This will only make parking in residential streets even worse. It will also deter shoppers from local stores, please don't destroy anymore businesses!

155. I have no objection to car park charges in theory. But do want to see an exemption for groups such as the Wirral Bluetits.

156. Shops and businesses will lose out as people will go elsewhere where there is no parking charge

157. The fact the council needs money should not be an excuse to further damage Wirral by councillors willing to implement cuts while collecting their allowances. That's all some are there for

158. We should be able to enjoy nature for free this means being able to park there for free. Everything is so expensive now we need to be able to go outside and not have to worry about another expense. We need the nature for our mental health

159. Stop wasting money on schemes like this and the cycles lanes.

160. All Wirral parking should be brought into public ownership so that costs can be kept under control and all profits ploughed back into the council.

161. The scenes need to have clear objectives which I do not see explained. To is too easy to assume that these are all revenue generation schemes. Taxing motorists is the national government job not that of local councils

162. All these areas need to remain fully accessible for residents of the Wirral and visitors who boost the local economy, putting charges in these areas will put people off visiting and utilising these precious areas, aren't we supposed to be The Leisure Peninsula

163. Hoylake and West Kirby parades are not congested currently. People enjoy the fresh air. Introduce parking charges will just force cars into residential areas or the proms will be deserted with less footfall for local businesses.

164. It will deter people from visiting and it will force those drivers who visit anyway, to park in nearby residential streets. Also for those who park , it is VERY EXPENSIVE. Knowing Wirral Borough Council it will be a pound for an hour??? why not 50p?? Also people will be offered hours of parking at a price and yet no public toilets are provided for those who wish to stay a long time???

165. Wirral council absolutely milking everyone dry of all their money. This will contribute to making families struggle even more that are already on a tight budget. What is the need in this! How do you propose this will be enforced it's impossible to enforce efficiently. It is a waste of money to install meters, new signs etc just like the 20mph zones that nobody follows. You just love to waste money! I think these proposals will be very detrimental to the already failing borough. The repetition of poor decisions will end up losing you the vote!

166. Driving people away from struggling local shops!

167. I was recently in Skipton and their car parks near shops have "pop and shop' bays where you can park free for 30 mins. I thought this was a really good idea as it would encourage people to shop in places like Heswall and Birkenhead where the shops really need supporting

168. I can understand an increase in line with inflation in car parks that currently charge. I am opposed to charging for areas currently do nit have charges

169. People who don't have/ use bank cards. Folk that don't have mobile phones. These people will be penalised

170. Just going to cause congestion

171. It's just awful. So many people use our local lovely beaches. Do you have to pay at them all is going to affect peoples mental health because they will not be going as much. Stop with the stupid unused cycle paths and save money there

172. Think you are short sighted in that some people will just not visit which could effect businesses

173. As a self employed dog walker, having to pay to park at the beaches would mount up to a huge outgoing per year

174. These parking charges make no sense and seem to have no reason other than to raise revenue for the council. There has been vast sums spent elsewhere (consultancy firms, unused bike lanes) so it seems to be a misuse of funds rather than lack of them. It is also not realistic to argue its for the benefit of the environment when public transport is not reliable and it is not always practical to cycle everywhere. (Bad weather, families, a lot of items to carry) This negatively impacts local businesses and tourist destinations along with residents of the area.

175. Keep the free parking . It helps local businesses and helps people to get out and about.

176. Leave Bromborough alone. The village has small business owners who rely on people being able to park and call in. Businesses will close when people stop calling because of the new charges.

177. See individual scheme comments.

"178. No consideration for older people. If machines took cash may be. Do you realise that older people pensioners including myself at 68 have not been taught to use a computer. No computers at schools in my day.

A disgrace typical labour attitude not interested in pensioners "

179. As mentioned above, the introduction of parking schemes has no benefit to local residents and business and is very shorted sighted money making scheme from a council that doesn't understand current issues facing local towns.

"180. Parking charges can negatively impact small businesses and local communities by:

1. Reducing Foot Traffic: Fees deter customers, pushing them towards larger shopping centres with free parking or online shopping, which I and my family are an example doing so.

2. Increasing Costs for Businesses: Employees and owners face higher parking costs, burdening small businesses. Which then has an obvious knock on effect.

3. Harming the Local Economy: Declining sales due to fewer customers can lead to business closures and a less vibrant community. Which in turn drags in lower quality shops like betting shops and more charity shops which drag down an area. Then a cycle of decline starts or continues.

4. Causing Inconvenience: Residents may find it harder to access essential services, leading to frustration and a lower quality of life. Speaks for itself as public transport etc is appalling.

5. Displacing Parking: To avoid charges, people may park in residential areas, causing congestion and inconvenience for locals. I can vouch for this as I do exactly that.

These factors can make the area less appealing for both businesses and residents, ultimately harming the local economy and community."

181. We are charged enough for Council Tax and should be able to enjoy a walk or shop in local shops without having to pay. Where charges have been introduced, people park in side streets leading to congestion and are encouraged to shop in large supermarkets where the parking is free. Small local businesses already suffer enough. It is a terrible idea and typical of a Labour Council who waste money on many other things.

182. Why? The answers and reasoning for these increase make no logical sense and have no physical proof of any climate issues. WBC is focused on draining the pockets of every citizen of Wirral mercilessly. This isn't USA or China. No to your cycle lanes that no one will use and no to your greedy. Despicable.

"183. I think my objection to the Leasowe Gunsite scheme will serve, with a few alterations, as an objection to all schemes in general:

I Have a number of objections and reasons:

Firstly, the council has a duty to encourage recreation and healthy activity in the community. Imposing parking charges will discourage these activities. Unfit and unhealthy residents ultimately have a knock on effect in increasing costs to the council in care in the community and elsewhere. I would urge the council to take a more holistic view.

Secondly, the blanket application of the charges (with the exception of disabled blue badge holders) will place a particularly heavy burden on the many regular dog walkers, professional dog walkers, and volunteers at the site. An individual making three visits a week for 1.5 hours would incur a charge of £374.40 per annum. How many of the members considering this objection would be happy to pay that just to get some exercise and walk their dog?

Thirdly, I object to the targeting of local residents in this way; it is local residents who use the site most often and therefore will pay the most. If you are a resident in the New Brighton resident scheme area, as I am, you already pay for parking outside your own home. It is local residents paying council rates and funding the council to a large degree. Paying at home, paying at the park, paying at the local shops.

I wish to make the following suggestions:

Firstly, the scheme should be abandoned and money found elsewhere. The council seems able to spend money on putting up hundreds of signs on the front claiming it to be 'King Charles III Coastal walk' Who knew? Were we ever asked?

Secondly, if the scheme does go ahead, exceptions should be made for volunteers, dog-walkers and local residents.

Visitors can pay, after all they aren't paying the wages of councillors and council staff like local residents are.

Thank you for the opportunity, I look forward to your response,

Paul Gould"

184. Controlled parking zone in Birkenhead seems fine. Do not make local people pay for parking at local walking spots/beaches.

185. Not sure what the so called improvements these charges will deliver but your findings aren't convincing .

186. Would there be any way to refund the parking charge if local shops or services are used. Similar yo the system fir getting your parking fee back when shopping in Asda Birkenhead .

187. It will push the parking down side roads from the seafront areas and costs will deter some people from visiting if they need to go by car. It is unfair on those who need these parking areas to visit family, use shops, take children to school and just enjoy the fresh and exercise. The cost of living is bad enough right now please don't make it worse for families on tight budgets.

188. Yes. How about the council returning the fines to people who litter as litter affects the environment and the economy.

189. As long as they do not affect shopping and recreational activities

190. Pointless survey as you don't listen to people's comments anyway.

191. The council should be looking to reduce wastage internally. There are too many members of staff doing too little. Make some huge cost cutting efforts internally, stop spending money on consultants and pipe dreamers. The public deserve a council with integrity, not a racket that is holding the borough to ransom.

192. Visitors will park in already very crowded side streets in order to avoid charges. Totally wrong of Council to charge people to park on the road and/or increase parking charges. Council should be encouraging people to visit Wirral's outdoor spaces to walk and pursue leisure activities. Many elderly people visit and enjoy sit in their cars or on the benches to enjoy the view and get some fresh air . Many shops and businesses, already struggling ,will be affected by increased /implementation of parking charges decreasing numbers of shoppers as more people will turn to shopping at retail outlets and supermarkets where they will not be charged to park their cars.

"193. It is yet another cash grab by this inefficient council.

They keep telling us they now do less but they never lay off excess staff they presumably no longer need!"

194. Leave as is. The schemes have already been rejected by the majority of residents/visitors

195. Disgusting ploy to make money when there is a cost of living crisis and residents squeezed already

196. Imposing or increasing charges is not going to generate the additional revenue you expect as users will find alternatives or simply stop visiting. A better option would be to start charging blue badge holders where charges are already made - there is no reason why they should get free parking.

197. My main concerns are all New Brighton car parks and the Gun Site car park, Leasowe. Many people use these car parks in order to take their daily exercise both for physical and mental health reasons. The great outdoors is recommended for us all to benefit from and making us pay for the privilege will deter all but the well off. As for New Brighton businesses, they will surely see a considerable downturn in their profits and many could

have to close. Is this what you want for what is now a thriving seaside town? Please reconsider.

198. People are struggling enough financially as it is. I think if you allow people to apply and pay a reasonable fee for a yearly pass for certain car parks like you do with the country parks, I think this may be fair - but as for the promenades, these are one of very few areas we aren't already being charged to park at. A lot of people don't visit these places for very long, they should not have to pay £1 even if they only wish to watch the sunset for 5 minutes. It's incredibly unfair.

199. No

"200. It is unforgivable to introduce parking charges for using the natural amenities that Wirral offers. For many people this is their daily exercise, currently free for all to use, that brings untold benefits for both physical and mental health. It is surely against the Council's plan for healthy lives to penalise the poorest in our society who have the most to gain by charging for exercise. A very short sighted plan, savings need to be found elsewhere or reduce the upkeep of the car parks. Perhaps a consultation on the various expenditure the Council has, asking where the public would make cuts would be useful in highlighting the problems the Council faces. Past spending does not engender confidence in this Council to make wise decisions

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201. See comments above.

202. Save money by stopping the spread of 20 mph roads. This is again a war on motorists.

203. I think this proposal is beyond disgusting and is solely for the purpose of making money. I do not understand what sort of 'council' would think this is a good idea. This proposal will be DETRIMENTAL to all nearby businesses, not to mention the cost of living is already so astronomically high that people will simply not be able to afford this. You are taking away the only chance some low income families may get to spend a day out with their family. Us, the people, should not have to suffer and be penalised for the councils embarrassing mismanagement of funds. If this goes ahead I have absolutely no hope for the future of Wirral. Our council is a complete joke and should be ashamed they have even suggested this, after introducing 20mph roads everywhere now accompanied by speed cameras, again simply to make money. All I want in life is for the government and it's councils for once to stop taking and taking and taking from the working class. You all and this proposal make me sick.

204. These policies need to be fully researched and reviewed before fording money setting up and then failing.

205. Will negatively impact people from all walks of life and all sections of society from being able to frerly access areas to exercise, have fun and enjoy areas to maintain pisitve mental health

206. This reduces the opportunity for people to be active in nice places. It is merely a mechanism to increase the Council's coffers.

"207. As I already pay council tax, I feel that I should not have to pay any extra. I already have to pay extra to use the local leisure centers. This scheme penalises locals for being active and staying healthy, keeping out of Gp surgeries and hospitals. And it gives a negative image to tourism in the area.

This seems to be a desperate act to claw back money for the King Charles 3rd signage. In a time of austerity the last thing working families need is to pay for access to low cost activities.

I am upset that those in a position of public office have no accountability with public funds, and have allowed this to even become a suggestion.

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"208. This charge cannot be justified. You are attempt to take away free days out for poor families while wasting millions on Birkenhead.

This area is used for exercise and dog walking for people throughout the borough who pay enough council tax and forced to drive on 20mph roads without you charging to park in public places. "

"209. People will prefer to use places with free parking (Cheshire oaks, supermarkets) rather than local small businesses. This will be really detrimental.

Also charging for green space car parks will push people to park onto roads or not use the park / beach in the first place.

I think money should be saved/ raised by getting rid of at least half of the Wirral councillors and thereby regaining a significant amount of funds. "

210. There must be a better way of increasing funds, we never see a traffic warden in Oxton despite absolutely awful, selfish and dangerous driving and parking around Oxton and I'm sure it's not just this area that suffers. Bromborough has a thriving shopping centre with no

parking charges but Birkenhead has closed shops, antisocial behaviour and will end up a no go area if the car parking becomes more expensive than driving a little further on.

"211. If the council appropriately managed funds, the community wouldn't be required to further subsidise the council

Rather than review the councils management of funds and processes, the costs are distributed to those in the area. This will greatly impact those living near the parade, resulting in far more cars using side streets. No doubt this will offer the council and opportunity to make these permit parking offering yet another method for the council to bail out it's mismanagement.

I don't believe you've considered how busy these side streets will be. When the roads are double parked and a child runs into the road invisible until the moment they are struck by a vehicle, this will have to be the responsibility of the council."

"212. A lot of these car parks are situated near small businesses. The introduction of parking charges will mean that many people will choose to shop at retail parks where there are no parking charges, leading to the failure of small businesses which are often used by elderly residents. This in turn will lead to an increase in unemployment.

The proposal to introduce parking charges in seaside areas will discourage tourism and the taking of exercise, including cold water swimming, this will not be good for the health and well being of residents. The proposals are short sighted and not in the best interests of residents.

I do not object to increasing parking charges but feel a half hour charge should be introduced as often this is all that is required. "

213. These schemes will weaken the Wirral economy with little benefits

214. This is diabolical. The local residents in this scheme have NOT been taking into consideration, and once again the council is thinking about how they can make money not just for those who will pay to park, but also those who will have to pay for parking permits, outside of their own homes, at approx £600 a year per car. Families now a days have up to 4+ members, this is an extortionate cost for no apparent reason. Why is it only now this scheme is being thought about? Because the council hasn't managed its previous funds correctly? There has been no need or requirement for paid parking now or in the history of the prom, so why now? Why suddenly change this? It is a money making scheme where if it is successful, I can assure you the council will spend the funds elsewhere, other than where it's supposed to be spent.

215. It's a balance to making money and not putting people off parking in the local car parks. I think £1 an hour is enough but not in suburbs. It will drive more people to the shopping centres like the Croft

216. I do not have a mobile phone and I'm guessing that some sort of app or phone call from the car park will be needed to pay for parking. So for me these schemes effectively mean a ban from parking in council car parks. I don't really care about the coastal sites - they are for leisure which is a luxury that I can live without. However, I use the car parks in the Bebington area to take my 90 year old sister who has great difficulty walking shopping. She can't get a blue card because she has lost her birth certificate and doesn't have a passport or driving licence. The only option I can see is using taxis.

217. These are cynical ways of extracting more money from the already over taxed motorist. How , when and where will the local population see any benefit from these proposals? This looks like a crazy Idea that has been dreamt up by someone in a suit and sat behind desk. I used to come up with some ridiculous ideas myself after my first pint.

218. As above the scheme is a disaster for local residents who regularly park their cars and enjoy the beach.

219. Repair the roads. There's many more people who have difficulty in walking today than there are cyclists. You councillors should live in the real world.

220. These schemes are not beneficial to residents and visitors to Wirral areas and leisure centres/places. It would cause so much disruption to residents and visitors alike. Other projects can be done to save money

221. Absolutely ridiculous, it will damage businesses. If you are worried about congestion stop building houses and ridiculous cycle lanes. Seeking revenue through drivers is awful given how expensive it is anyway. Soon it will be impossible to go anywhere on the Wirral without paying. Surely you want people to access our beaches etc? Public transport is terrible and not fit for purpose. Also ridiculously expensive.

222. I pay enough council tax.

"223. it will affect people's ability to enjoy the water front etc & mental health benefits. Why make it harder for people to get out into the natural environment "

224. It should be free to all to attract people to the area and keep local businesses afloat

225. Proposals are detrimental to areas and car parking already costs a lot and can put people off

226. Why didn't you ask this one first!!! It will kill the area with the potential and likelihood of moving parking to the residential streets.

227. It will force parking onto residential streets. Teduce the number of tourists and restrict residents from using the seafront our council tax pay for. It will restrict dog walkers snd people who exercise there for free. Another waste of money by wirral council.

228. No comment about other schemes, but I strongly object to parking charges outside Pasture road health centre in Moreton, as this will make it very difficult for patients using the GP surgery who are sick and often temporarily disabled by illness

229. The council are not SUBSIDISING parking. You are encouraging people to not utilise local areas, you are encouraging more dangerous parking and more accidents will occur because of this. You should be ashamed of yourselves

230. I believe that with the cost of living crisis - taking away peoples ability to freely enjoy a nature reserve space is immoral. I also believe it will affect local businesses as it is off putting to those wanting to visit who will try to find alternatives. It is also unfair to dog walkers who rely on this space to let their pets have adequate exercise.

"231. We have areas across Wirral which are losing business and custom.

Also costs are Increasing throughout communities where people are struggling with day to day costs "

232. If the council is so strapped for money go to any school and ticket all the illegally parked cars. These areas are by local shops that people will just stop going to and will head to the Croft instead or Asda.

233. Will reduce visitors, so revenue will not be as high as forecast. Adverse impact on local business. Adverse impact on improvements health and fitness of Wirral residents who will no longer be able to access some open areas

234. The Council is making the Wirral a terrible place to live...total mismanagement of funds. We pay enough in Council tax (nearly highest in country) to cover upkeep of carparks. THE COUNCIL WILL DESTROY THE HIGH STREET.

235. I can only comment on the schemes in Eastham and Bromborough but I think the same will apply to the Bebington proposals. Perhaps parking free for two hours or even one hour and charge after that?

236. You yet again are trying to destroy local business. How much do you think the residents of the wirral can take with this financial torture. It will just get passed like all your other useless ideas. Have you forgot the council is supposed to Serve the residents.

237. You will ruin the Wirral. Unnecessary please do not activate this scheme thank you

238. People cannot afford parking fees especially for quick visits to local businesses or for walks to help their mental health and to socialise or take children out , Why punish small businesses by stopping people using then as no-one wants to pay for a quick stop

239. I fail to see the reason. This is just about councils making money.

"240. I appreciate need for council to increase income where possible, but only need to look at Birkenhead and effects of reduced footfall. Empty shops and cafes, general deterioration of area. Also,

Parking maybe pushed onto residential roads"

241. As above

242. Rather than thinking how can we temporarily plug a hole in your budget with parking learn from your increased parking charges in the town center . Changing someone to park in front of their own house is out and out theft . We already pay council tax for our property's and Road tax for our cars yet you think it's now ok to charge to rent a space outside our property's that we already pay for

243. As above

244. Don't bother.

245. I feel they will all have a negative affect on local businesses, local employment, residents in the area and the health of the people who live in Wirral and surrounding areas who visit the Wirral. Not all local residents have good mobility so using the local car parks enable them to use the local businesses - with parking charges in place they will use alternative business such as larger supermarkets. As a previous employee of another local council I understand the budget pressures the councils face and the difficult decisions that have to be made, but feel these schemes have a negative effect on all residents.

246. People are struggling with cost of living now and are trying to save money not give more to Wirral Borough council

247. Car parks were built originally, because cars accessing shops and businesses were parking on roads, causing congestion and safety issues ie: people trying to cross between cars. If charges are introduced, cars will again park on roads, causing the same problems as before or will not come at all. That would be catastrophic for many small businesses

248. Increasing charges will just stop people from going there.

"249. Overnight parking charges should be waived from 6.00pm- common in many other areas.

Charges should not be standard per hour - should be bracketed eg up to 1 hour (minimal for doctor /quick shop/banking) 2-4 and then 4-6

Consideration should be given to waiving charges generally "

250. Stopping people from keeping their cars away from schools can not be a positive thing.

251. The cost of living is tough enough as it is. To impose parking charges will limited local use of our natural beauty and few areas that can be a "free day out". This is blatant money grabbing by a corrupt council. Not only does this affect local access to nature, it will affect local businesses and tourism during the summer. Locals deserve to park in their community for FREE. Shame on you Wirral Council.

"252. Will be damaging to local businesses. Without a car you cannot carry shopping home.

Damaging to people's mental and physical health as will deter them from taking exercise to improve their mental and physical health.

Stop councillors expenses stop councils workers free parking"

253. No I think you get the idea....

254. I object to the increase in price to residents parking schemes. Our street is currently permitted parking only or in theory it is but lack of policing of the system mean we are frequently unable to park in our street. People are now aware that traffic wardens rarely check cars so seem happy to chance it. We're also awaiting a disabled parking bay outside our house for our disabled daughter which means we can really struggle if we're unable to park near our house.

255. As above

256. A tax on Wirral residents is unjust and unfair.

257. All Wirral resident should be given passes or have car park recognition on number plates so residents can register their number plates and should be exempt for the fees. I think the idea is a disgrace.

258. Visiting the seaside should remain a free event.

259. More limited parking charges would meet cost whilst preserving current free arrangements facilitating health and well being on promenades and beach areas.

260. I am not familiar with all the areas, I feel some of it is badly thought out, especially those areas with smaller local car parks and shops.

261. Another money making scheme by Wirral council

262. Just leave us alone with the few things we still have that we're not charged for. There's not much of it left

263. Every scheme WBC come up with seems to have no regard to residents and taxpayers, especially car owners. Put your energies into making public transport reliable and economical and people will use it.

264. Will put people off visiting and just force parking elsewhere

"265. If the intention is to keep people out of Wirral, or to have Wirralians travel and spend their disposable income elsewhere then these schemes are great. Charging will only decrease visitor numbers and increase costs to the public as traders will pass costs on. You charge for a permit to park (i.e. ice cream van, coffee seller then their costs will be increased to cover their expenditure). What is stopping visitors from parking in side streets and walking an extra minute (or so) to the area where newly introduced parking charges will apply? I would. Also in the coastal areas daily you see older persons sitting in cars with flasks etc, enjoying the view. Is it the intention to (possibly) isolate these people who could already be struggling?

Why is there a cost disparity between the permits? I see in your consultation document there is little to no charge for residents parking as displayed at clause 2.5. Are these areas seen as 'cash cows'?

I see in all literature that Brighton Street car park, opposite the town hall is not included in the literature. Is this not a council car park that serves the Town Hall? Can the link been made that councilors wish to keep their own (and their staffs) car park free? If we are all in this together revoke all council paid for parking perk and join the ranks and lead from the front without being seen as having your snouts in the trough.

Is it also the intention to introduce dynamic parking, similar to the Oasis ticket furor and flights? So I could in theory turn up to park and not know how much I am being charged until I get into the car park? Wow, spectacular thinking."

266. Paid parking is unnecessary. Once again, Wirral council are putting a fee on something to discourage visitors to local Wirral beauty spots. Those who have less money and means, and for whom a couple of pounds means something are targeted once again, whilst those who have more won't even notice or mind paying.

267. Overnight parking for £1 seems a reasonable cost.

268. This will stop people parking in these places, enjoying the outdoors and taking walks. This will impact people's health and therefore have a negative impact on the NHS.

269. Parking charges will just add to the stresses of people's lives when life is difficult enough without adding more difficulties to drivers

"270. They will all cause congestion in local side roads as people will choose to park where they can for free instead. This could cause accidents and leave no room for residents' parking.

Finally I'd like to add that I observed the council worker who put the parking signs up along Meols Parade. He left cable ties all over the floor at every lamp post. This is disgraceful littering and I hope he is charged in the same way the public would be for littering. A member of my family politely asked him to pick up his litter and he refused. Therefore my family member had to go along the whole prom and pick up after him. Awful behaviour."

271. There must be alternatives. These limit local facilities

272. This Labour government is just priorities are with the rich and elites, absolute disgrace. People on the breadline can't even take children on a free activity like the beach without being charged. Absolute disgrace this council should feel ashamed of themselves

273. Some don't apply to us but I am supporting the residents who will be affected like us.

"274. Charging a pound to park over night will only mean over the years it will be increased over and over.

Depending on my finances at particular times I have already been costed out of leisure time, visiting parks and beaches etc, before 6:30pm. Which means no leisure time in the winter periods as is. This will only make it worse."

275. A slight increase in current parking charges is appropriate but changing free parking to chargeable could have a massive impact on peoples choices and be detrimental to small businesses and the local communities

"276. This is the worst decision made by the council to date. Whoever collaborated towards this clearly has no idea what congestion is and does not live near the local areas. As a resident of Meols Parade/the prom, this area is never congested, and I can provide images and videos to support this. This parking charge scheme is just pure greed from the council to gain extra money from the local area.

Deciding to implement these parking charges will increase congestion on side roads and small residential roads, therefore leading to residents having no where to park, and potentially putting young children in harms way due to constant parking and moving vehicles.

This matter needs to be taken seriously and the council needs to speak to the public to have their say, not making rash decisions because you clearly have no idea what you're doing.

These recent decisions made by the council are a joke, and you can see on Facebook groups and other groups that people are not happy. Stop making residents of Wirral start to hate you because you cannot make decisions properly.

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277. Will reduce visitors to the area, impact business, and discourage people to get out in the fresh air. Particularly those on low incomes

"278. As a resident of the local area and someone who visits Meols parade often, I can confirm that congestion is never an issue here. The introduction of this parking charge scheme is nothing more than a money-grab by the council, seeking to extract extra funds from the local area.

Imposing these charges will only shift the problem to side streets and residential roads, leading to increased congestion and leaving residents without parking. This could also create dangerous situations for children due to the constant flow of parked and moving vehicles.

This issue needs to be treated with the seriousness it deserves. The council must consult the public, rather than making hasty decisions without fully understanding the situation."

279. Shortsighted, may make a pound or 2 in the short term but it's just going to stop people and local coming to the area to spend their money. Shops restaurants and theatre will close then nobody will come at all

280. Read above

281. This is so shortsighted. So much of our coast is popular because it is a free way enjoy to nature. This may bring in some revenue during the tourist season but will drive traffic away during the winter when the businesses need people the most

282. Increase in permit fee for Zone L residents parking from £0 to £60 is outrageous. The parking zone was foisted on residents some 30 years ago, no one asked for it but we're stuck with it. Now your asking to pay to park in, or around, your own home having already paid for road tax. A tax on a tax, it stinks.

283. I suspect that the income gained from this proposal would be modest at best and negative at worst.

284. See above

285. A modest charge for parking 1830 - 1800 is reasonable. If charges are introduced to small car parks serving local retail centres then allowing 30 mins free parking would encourage the continuance of passing trade which is vital to many of the businesses operating in these centres

286. This whole scheme kills local businesses from investing in area! The council should look at their wage bills to cut costs, not keep going after motorists!

287. Just another way for Wirral Council to squeeze more money out of hard working residents!

288. I have commented on the schemes that are particularly relevant to where i live, however i think that the council should look elsewhere to raise money. In these particularly hard times with whats going with heating costs ect.. these proposed parking charges will add further distress to all residents and businesses of The Wirral .

289. Money grabbing council, hitting local residents & local businesses 😞

290. With increased need for traffic wardens and the cost of the machines and administration, I can't see how this is going to make the council any money, but actually cost the council money, which I am loath to pay for, when it makes using our local facilities harder to access, more dangerous (as more people will park on residential streets) and the council are already cutting services such as libraries. A bad idea all round, and will make my school run hugely challenging and more dangerous for the kids. 😞

291. Just far too expensive

292. I have stopped going to Royden Park or Thurstaston because of the charges. Please consider people who need and would love to and used to go walking all over Wirral, I'm now put off by the parking charges, the cycle lanes and the 20mph speed limits there are so many restrictions to a leisurely walk!!

293. Disregarding the wishes of the general public.

294. I object to being charged 60 to park outside my own house it's ridiculous and can't be enforced

295. Charging for people who come to these areas either to spend money in the local shops which creates revenue for the borough ,or to get exercise which helps the borough keep its health cost down.also the local charities use these to park when making the area look nice and clean ,something the council don't do .

296. People are coming out, shopping local, using small local businesses and you want to start making it impossible for these people to shop local and keep money in the borough?? Are you crazy?? Everything else is astronomically priced, people are struggling to get by, but with what little money they have left they can support local businesses and not have to line your own pockets first to shop there. Might as well just make people sit at home and not leave the house and just shop on Amazon. Because then you don't get any money for new office blocks in Birkenhead.

297. Will turn the Wirral into the same sorry state Birkenhead is in

298. The council seems set on driving locals and visitors (motorhome owners and motorists) away from the area. They can find money for endless amounts of signage, and unused cycle paths but expect people to pay for parking and get nothing in return.

299. Other than my previous comments I object to paying to park in car parks in poor repair. An example is the car park adjacent to Birkenhead Bus Station and Market. Loose surface blocks and speed humps which are too high.

300. The council are just money grabbers. Council tax is high enough, now you are trying to take away our leisure time by charging us to visit our local areas. Absolutely outrageous

301. Are the schemes costed? How much will they cost to administer and police? Has the impact on loss of trade to local shops and businesses been factored in to the costs? You cannot force behavioural change through legislation or regulation - people will behave as suits them best

302. My reasons are the same for all proposals for charges to current parking, as a labour controlled council we pay one of the highest council taxes in the country in an area of high deprivation, yet you seek to increase and enforce charges to parking in all areas stated which financially deprives ordinary citizens who are already struggling financially with council tax increases, gas and electric increases, mortgage and rent increases with crippling charges, cost of living increases to food and essential items are crippling, now you want to

charge the everyday citizen additional parking charges with no due consideration of the local communities high levels of social deprivation high nos of food banks! plus the negative impact to the local economy, many people syopped shopping in liscard cherry tree due to car parking fees and you show a lack of disregard of the effects to tourists and visitors who are also struggling financially, they will vote with their feet and visit places that do not charge them to park!

"303. The detriment to local business is greater than the financial gain of WBC.

Locations like the gun site is not (atleast safely) accessible any other way than by vehicle. Vehicle is needed for the water activities carried out here.

You've removed leisure centres and pools and are note creating barriers to wild swimming.

Also creating barriers for well-being walks starting from in Moreton, a deprived area low in leisure and recreational facilities.

With threats to other services the peninsular is being drained of leisure facilities and at risk of being an undesirable place to live and work. "

304. Yes! - all of it should remain free of charge

305. None providing the disabled are not disadvantaged by any of the schemes.

306. Part of the benefit of living on the Wirral is access to all of our lovely outdoor spaces and community resources. By charging you will discourage people from accessing the outdoors and redirect shoppers to free car parks at big chains rather than shopping locally and supporting independent businesses. You cannot cite climate change as the reason when there is extremely poor public transport on the Wirral and it is not feasible to travel this way to most locations

307. No

308. Introducing parking charges will add to congestion on local roads where there are no charges: local small businesses will suffer.

309. It will encourage more illegal parking and more parking on pavements which is very dangerous, particularly for disabled people. There is no enforcement against illegal parking and decreasing the provision for illegal parking will only exacerbate an already very difficult situation.

"310. There is plenty of room for parking. The scheme is not about reducing congestion. People should not have to pay to visit the coast where they can exercise and get fresh air. I

think the council is introducing these charges to get extra money out of people. Its nothing to do with controlling the traffic or making parking fairer. It will cause increased congestion on nearby roads that do not have parking charges.

I think the parking schemes disadvantage people, reducing freedom and reducing people's enjoyment of their locality. I think the council are introducing these schemes in a blanket fashion solely to take money from residents. If a parking charge is to be introduced to make access fairer then the public should be presented with evidence that a parking problem exists. I would also like to comment about the motorhome restrictions that have recently come in on Hoylakr. An article said that motorhomers were littering and causing stress. However I have not found any evidence of this and the council have not presented evidence either. I think the council should take more account of how the local people view the situations and do what local people want. It appears that we are having these parking restrictions imposed and they are not necessary."

311. Money making. We pay our taxes but you waste money on poles in the middle of roads, cycle paths not used, buildings put up, but not for people to live in. Paying taxi fares for immigrants to shop, the list is endless. ...

312. As above

313. Visitor to the coast bring money into the local communities. The council should not be predatory on these visitors.

314. Only those that involve access to the Wirral coastline. Seems fair to charge carparks but feel your rates are of the scale. Far to expensive. Just been to Manchester centre and paid no where near those rates you propose. Stop trying to penalise local people for your budgeting mistakes.

315. Again the council is being shortsighted in its attempts to resolve a financial crisis of its own making consideration is not given to the massive impact this will have on small businesses.

"316. Absolutely disgusting..

Bad for small business and bad for us residents "

317. Exemptions for those unpaid unofficial workers for our community who have been maintaining our streets and beaches for years

318. I think it will effect some of the smaller local businesses were the parking sites are suggested. I believe the decline in Liscard and Birkenhead shopping areas are due to people preferring to visit retail parks where parking is free, and avoid the towns were parking is expensive. I believe these smaller shopping areas will suffer the same fate. As with the shopping areas the small cafes on the coastal areas will be effected. Tanskys Bistro, The Green Hut, The Mess are just a few that I believe will be some of the worst effected.

319. This is yet another attack on local motorists and is another example of how out of touch the labour council are. Local residents want antisocial behaviour reduced but they seem hell bent on making Wirral car free for some unknown reason. Half of the places listed are ghost towns already as people will just drive to the retail parks so they don't have to worry about paying for parking. Just remember, that a couple of quid extra you raise from parking is a couple of quid extra taken away from a local business that could make the difference to whether they go bust or not.

"320. Please implement! Don't be put off by the vocal moaners. This is a very sensible proposal.

Money raised should be reinvested in sustainable transport alternatives and programmes"

321. See all the above. It's just another way of targeting motorists and people who want to support their local areas...Shame on you

322. Nothing has changed from 2022, when a similar scheme had been proposed. It's tone deaf of the council to keep consulting on similar schemes which do not have the buy in from local residents and businesses. The detriment to the environment will come when people are circling around the neighbourhoods to find free parking. Active travel is something that is not a possibility for all, elderly and infirm, and for people who live somewhere where they can't store a bicycle safely. People who need equipment to do their job need a vehicle. Staff needing to park to be close to work won't be given pay rise to cover that extra cost, customers who come for services may go elsewhere rather than add that cost to come for a hair cut in West Kirby, dentist appointment. This is happening because the previous revenue streams from parking like Birkenhead Shopping Centre, now has very few visitors due to building a big office block, Europa Pools now has very few visitors because the offer has changed significantly, and Dee Lane West Kirby has been closed and compromised for years due to the building of the flood alleviation scheme. All that money lost has to come from somewhere, so the parking scheme is back on the table. The climate emergency is not helped by masses of waste pumped into the water close to beaches used for swimming, water sports etc. By councils not using all recycling opportunities at the point of rubbish accumulation. I'm not surprised it's back on the table wrapped up as an environmental issue, I'm just sad that despite multiple consultations and petitions Wirral Borough Council doesn't actually listen to what the people want. You want people to utilise active travel, then sort out the pavements by the bus stops in West Kirby, because week after week regular active travel users fall over there on account of uneven paving. Buses park there with their engines running, perhaps start with things that would make active travel more appealing rather than forcing people away without a sustainable solution.

323. As stated above.

"324. Main objection is South Parade in West Kirby.

House prices for the side roads will plummet due to parking issues. "

325. Appreciate the council has a hole in their finances, but this quick fix is counter productive in the long term.

326. Introduce an annual park anywhere at car parks for £200 and on road paid parking

327. This is a poorly planned out policy, will detrimentally destroy village and town visits and will not generate the revenue required. I personally will no longer visit many of the places. We live on the Wirral for many reasons, and visiting these towns is one of them stop putting people off and encourage more visits not short termed policies that will doom the areas to failure, look at other areas where this has been introduced and what it has done, visitor numbers well down! I object!

328. It's a tax on fresh air. The Wirral is beautiful, don't make it uglier with car parking schemes. Leave it uncomplicated. Leave the people with nothing to enjoy the fresh air, the families who struggle to make ends meet who only live in flat and can't afford a garden, a mortgage are paying student debts choosing to heat or eat, buy petrol or buy car park, buy food at local cafe or pay for parking.. go out or just stay in and watch TV because every time they leave the house it costs £3 for parking. You can't keep a bike because it gets stolen at knife point or behind your back, you don't have garden to put it in. Your mobility scooter won't fit through your door, gate and it's been vandalised again or stolen. It's against the law to use an e scooter, the roads are too dangerous to drive on as so many uninsured drivers floating the law. Insurance is sky high and the price of cars is astronomical oh and it's so windy and raining again. Find another way to raise your money, this will be so unpopular and don't give me that we need to make difficult decisions" as someone who is continually broke and is the brunt of difficult decisions stop it. I work hard in spite of my disability and receive minimum wage. In order to pull myself up I need to work harder and harder and harder. I won't make the end, I won't get to retirement, it's moved again and again. Leave my prom alone and leave me to work out how to continue working and paying for all these services. Gas, electricity, water, fuel, insurance, dog vet bills, food broadband, telephones, bank charges, car park fees residents pass tv licence dentist, prescription charges disability stuff, there is nothing left. Energy time minimum wage rises everything else does so the 10 things by 10 % and minimum wage is uplift is outstripped within a day. I have basic tv package one tv. I don't drink, i don't eat out go the cinema socialise in establishments. I'm the working poor we are broke and can not take any more. I support labour and I can't understand why they think it's okay. It's not okay and I object because of the hardship it will put upon car owners. I won't have car soon as I won't be able to afford one. It's always poorest who suffer.

329. Again, adding or increasing charges will discourage people from visiting the areas, it may price out poorer families and it will have an affect on local businesses. Wirral residents pay enough in council tax already, we should be able to access our local area without being priced out. We are already seeing families struggling due to the cost of living crisis, adding

further charges and pricing people out of little enjoyment they have left is unfair and unnecessary.

330. Charging for parking will have a detrimental effect on the wellbeing of Wirral residents. Many elderly people rely on these open spaces for mental wellbeing. They cannot be expected to use public transport or the unnecessary bike lanes. They also shouldn't be expected to pay for the privilege of our natural beautiful coastline!

331. Short sighted. Impact on residents.

332. STOP CHARGING FOR ALL OUR OUTDOOR SPACES JUST TO MAKE MONEY TO FUND YOUR FAILURES. WE PAY ENOUGH TO LIVE ON THE WIRRAL. NO WONDER PEOPLE ARE UNHEALTHY, ISOLATED AND DISILLUSIONED

"333. residents will find it difficult to park near their homes. Businesses will lose trade if what visitors there are are made to pay to park. Does the revenue raised compare favourably to the visitors lost?"

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334. The schemes will lead drivers to find other free places to park such as local side streets as it has at Eastham Woods. Causing issues with flow of traffic and causing an eyesore. Alternatively it could lead to economic inactivity as people will avoid the areas concerned. It will negatively affect local businesses. Visitors will be put off coming to the Wirral.

335. The council wants replacing with people who care about the residents and people who have shops who are trying to make a living and to the hospital staff and visitors who are going for appointment or visiting sick patients in hospital stop ripping loyal customer off

336. Parking charges will drive visitors away and cause businesses to suffer. It will also result in people parking more in congested residential areas, which will be even worse if cycle lanes are introduced.

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"338. You are trying to make money out of people who already pay their taxes.

I think the council would be better off employing more staff. That would save money on unemployment benefits, and getting people back in the work force.

NO WIN NO GAIN

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339. I live in a street with residential parking permits, which are currently free. You're planning to make this £60 per year - to park outside my own home, where I pay council tax. It's absolutely outrageous.

340. Recreation and exercise is a very important and valued part of people's life, in particular to maintain a healthy physical and mental well being. People are strapped for cash these days and taking away the ability to go and walk down the beach for those not lucky enough to live adjacent to them, without having to pay yet more money, would be detrimental to all. It would cost more in health care costs than would make in charges. It would be especially detrimental to the elderly. It feels like yet another tax on the less wealthy compared to those who can afford to live by the beach and walk there.

341. People pay road tax so that they can drive. Drivers will have no where to park except for side roads. You will cause chaos and danger

342. As a system we are looking to cut millions of pounds from our health care budget and spending more year on year on mental health and weight loss, launching apps and promoting a "healthy start" in life. This is ridiculous when the council proposition is to cut off peoples access to natural beauty and green space, widening health inequalities for those who does live within walking distance of these areas (or any green space in fact), for those who aren't able to use public transport.

"343. Many parts of Wirral are among the most deprived areas in the country.

. You need to build up the flow of people into leisure and shopping areas, not put fees in the way to deter people from coming in."

344. This area has been free to park since i moved to the prom in 1977. another nail in the coffin for Wirral businesses and something that will stop people visiting ! we already pay council tax and road tax this extra charge is abhorrent

345. Is there anything else that you boys and girls can think of to destroy the local economy.

346. It will take money from local business and tradespeople. It will also push parking to nearby side roads creating stress for residents. It's takes away from people visiting these areas.

"347. When exercising any function under the RTRA the local authority (the Council in this instance) must

consider the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic and other traffic (including

pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.

This requires the Council to weigh up several factors when making a decision to proceed with a

proposal. These include, if applicable:

- The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;

- The effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting roads by HGVs so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the area through which the road runs;
- The national air strategy (section 80 of the Environment Act 1995);
- The importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles;

- Any other matters appearing to the Council to be relevant.¹

The Statement of Reasons provided (and indeed any documentation made available for the consultation, falls far short of demonstrating the Council fulfilling its duties, above. It amounts only

to broad strokes, lazy justification.

- The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;

How has the Council considered the 'desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to

premises'? Local residents have raised concerns regarding access and ability to park on roads on

which they own properties. It is clear, even to a lay person not particularly versed in infrastructure

and parking, that introducing the parking charges to South Parade will encourage visitors to use the

residential side streets that run perpendicularly. It is human nature to do so. Has the Council properly considered this?

Please provide studies undertaken of the seasonal impact of residential parking displacement and,

having considered these studies, how these findings support the proposed parking scheme (at all, or

at least without implementing a residential parking scheme in tandem). Please provide examples

where a similar scheme has been introduced in coastal towns (using data available on a country



wide basis, and not just Wirral) and the impact on local business and residents. Please provide a

breakdown of these findings to show the number of areas where paid parking was implemented and

whether residential parking schemes were implemented at the same time, later, or not at all (though

note my comments regarding Residential Parking Schemes, below).

- The effect on the amenities of any locality affected

With regards to 'the effect on the amenities of any locality affected'; how does the Council consider

the proposed parking scheme to be of any positive affect to the local shops? Parking will be more

difficult. More people will opt to use out of town shopping centres where free parking is available in

abundance. It will harm the 'amenities of [the] locality affected'. I have not spoken to a single

business owner (mainly on Banks Road) who is in support of the proposed scheme. In addition to a

reduction of the users of amenities, there will be the knock-on affect to employees and workers of

the local amenities; where are they expected to park? Is it expected they will have to pay? Note my

comments below regarding the introduction of a Resident Parking Scheme (and why this may not be

a viable solution should it be proposed).

Please disclose the Council's research into the impact on local commerce (and who undertook this

research and the process for undertaking the same). Please disclose the extent of any consultation

made (including pamphlets, door to door etc).

- Environmental Impact

With regards to 'the national air strategy (section 80 of the Environment Act 1995)' I can only

presume the meeting out which the proposals were made ran out of time before this was

considered? For ease, please use this link to read the nation's strategy on Air Quality:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/69336/pb12654-air-quality-strategy-vol1-070712.pdf

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S122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The introduction of the parking scheme will result in increased air pollution, contrary to the national

strategy. Vehicles will be (and again, this is human nature) encouraged to drive in 'loops' around

West Kirby to try and find a 'free' parking spot. In other cases, vehicles will be idling for longer

whilst waiting for spaces and/or to avoid breaching regulations. I, a resident, will have to 'loop'

around for a space in the vicinity of my home. I anticipate (as dictated by science) that this will raise

Carbon monoxide (CO) and Particulate Matter (PM-PM10 and PM2.5), Oxides of nitrogen (NOX) and

Benzene amongst other pollutants.

For ease, I summarise the potential effects on health (note this is the effect on individuals in the area

affected more so, but the affect on the environment at large is also to be considered, including

global warming)

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- CO

'Substantially reduces capacity of the blood to carry oxygen to the body's tissues and blocks important biochemical reactions in cells. People with existing diseases which affect delivery of oxygen to the heart or brain, such as angina, are at particular risk.'

and

- PM-PM10 and PM2.5

‘Both short-term and long-term exposure to ambient levels of PM are consistently associated with respiratory and cardiovascular illness and mortality as well as other ill-health

effects. The associations are believed to be causal. It is not currently possible to discern a threshold concentration below which there are no effects on the whole population’s health. PM10 roughly equates to the mass of particles less than 10 micrometres in diameter that are

likely to be inhaled into the thoracic region of the respiratory tract. Recent reviews by WHO and Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollutants (COMEAP) have suggested exposure to a finer fraction of particles (PM2.5, which typically make up around two thirds of PM10 emissions and concentrations) give a stronger association with the observed ill-health effects, but also warn that there is evidence that the coarse fraction between (PM10 – PM2.5)

also has some effects on health.’

and

- Benzene

‘Benzene is a recognised human carcinogen which attacks the genetic material and, as such, no absolutely safe level can be specified in ambient air. Studies in workers exposed to high levels have shown an excessive risk of leukaemia.’

- NO_x

‘NO₂ is associated with adverse effects on human health. At high levels NO₂ causes inflammation of the airways. Long term exposure may affect lung function and respiratory symptoms. NO₂ also enhances the response to allergens in sensitive individuals.

2 All descriptions of potential effects on health/environment taken from ‘The Air Quality Strategy for England,

Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland’

High levels of NO_x can have an adverse effect on vegetation, including leaf or needle damage

and reduced growth. Deposition of pollutants derived from NO_x emissions contribute to

acidification and/or eutrophication of sensitive habitats leading to loss of biodiversity, often at locations far removed from the original emissions.

NOX also contributes to the formation of secondary particles and ground level ozone, both of

which are associated with ill-health effects. Ozone also damages vegetation'

In summary, regarding the environmental impact and consideration of 'balance' having weighed up

all requirements, there will be an increased volume of pollutants with no commercial gains (note

comments above regarding affected amenities).

Please disclose who has been consulted on the environmental impact of the parking proposals and

their findings.

Please provide evidence that the Council has weighed up the above elements in accordance with its

obligations under the RTRA and yet continued with its proposals. Please provide all studies to

support these findings.

The reasons given always refer to the 'sustainability' of these plans. Without a doubt, paid parking will be

sustainable (note my comments below regarding income derived from the scheme) but has the

sustainability of local businesses/amenities been considered?

Please provide evidence of this. Please demonstrate the balance between sustainability of parking

plans v sustainability of local commerce. Please justify the value of a sustainable parking plan v

sustainable local business and the weight afforded to each by the Council.

Reference is made to the proposed changes as 'fair' is without any justification. What is fair to the

Council may differ to what is fair to residents and businesses. Fair to local residents is the ability to

park on a road that I live on without paying. Fair to local businesses may be that it is convenient for customers to use their services and purchase goods. In what context is the statement 'fair' used in the proposals? Fair to whom? Please provide the Council's research and findings that allow the Council to make the statement that this is a 'fair' proposal, and what 'fair' is defined as in this context.

Resident Parking Scheme

It has been mooted often by residents in the affected zone that a Resident Parking Scheme will have to be implemented should the proposals come into force. In my considered view, this is papering over the cracks and ignoring key issues. It is also not a viable solution for many. I have set out below hypothetical considerations should such a 'solution' be proposed (though I note the criteria for introduction of such a scheme is not likely to be fulfilled regardless).

As a household requiring two cars (two young children and my wife is a shift working hospital doctor) we are also reliant on childcare assistance from third parties. Whilst I appreciate that residents can apply for as many permits as vehicles are registered to the property, only a single visitor pass is issued. This will be problematic for many.

There are also increased costs in (a) setting up of the scheme and (b) permit issue and renewal fees year on year.

Has a Residential Parking Scheme been considered in light of the parking proposals? Has the income from the introduction of such a scheme been considered? Please disclose minutes (if any) of

meetings that such proposals have been discussed.

Regardless of the viability for residents, introducing a Residential Parking Scheme will absolutely

damage local businesses further. Again, and see comments above regarding the Council weighing up

the RTRA requirements and local amenities, there will be reduced users of local shops from anyone

that lives outside of walking distance. Local workers will not be able to park near to their place of

work."

348. As I stated above, I have a business on Bridge road, West Kirby and the last year it has been impossible to park anywhere near the shop as people park outside to avoid paying at the concourse. If you add more paid parking you will push people to park in free residential areas and affect residents and businesses.

349. Hoylake Beach needs fixing let's start there. Why do you wish to make our area worse? For visitors for residents for local businesses? Please find another way to make money

350. You need to think carefully about how this affects local businesses and also those shoppers who do not drive or do not have access to a car.

351. Inflation and cost of living been to high greedy councilors wanting more money when they should scrap there ridiculous cycle lanes and 20 mph schemes that cost us tax payers a lot of money just wasting it and making any excuse to make us poorer. And the agenda of getting all cars off the road won't happen.

352. here we go again! let's hit the ordinary man in the street to raise money because of the laughable attempts by this council to manage affairs properly

353. As someone who has mental health issues. Being able to park and go for a long walk, helps me with my anxiety and depression. Many people are struggling with finance issues and having to pay for parking seems Wirral Council once again don't care. Visitors to the area will either go elsewhere or park in the side roads. You seem determined to kill local businesses, people won't pay for parking and go to the retail parks elsewhere, and we're supposed to be the leisure peninsula, yet slowly you seem hell bent making residents lives harder. Try saving money within the council and stop wasting money on bad schemes like the cycle lane schemes.

354. Look elsewhere to increase funds by more careful spending. Monitor cycle lanes and honestly assess if they are worth the vast sums being spent on them. If charges must come in make them minimal e.g. 20p half an hour/hour so as not to put people off. Charges will shift parking problems elsewhere

355. These might create the council some revenue but will be massively damaging to local businesses and push the problem onto poor local residents who already struggle to park outside thier houses. Maybe sell the sail loft at west kirby to a private firm if you want to raise funds it is just sat there being wasted.

356. Once again, it seems, our illustrious elected members and the officers of the Council have failed to learn anything from previous debacles of their own designing. One thinks of the multimillions of pounds wasted on the Hamilton Project which resulted, directly, from the end of Parking Discs in Birkenhead and the introduction of on-street paid parking. One can almost see the tumbleweed blowing down the deserted streets in that area of the Borough. Does anybody within the Council ACTUALLY look back at pet schemes which have failed? I am sure it is no coincidence that previous FOI requests for a P &L breakdown on net parking revenue were always refused (on spurious grounds).I despair!

357. As it stands Parking is not an issue on the Wirral, having lived in London and Bristol I have seen what over-zealous parking restrictions can do to local businesses and to the mental health of people living in the restricted zones trying to park near their houses when their roads are full of people avoiding paying for parking. I see businesses going under weekly in West Kirby and it is starting to look like a depressing sight with boarded shops...this will only serve to make it worse. Why are you trying to make it more difficult for residents and businesses when they are already struggling with a cost of living crisis?? Surely there are better ways to find revenue.

358. Money grabbing gits.

359. I fully understand that the council needs income. It is far better to have retail premises fully occupied and paying rates than unoccupied retail premises not paying rates . Which means a drop in any car park revenue available.

360. I know the council will put charges in. But residents will suffer. At the end of each road in West kirby if it could be possible for a 30 minute short stay spot to assist shoppers

361. Your taking the p***

362. Just a money grabbing scheme disguised as for the benefit of people.

363. The council represent the public of Wirral and they need to listen to our concerns. Parking charges will impact the poorest people and also local business's. The Council think they know best like when they wasted OUR money implementing ridiculous 20MPH zones, they can not be allowed to implement these parking ch

364. Parking should be free

365. No just Banks road

366. As above

367. Please make some money for the council and put it to good use to improve life for other road users e.g bikes, pedestrians, public transport. Encourage people to use cars less.

"368. The council is reputed to be keen to encourage more physical activity. Imposing these charges will deter visitors from areas where they are likely to go to be active - recreation areas, coastal areas.

Imposing parking charges was seen to be disastrous for traders in Birkenhead. Removal of the disc parking and replacement with pay stations resulted in an overnight desertion of the town centre by drivers. eg Europa Boulevard, which was always full of parked vehicles during shopping hours, became, and has remained empty. Similar results can be expected for traders in West Kirby and New Brighton.

Imposing charges on promenades will simply drive vehicles onto side streets and shift the problem onto the residents there. undoubtedly, this will result in WBC issuing permits, for which those residents will be expected to pay - a further uncalled for financial burden."

369. So WBC continues to try and destroy the Wirral. Spending money on ill thought out and useless schemes (the joke of a sea wall that failed at the first hurdle and the unused cycle lanes etc) and then tries to claw it back by penalising the motorist yet again. The narcissistic Ms Grey and her cronies will continue to try and make it uncomfortable or impossible for car owners to go anywhere even if it is to the detriment of local businesses and the economy. This is just another way she sees she can try and rid the roads of motorists. However she needs to understand that motor vehicles will never go away. They are here to stay for whatever people need them for. No matter how much they are targeted and how much money is wasted and how many businesses and livelihoods are destroyed in this vendetta, vehicles will continue to be bought and used. Ms Grey and her lunatic utopian dream where nobody drives and everyone walks or cycles everywhere will never succeed for multiple reasons. So if that is WBC's mission, like most of your schemes again it will fail but the fallout for the local people, the businesses and the economy will be devastating. Yet again well done WBC I haven't a clue who you are here to represent other than yourselves but it certainly isn't the residents, the very people who are paying your wages. You are a disgrace and should be ashamed of yourselves, but with the likes of Ms Grey in charge, who disregards and blatantly ignores any "public consultation" results to push their own agenda through, nothing is ever going to change - RIP The Wirral Peninsula.

370. Come and see the impact on local roads and understand the implications of this choice. Please do not ruin local communities

"371. If charges are imposed on the use of the car park then they simply won't be used and the scheme won't generate any significant income to the council. Cars will be parked on the local residential roads and illegal parking (which is already a problem) will increase which will be detrimental to road safety. Local businesses will suffer as customers will prefer to use the retail parks at Rock Park and Bromborough or in other places where parking is free. The scheme will be expensive to implement with installation of infrastructure required, and will

require management. I am sure that this will be outsourced to a private company meaning that net receipts to the council will be further reduced. I am also concerned about the mechanisms that will be used for collection of parking charges. If this is to be 'pay by phone' as per the arrangements at Woodside this would be discriminatory against many people who prefer not to or are unable to use mobile phones to make payments through various parking 'apps'.

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372. By putting charges in these areas, local people will not park there any more. It is such a shame that visits to so many local areas are being spoiled by people being charged wherever they go. We already pay high council taxes so why are we having to pay more and more to enjoy our surroundings?!

373. Having to pay for parking will impact on local businesses. There are enough empty shops on the Wirral already. Not being able to park for free will more than likely cause more business to fail.

374. All these schemes will affect small local businesses who rely on local support to keep in business. Many residents will not wish to pay parking charges (and increased parking charges) to support local business and will just go to the likes of Tesco, Sainsburys and Morrisons for their shopping.

375. Parking as a resident is difficult enough, having to pay for parking when you do eventually find a space will be completely unnecessary. Charging the local residents to park to enjoy our coastlines or local shops will reduce the amount of locals wanting to visit these places as managing money is hard enough at this moment in time and although this may not seem a lot of money it adds up.. paying to stop anytime you leave your own home.

376. I strongly object to TO/24/38 as charging fees in many of these local off street car parks will just encourage people to park on the street instead. Parking on the street causes traffic and reduces safety for pedestrians on the road.

377. There are many people with limited mobility who enjoy driving to Wirral's coastal areas for some fresh air and some gentle exercise. Many of these people do not satisfy the very strict criteria for "Blue Badges". What this scheme will do, if implemented, is discourage people from visiting the areas concerned and walking around the Marine Lake, for example, and thereby improving their physical and mental health. WBC should be encouraging people to take exercise around our beautiful coastline and NOT discouraging it.

378. Parking charges are an unfair way to treat motorists who want to visit for retail or social and many marine medics use these facilities when on stranding call outs

"379. We live in Dinmore Road , Wallasey, Liscard, Ch44 5XE

We feel that we should not have to pay to for parking outside our house, also for the residents parking. the reason while I think this is unfair is because when people come to visit

they have to park somewhere in the road , because thy cant get close to our house. When we have a sign over the road saying you can park there saying you can park their for free for 90 minutes . So people dont live in the road park there quite frequently , to avoid parking in Liscard shopping centre . People also park in our road to pick up school children. We also feel that the traffic warden comes down the wrong times.

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380. Absolutely no way is this allowed. WBC has mismanaged public funds for long enough, and now feels the public should be made to pay further for their mistakes.

"381. I would like it logged that my wife and I find it unfair to charge us because we live by Tranmere Rovers Football Club, when other on road parking areas that are not in permit areas do not have to pay.

The proposed charged would cost us a minimum of £120 a year plus any visitor permits. Or we just don't allow friends and family to visit as we would be further out of pocket. We rely on Grandparents to look after our young son, afterschool to help keep costs down but this is counterproductive when we would now have to fork out for permits for them.

The lady next door to us is elderly and relies on visits from her family to drop off shopping, medication etc.

This clearly feels like we are being penalised for living within a permit area.

I would appreciate if these comments could be logged and feedback to the committee."

382. I think it is fair to introduce REASONABLE charges at some of the carparks in say West Kirby & New Brighton but the sums being mentioned will just kill off the towns & they will become ghost areas, the same as Birkenhead.

"383. People pay enough Tax to this Labour Council with our Council Tax

Resident Parking fees for Resident Parking is very unfair,asking £60 for a permit and £40 for a visitors permit,I noticed people with Resident parking disc's on there car's are valid for 3years,so you can use them as a cash cow,"

384. Stop monetising parking as a way to raise income, find other ways.

385. If Wirral BC continues to bring in charges for parking absolutely everywhere you will make it financially impossible for people to shop local as people will just go to the huge superstores where they can park for free and loose out on local busines rates when these small businesses go under. You will make it impossible for lower income individuals and

families to get regular fresh air and daylight by visiting our local beauty spots to exercise and /or walk dogs. You would be putting a tax on Wirrals mental well-being.

386. You need to be clear on objectives and these need to be wider than carbon reduction and a means of raising money for the Council. You need to be clear on the impacts as to whom you will effect e.g elderly and this will have an impact on the vitality of local centres and potentially displace parking on to the road e.g this is evident in Heswall. Therefore it has to be supported by improved public transport provision. The Council needs to make more effort in maintaining car parks and keeping them clean including clear of glass.

387. Parking should be free as this encourages people to go in local walks and shop locally which benefits surrounding areas and businesses

388. People have enough to contend with the huge cost of living and the increase in Council Tax this year. What is the evidence that these schemes are beneficial to residents please? What will this proposed income generation to be spent on? Can we have this information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000?

389. This scheme may bring in some income but will result in local residents being put off from using those facilities that we have enjoyed for many years and are what makes this area so good. Also it will ultimately result in an overall loss of revenue for the area as other businesses and ventures will see a loss of users. A very shortsighted approach without actually doing anything to help or benefit the residents. Shocking!

390. Not all the people of Wirral can pay for parking,.

391. Introducing parking charges primarily to raise revenue is not legal and has been successfully challenged several times. I am amazed that the council is trying it on again, by the back door. I do however support a ban on overnight parking at Meols, Hoylake and West Kirby promenades to deter motorhomes.

392. I don't know all the areas in detail to have an opinion on them so I have not supported or objected to them

393. Give the people a break we pay enough tax we pay enough road tax we pay enough for everything

394. Same as comments in 2

395. Don't do it!!

396. See comments above. Maybe instead of bringing this forward every year similar attention could be put to helping more people access the countryside and our beautiful seashore. It might also work to stimulate the local economy rather than imposing another tax on people.

397. Why change and make life more difficult for community and business

398. This is a means of the council increasing its budget. Not a way of reducing traffic congestion

399. I have no problem with charging for busy off-Road car parks and commercial areas. However, the council should not impose schemes in low-congestion areas or where local residents and civic amenities will be adversely impacted by parking restrictions.

400. Some places should be free to encourage visitors to come , who will then spend there money supporting local businesses and ammenities there. With the cost of living as it is, people are already making decisions about what they will do based on cost.if you add another level to that cost it will impact negatively

"401. Carparks in towns are already charged, why does all parking have to be paid for.We pay enough in council tax to surely ensure that the above areas are free to enjoy.

The council needs to get a grip on its Finances without always hitting residents in their pockets."

402. I object to what I consider to be an ideological shift to reduce and remove vehicular traffic from the Wirral in conjunction with over reach on speeding restrictions and poorly thought through cycle lane schemes.

403. There is always enough parking, and never an issue like you propose it will solve. Charging for parking and putting maximum stay times on parking areas on or off the street will only deter people from supporting local businesses as there will be no free parking around.

404. People from all over the Wirral use the promenade to exercise, social, walk their dogs. In an area such as wirral which has many residents from a poor socio economic background these charge will put people off visiting. The wirral has health issues related to obesity and type 2 diabetes and taking away areas where people can go to exercise for free is adding to the problem.

405. Money grabbing scheme without thought to the people of Wirral. Businesses will struggle and tension caused in roads in the area due to parking problems.

406. This reduces accessibility for all locals and tourists. I would only support it if public transport links were improved

"407. This will result in people parking on side streets.

We should be encouraging people to enjoy these natural areas and not have to pay for the privilege."

408. You shouldn't have blown £14m on the stupid and unnecessary sea wall at West Kirby should you?

409. I feel EXTREMELY STRONGLY ABOUT THESE PLANS AND THE CYCLE ROUTES, STOP THEM NOW NOBODY WANTS THEM, Read the room and your social media

410. I am a resident of Dinmore Road and I am appalled that in the current cost of living crisis people who already pay road tax are now having to spend extra expenditure to park outside their homes. Moreover this becomes an issue when there is a lack of availability of spaces. How can this be deemed appropriate at this time is highly concerning and it requires immediate reconsideration

411. The council proposals will destroy the already pressured local business. Thurstaston common and access to it should be free. The council should be encouraging people to visit the local countryside and use the local amenities and these proposals will have a knock on effect on our narrow side streets. There are many pay car parks and there is no need or rationale for these proposals except as a way of raising money which is not a legitimate reason for imposing these charges. Do the council seriously think that the community believe that this is proposed to manage a parking problem In my road Banks Road which is a disgraceful rut of a lane it will aggregate parking problems as people will simply park on the road. I am very opposed to these measures,

412. It is clear that WBC are simply trying to impose more costs on local residents that will simply have negative effects by making people park in residential areas and cause congestion and disruption to residents in those areas. Overnight parking demand is low for most if not all areas but the charges will have most negative impact in summer months by discouraging residents from going out to areas for exercise in the evenings. A short sighted policy - again- and in many cases an attempt to bring in parking charges where they don't currently exist, by the 'back door' and I object to these proposals in their entirety.

"413. This is just stage 1 of a potential roll out to having to pay during the day too

Once the meters are in they will be used as an excuse to instigate more charges. How can cars staying overnight in all these places & paying £1 cover the cost of installing & administering meters so before we know everyone will have to pay in the day time too

Reasons to be against this are :

The effect on local business & shops

The effect on people's health , e.g in Meols many people come of all ages - quite often the elderly because it is a flat pathway with easy access, having to pay will stop people coming why should they

have to pay

The local school drop off - currently the prom is used to park to access the local primary school - ensuring the neighbouring roads are safer for the children walking to & from school

Once charges are put in place people will either park in the neighbouring streets - affecting the safety of the school children or those visiting won't bother to come to at all, in Meols we

should be encouraging people to use the free facilities we have to maintain health & well being

Ridiculous - greedy council "

414. Charging people to go and get some fresh air is not a good idea. As usual it won't bother the rich just the people on the breadline

415. As above in statements. It is time WBC actually listened to the wirral people not just there YES people.

416. Same

417. Some charges should go up in some places but this should be selective, avoiding green open coastal areas.

418. As above

419. In principle I object. Local residents already pay for the maintenance of all these places. They are not places where hidden taxation should be allowed. If charges are introduced all rate paying residents should be entitled to a free borough wide parking permit.

420. Make nearby roads permit holders only, as the additional traffic can cause obstruction, damage tarmac and cause accidents.

421. No, it's al pitifully sad to keep drawing money out of people already stretched. Look in the mirror, ask yourselves is this truly theright thing to do?

422. I get charging for car parks. But not new in street parking costs.

423. Residents permits should be maximum of £12 per annum.

424. I wish to comment and strongly object on the proposal to introduce an annual £60 charge for residents within the Residents Parking Scheme area's across Wirral. Should this be approved this would be tantamount to imposing a service charge on our property. I bought my house before the Residents Parking Scheme was created in Zone L. Why should I have to pay to park in the road where I live and yet two streets away residents can park for free? I also object to the £40 annual charge for a visitors pass for residents. A one off £40 charge to cover admin costs would be sufficient with a restriction that only one visitors pass per property and it is only valid in the one named road where the resident lives. That would also save on administration and production costs that would be incurred if it was to be issued every year.

425. Stupidity beyond belief

426. My mortgage, energy and food prices have gone up dramatically, every penny counts and I can't afford an additional charge to safely pick my children up from school or to take them on a costal bike ride. This is a shameless money grab with large negative consequences for residents, children (particularly those in poverty) and businesses (particularly independent businesses).

"427. Both local and central government are now and have for many years been trying to encourage people to make healthier choices and do more exercise to reduce health related costs. However these schemes would deter people from being able to take advantage of the areas that they go to for walks/runs, take their children to ride their bikes, play in parks. Not everyone is privileged enough to live close enough to some of these places to have a choice but to drive and if you have children who want to take things like bikes, kites etc public transport is not a feasible option and not everyone lives in areas where public transport is easily accessible.

If this scheme moves ahead it will push these areas out of the reach of a lot of normal working class families who rely on these areas. These areas are a great alternative for families to get the kids out of the house where they don't have to pay out for expensive attractions. This will result in more parents not being able to afford to take their kids out of the house and just increasing levels of childhood obesity on the Wirral."

428. NA

"429. No one wants this. Very much comes across as a money making scheme and as if the council does not care about the people it serves. The popularity of the council lately has been very low, people are very unhappy about the 20 mph speed restrictions, people will also be unhappy about this too. I strongly recommend that they are not put into place.

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"430. Adding charges to every road in the Wirral is disgusting. As a local authority you're going to make it even more difficult for families struggling to have days out.

Perhaps the local authority should review other parts of the business to look at ways to income generate.

Why don't you put a survey out there to suggest other ways to make cost improvements. "

431. It's public land. I already pay road tax. It will deter people from visiting and spending in the local businesses

432. This scheme will deter drivers from parking where they have to pay and will just create chaos in surrounding areas, i.e. in local roads. These open spaces are for people to enjoy, both physically and mentally, this will not happen if charges come into effect. Businesses in the local area will be impacted, you are, in effect, making Wirral a 'no go' area.

433. Business is struggling with a lot of shops and eating places cease trading. This will impact the footfall in the places the charges are introduced and therefore reduce business income.

434. I appreciate that the Council is in a very difficult financial position and has to find savings but I don't think that these additional parking charges are the solution. They will harm local businesses and make life more difficult and unpleasant for residents. In recent years the Council has approved and implemented some local projects including the cycle lanes between Moreton and Bidston and the West Kirby flood barrier, which have been incredibly expensive and widely regarded as unnecessary. This damages the credibility of Councillors and Officers. Don't make the same mistake again with these parking charges and look instead for other ways of balancing the budget.

435. These schemes are going to be positive for local residents who don't have cars, will be positive for businesses. It looks like council officers have chosen not to include the car parking around Wallasey town hall as this would increase their own personal expenses which I think is a conflict of interest and should be investigated formally.

"436. I realise there is a deficit that needs to be made up and that this seems like an easy way to make money. However, the initial infrastructure that will have to be put in place to be able to pay for charging, plus the employment of people to enforce the parking regulations will also bring a cost.

Local businesses will suffer which will bring more financial suffering to areas and we are already in a time where it is hard to prosper as a local business owner due to the economic climate. It should not be made harder due to the previous government, it should be easier.

I can only imagine there will be continuous pushback on this scheme. You may not think the cost is a lot but for people who can't walk to their local primary school, you're looking at them paying £40 a month to park where the school asks them to.

If anyone wants to go for a walk along the coastal route, they are time restricted to get back to the car.

The beach and parking along it should be free, it is the best thing about living in this wonderful area.

Taking away something that brings joy just to make money is a very Conservative way of behaving, don't be like them. It's bad enough paying to go to our local woods, don't take the beaches too.

I very rarely complain about the council, if ever.

However, these parking charges are continually pushed back against and with good reason. It won't bring the financial recovery you're looking for as people just won't go. "

437. No need to put things up so much an extra £10 I would still grumble but think ok that's fair as everything has gone up but not to put it up by £50 it's absolutely disgusting

438. The negative impact on local businesses and families who already struggle to provide leisure activities for children is not being taken into account.

439. I don't agree to the charges for on street parking for resident parking. It is hard enough to get a space near your house with a permit I would be extremely annoyed if I had paid to park outside my house and I was still parking miles away from the house

440. All of the above. Business will lose trade in favour of out of town shopping with free parking and residents will suffer from increased congestion on surrounding roads as people try to avoid the charges as well as the increased cost of parking permits in terms of administrative burden and cost.

441. From a labour voter , DISGRACEFUL

"442. It will no longer be possible to enjoy the beautiful spaces we have in the Wirral if you are going to want money from every possible parking space.

This will affect the elderly and families with young children where a stroll on the prom or day on the beach will now cost money. "

443. Why is the council intent on killing Trade for local businesses

444. An ill considered and counterproductive proposal that will undermine local retail centres, damage businesses and increase congestion in surrounding residential roads. A detailed impact assessment dealing with such factors should be published before any changes are implemented

445. Wirral Council can't get enough money. All this will do is push cars onto public roads

"446. A. This is not 'an increase' as described in the justification it is an 'introduction of charges' as quoted directly from the webpage.

B. Public transport is poor in many areas of the borough. Use of a car is often the only practical option, especially in poor weather and at night, and is already very expensive. May we have realistic alternatives before adding more expense?

C. Many local businesses rely on evening trade. This is yet another barrier.

D. It is very inconvenient to end early at 8am. Many people could forget to top it up and end up being fined.

E. Payment methods: are they going to be app pay only? This already is deterring users from parking at Liscard Cherrytree.

F. I already use the parking app but some car parks are in mobile data dead zones eg Hinson Street. See point D"

447. Just another tax on locals.

448. Does the cost of implementing these schemes justify the return. Surely the Council can find somewhere else to invest their time and money.

"449. I moved to the Wirral 3 years ago from Manchester and already in that time I have noticed a decline in the standards and services across the Wirral. The Wirral is still an amazing place to live, but a short sighted scheme such as this will only continue the decline across the Wirral. People will simple stop visiting places such as New Brighton which is already barely surviving without free parking. Areas like Meols and Hoylake are already in decline due to the condition of the beach - Without free parking even fewer people will visit.

I feel that the people of the Wirral have already been treating unfairly by the council over the past few years with the introduction of many schemes such as the bike lanes, 20 MPH and the lack of raking of Hoylake beach etc. This would be a step too far for many people thinking of visiting or moving to the Wirral and only alienate and frustrate locals like myself even more."

450. Object to all the schemes also the 20mph speed this is causing traffic hold ups and lots more pollution . Also do away with cycle lanes round moreton cross and get rid of Fender lane cycle lanes please take notice of the Punic and stop wasting money on stupid ideas

451. I'm sick of having to try and talk WBC down from this ridiculous idea every 3 or 4 years - if you need revenue look elsewhere. The Wirral is a pretty miserable place to exist for most - and now you want to charge them for looking at the sea. - get a grip.

452. Charging at most of these places will likely result in pushing cars into residential side roads as people try to avoid the charges. These roads are busy enough and could impact residents trying to park near their homes.

"453. I live in New Brighton and often need to drive down to walk my dog I do not agree with charging people to park in the area as it will detract people from coming.

I already don't agree with the not allowing campervans etc as I believe they benefit the businesses within the area.

I also do not agree with these plans to charge as it will also impact upon poor people/families who come to new Brighton for a cheap day out.

I am shocked that a Labour and Green council would agree to such measures. "

454. The first paragraph explaining why charges are being introduced i.e. to keep traffic flowing and make it easier to get a parking place may be applicable in Manchester (where the scheme has been dreamed up) but not on Wirral. It is clearly a money making exercise and to put forward ridiculous explanations does your cause no good and I'm sure makes many people feel they're being taken for fools. Our coast is a very precious amenity and should be free to be enjoyed by everyone not just by those who can afford the parking fees.

"455. All you are doing is taxing local Wirral residents and deterring visitors.

Parking charges is not the answer to plugging the deficit. A forward thinking council would be concentrating on attracting people to the Wirral and not penalising residents who are already under a financial challenge.

As stated above, people use many of these areas for exercise to improve their mental and physical wellbeing, stop that and your NHS costs increase.

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456. I don't mind paying for parking as long as I can park outside my own residence

"457. Parking charges are not going to increase footfall in these places. People will park elsewhere, outside peoples houses, on pavements anywhere rather than pay parking charges.

If you want people use public transport, you have to provide a good transport system."

458. We need to keep small high streets as thriving communities and tourist spots and beaches free for wellbeing

459. Cost of living is difficult for people on a fixed income and having a walk in the coast is one of the few free activities you can do. As a motorist we are already taxed enough. Bringing in charges in the evening is a further tax on local residents.

460. Comments made about site specific schemes above.

461. The council does NOT subsidise parking...the council is there to provide facilities and environments that promote social cohesion and well being. It should support local business, it should be foster civic pride. It should not be restricting use to only those with money or only those more able. Wirral Council does not have any money...it is given it by tax payers...if National Government is setting policy that means that locally you are forced to spend additional funds that are not covered then explain it. You are couching these proposals as income generation they are not, they are additional taxes (that is what parking charges are, an additional tax on one part of the population). This proposed tax increase seems to be driven to raise money from people who you think are getting something for nothing....parking.... but those same people are the ones who pay council tax, income tax, NI, VAT on goods and services, Vehicle Exise Duty, Insurance premium tax, Mersey Tunnel tolls, they have already made their contribution to the recreational areas and our high streets the Council are responsible for. The timing of these proposals is poor here, we are about to go into a harsh national budget, we are being told things are going to be tough, and the local authority has decided to propose this one as well....delay it and revisit the

proposal when it looks like our local economy can afford it. The economic and political case for these proposals appear to be naive or cynical.

462. As local residents we shouldn't have to pay to park in our area. These locations have been free to park for decades and to change it now will affect tourism. We pay enough council tax and road tax. We shouldn't have to pay on public roads.

463. We already pay enough taxes without paying for parking.

464. In some cases it may be necessary where there is mid use of parking. Maybe there should be time limits instead of payments in some areas. Barriers where cars must leave the car park by the end of the day rather than being left there.

465. A money making scheme because the council can't budget properly. How much was wasted on the sea wall at West Kirby? Or on consultations around Hoylake golf course?

"466. I live in Bebington, and as a family, we regularly shop locally and frequently visit the Wirral's seaside. While introducing parking charges may increase the borough council's revenue, it would have a detrimental impact on local businesses. We will certainly visit these places less often and visit supermarkets more regularly as a result of the new parking fees. It's not just the cost itself (although it is a significant burden for families like ours who are already stretched), but also the added time and inconvenience. There's also the constant worry of receiving a fine for even slightly overstaying.

We visit New Brighton and West Kirby frequently and have always loved the lively atmosphere there. Based on my personal experience in places like Bristol, I have no doubt that these areas would become much quieter, and potentially even fall into decline over time. As a local resident, I want to see a vibrant seaside, not one that fades away like many on England's east coast."

467. An alternative approach might be to offer to issue annual parking permits to all local residents (for a small admin fee), which allow us to continue parking without car parks that we already pay for through our council tax and business rates. Anyone unable to display one of these permits - i.e. visitors from outside the area or locals who chose not to buy one - would need to pay the charges. Parking on roads should not attract charges at all.

468. These charges are unnecessary and will cause a negative impact on local streets where there is no cost.

469. Free parking would really help local businesses Otherwise people have to go to supermarkets or retail parks

470. This is a short sighted scheme that will damage Wirral as a whole. The idea also of increasing the residents only permits to £60 is absolutely outrageous and will severely impact some of the poorest in the Wirral. You should be ashamed of yourselves.

"471. There appears to have been no consideration given to the impact of this proposed scheme on the neighbouring residential roads, as people will inevitably try to park on these (free) roads rather than pay a parking charge, We rarely see traffic wardens enforcing the current parking restrictions so I'm not sure how you intend to enforce any new restrictions (especially early morning / evening times).

The council are keen to encourage residents to exercise because of all the health benefits that it brings but under this scheme you will be charged to park in an area where you may wish to walk. Surely this is contradiction in council policies? This is purely a money grabbing scheme proposed by a council that is unable to manage its finances.

I doubt that you will take little notice of any negative comments as a result of this survey and will proceed regardless, just as you did with the 20mph zones."

472. This is another unfair attack on motorist. Another tax to cover the council failure.

473. We will discourage people from using local amenities and areas of interest by introducing parking charges.

474. On Street parking charges in residential streets where residents have no alternative are unreasonable blue badge particularly for the elderly who, though not qualify for a blue badge, would be being discriminated against.

475. Residential parking is to high of an increase needs to go to £20 first then go from there. Family's are on low incomes already

476. Parking charges have already been introduced in several outdoor space car parks e.g. Royden Park, residents should be entitled to visit areas within our lovely peninsula without having to pay excessive charges

"477. Bringing in parking charges will affect the smaller local businesses situated nearby. The public will be more inclined to go to larger free of charge areas where there are larger chain stores (for example shop at the croft rather than in bromborough village)

Bringing in parking charges will also mean more inconsiderate parking but those looking to not pay, for example at the top of town lane, where parking is an issue anyway."

478. Greedy counter productive and short sighted just like the proposals from a couple of years ago. You will not make much money from this, you will deter visitors, you raise risk of accidents outside school areas.

479. Some parking should be free for visitors and residents

480. Should be no charge for parking. End wasteful spending in ineffecient processes or non-productive employees, rather than price-gouging those who the council should instead be serving.

481. Motorists shud not be made to pay for council shortcomings. I will vote against this council at the next election

482. I think this will have many negative impacts. There will be short term increase in funding, but long term consequences on health, physical activity, the popularity of local shops and business (all of which will end up costing more in the long run). In short, I think it is short-sighted and unfairly targets those who are in the lower socioeconomic groups.

483. As above. It will also cost more to manage, just like the public toilets. On Meols Parade toilets people are seen to resort to using the bushes !

484. If you want to reduce pressure on the NHS by improving both physical and mental health of all age groups, stop making it so hard to go out into the countryside to go for a walk for free!!!!

485. It is going to put visitors off coming to the Wirral and visiting these areas therefore killing off the local trade too

486. What do we get these days for our council tax?

487. It's just unbelievable and laughable how awful Wirral council are at managing their finances (managing everything to be fair...). Times are tough and you're making it worse. Other LA's aren't in so much of a mess!

488. I am strongly against these schemes, stop trying to kill off our community. I am sick and tired of Wirral Borough Council mis-managing our money. Stop lending the money out to other councils. Get this loan back. Stop with these 20 MPH road schemes you obviously have no idea how an internal combustion engine works.

489. I am an OAP charging for parking at any of the coastal sites is a tax on leisure and would discourage visiting parks and the beaches. These leisure facilities were a lifeline during the pandemic and use should be encouraged not made less accessible. The knock on effect will be more on street parking in residential areas.

490. This looks like nothing more than a money-making scheme. Public transport is not always an appropriate alternative to car use. Incidentally, I do not drive.

491. Many of these schemes are car parks for local shops, where people are parked for very short periods of time. Charging in these areas will either force people to park on local streets or to shop where there are no charges which will result in local shops and other amenities closing. I am also concerned about the ease of use of ticketing machines. Personal experience in various areas has often left me frustrated as they do not work, require specific (and different) apps and frequently have unclear instructions.

"492. Additional residents parking charges penalize residents on those streets when often the next street is without the charge

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493. There is no need for the parking charges you are suggesting other than it being a cash cow for the council. You will cause issues by pushing parking to other non charging residential roads/stop people visiting places.

494. See reply to Q10

495. See answer to question 10. Damaging to local businesses. Damaging to the health of Wirral residents who will exercise less and won't enjoy the lovely coastal areas. Many cannot afford extra charges on top of the cost of living crisis

496. Any cost/benefit analysis is by definition, largely guesswork, and very often badly wrong due to unforeseen consequences. Ignore at your peril the likely damage to the communities you serve.

497. This scheme is not got for small businesses whose customers just need to nip in to a shop for some necessities And also places to walk their pets.

498. See answer to Q2

"499. I can't even park in my own street, I refuse to pay £60 for a permit that doesn't even guarantee me being able to park in the street. We have a mosque next door to our road which entices people to park in our street willy nilly. It's already illegal to park on my street without a permit, which is never enforced anyway because I haven't seen a traffic warden in this street in years. So how is it fair that we have to pay £60 for a parking permit AND £40 FOR A VISITORS PERMIT that we can't even use properly, when there's people that park here for free everyday?!

I want a response to this, the citizens of The Wirral should not be treated so unfairly."

500. they are something that stops people going to places and once started will keep going up rapidly

501. I think this will damage local businesses and the community when businesses go under and people are made unemployed

502. Schemes limit people to travelling by public transport. Council seems to have a vendetta against card, whilst putting in expensive bike lanes that are unused. Will deter tourism and hit local businesses

503. As I have said this just pushes more customers to the retail parks for free parking, the small shop like mine does not stand a chance.

"504. Well today I came home to find a notice tied to a lamppost listing all the parking zones on the Wirral that from the 28th October that parking permits will be £60 and visitors permits will be £40. When I called Wirral street scene about this. The lady on the phone told me that it was a proposal and if any one rang to complain was to point me to this website. First of I am appalled that the council know I have a residents permit on their system and couldn't be arsed sending me a letter about any such proposal. The fact I have to just glance at a lamppost to find this out just shows how sly the council is of implementing new money making schemes with out letting the Wirral residents know about it.

I would like to point out that I have had a free residents permit for over 25 years , and in the last 15 years I'm yet to see any traffic warden to enforce these permits. Since 2010 a new Mosque was situated next to my street which turns out be the biggest in the Wirral. I can't even park in my street when the Muslims come to pray. And all these Muslims don't have permits to park. So why the hell should i have to pay when you can not guarantee I can park in the street let alone outside of my house. If you sorted out your traffic wardens to attend the area around the mosque at 1 pm you can charge every car with out a permit £60 you would may a huge profit .

I am not going to pay £60 a year neither are my children who have cars. And we still don't get to park in the street. I think the council best sort its s*** out. And start enforcing these no permit holders and start issuing penalty notices. More traffic warden patrols to catch them out. "

"505. This is a residential area .. parking is generally for residents and visitors or workmen in the area.

The only main group affected are local residents.

It is not busy and the costs of imposing parking fees will likely be more than any revenue gained. "

506. The tourist spots need to be charged for. I would happily pay to go for a walk with my children. But if was going to the butcher etc with my children I just wouldn't bother if I had to pay

"507. It's so unfair to add another penalty on people who want to visit all the much loved beauty spots for their well being. These places will become unused.

Then there is the cost of setting up and monitoring of the schemes. "

508. There appears to have been no consideration given to the impact of this proposed scheme on the neighbouring residential roads, as people will inevitably try to park on these (free) roads rather than pay a parking charge, We rarely see traffic wardens enforcing the current parking restrictions so I'm not sure how you intend to enforce any new restrictions (especially early morning / evening times). The council are keen to encourage residents to exercise because of all the health benefits that it brings but under this scheme you will be charged to park in an area where you may wish to walk. Surely this is contradiction in council policies?

"509. 1. Local people who walk their dogs will no longer be able to without incurring parking costs. Even in the early morning.

2. Parking fees limit access to families having time walking the prom / using the beach. This is in direct contrast to the desire to have a more active population

3. People will seek out free parking areas away from the prom but close, in residential areas. Residents will find it more difficult to park, particularly in the summer months. Will the council have a commitment to develop resident permit parking in these areas?"

510. Cut your extortionate salaries and we won't need to pay to park anywhere . Gangsters

"511. The cost of installing the schemes with lines, signs, machines and enforcement is very expensive.

Most of the road schemes are near the promenades where hostile salty sea and high winds will make these schemes very expensive to maintain.

The parking in Meols for the primary school is already out of control with over 500 people on site each day. The imposition of this scheme will impact heavily on side roads and cause even more problems for residents."

512. Local businesses are the fabric of all communities. There is great kudos to say that I live on the Wirral. We have beautiful parks .walks and a unique coastline. I am quite happy to pay parking charges in existing areas plus inflation - but the proposed parking charges on new sites is short term gain which will back fire in the long term

513. Increase current charges for sure, but any additional locations will only lead to reduced utilisation of the wonderful facilities we have on the Wirral. The Council should be looking to attract people to these locations and not put them off via driving costs associated visits upwards.

514. Will have such a negative impact on local businesses across the whole of the Wirral.

515. People's well being needs to be taken into account and also the businesses that rely on these car parks

"516. Introducing parking charges will be detrimental to local businesses and the health of residents.

Your arguments:

x% of residents don't own a car, so shouldn't have to pay for the upkeep of the above car park facilities, is flawed, I live in an area where there is never a need for a police presence may I have my cost for this service transferred to an area that continually requires the services of the Police.

Environmental concerns is flawed as WBC wish to raise £300k per year, if car parks are not used then revenue will be far short of £300k."

517. It is fair that those with cars pay to support the designated car parks and other places that they park. If people can afford the cost of fuelling & general running costs of a private motor car they can certainly afford the small parking charges that are proposed.

518. I think as a council you should be encouraging people to visit local areas. I know myself I would just travel in my car to somewhere I didn't have to pay.

519. Whoever suggested this and the people who supported the implementation should be ashamed of themselves!

520. Yes. Dick Turpin wore a mask, at least! The robber barons of yesteryear are now out in the open and in force, with the most useless and corrupted government and council that I have seen and experienced in my lifetime! Do what you want. You always will! But be prepared to lose those seats with P45s a plenty! Maybe then you would be forced to do a REAL JOB AND IN THE REAL WORLD! YOU LIMP-WRISTED PEN PUSHERS!

521. Anything that discourages residents from enjoying an active lifestyle should be avoided

"522. Parking isn't free and at the end of the day, someone has to pay for it. It costs money for the land, tarmac, other materials, labour etc to maintain it. Under the current setup, we all pay for these free car parks and on street parking through our council tax, regardless of whether we drive or not (and the latest census data shows one in four Wirral households do NOT own a car or have access to a vehicle). It is only right that those using these facilities should therefore cover the full associated costs of these services, rather than relying on everyone else to pay for it.

I strongly support these proposed charges and believe Wirral Council could go even further with them. Ideally, all of the roads in the borough where 90% of homes have off-street parking, on street parking should only be available at a cost. Residents with no off-street parking could be given a free permit for their first vehicle but subsequently apply for a paid permit for any additional vehicles. If an individual buys personal property, such as a car, there is no reason why the council should allow an individual to store that private property on public land for free.

However, the council MUST introduce No Stopping on Verge or Footway TROs on the surrounding streets - many of them narrow - to ensure that selfish and entitled drivers do not simply move where they park their vehicles. A current example is Grange Road and the roads surrounding the Pyramid car park which are all marked as double yellow and No Entry but drivers ignore and park on them to avoid paying for parking. There is no council or police enforcement which makes the area dangerous and highly uninviting. This displacement of vehicles is a well known phenomenon and it WILL happen if there is no enforcement. In particular, it is known drivers will start dumping their vehicles on footways impacting those who rely on wheelchairs and mobility scooters, blind or partially sighted

people, parents with prams or small children, people walking their dogs, and pedestrians in general. As current examples, I strongly recommend viewing Barmouth Road and Bangor Road in Wallasey. Both these roads have a large number of vehicles parked on driveways AND pavements, often forcing local parents and disabled people to walk or wheel in the road. These examples don't even begin to take into account the cost to the council to have to resurface these footways well ahead of the planned schedule (and potentially making the council liable for any slips, trips, or falls on the damaged footways) due to the damage caused by drivers and their vehicles.

No Stopping on Verge or Footway TROs allow residents to easily submit photographic evidence of offences of drivers failing to keep their vehicles on the road to Merseyside Police as a clear failure to follow road signs under the Road Traffic Act. It also lifts pressure on the council to enforce these rules, which will also result in a cost-saving.

The council needs to be bold with these proposals. People will still visit our great peninsula regardless of parking costs. Public transport and active travel need to be prioritised so that people can get around locally, both residents and people visiting us."

523. Short sighted scheme which will damage local business in the long term and cause chaos on residential roads.

524. Why introduce car parking fees? We have managed up to now, surely we should be keeping these small shopping centres alive not killing them?

525. The majority don't want them. Please listen to the council tax paying residents who pay your wages !!!!!

526. See above.

527. Leave the Wirral alone. People have lost/are quickly losing faith in our council with its ludicrous money making schemes. Poor Hoylake and Meols, have no positive input from the council yet again. Birkenhead and West Kirby favoured all the time. Hoylake Beach and Meols toilets - shocking neglect and such an eye sore!

528. Local businesses are directly and negatively affected by each of these proposals, as well as residents in the area.

529. Wirral council have not followed a fair consultation process. They have not outlined the evidence and are misleading consultees by suggesting there is a budget based need. This is not a lawful justification as per the Road Traffic Act 1984.

530. All local amenities will suffer foot loss, and people are paying too much tax as it is to the local council and government.

531. People have already paid their road tax they shouldn't have to pay for parking where there are no restrictions now. If this is just a money making scheme it won't yield enough to make a difference to the failure of good financial management of the council. This is going to be one more thing to suck the life away from Wirral.

"532. You will just move the problem to other streets and make residents pay for parking outside their own homes!

At the moment there aren't any issues with parking just a case of bad management of the the council needing to make more money.

The council need a better finance management team and not charge the residents of Wirral for their mistakes. At this rate residents and visitors will stop going out to lovely spots of Wirral !!!"

533. Please see all comments

534. do something to make roads safer charging for parking where there isn't a parking issue is not helping and will only make the the surrounding areas more congested. Increase the fees at parking sites where they already exist

535. No

536. Please take these comments to be a summary of my personal objection to all of these proposals. Firstly, I have never ever in my life felt so angry as to sign up for and comment upon a public consultation. This is a first - please take that as an indication as to the depth of my sentiments and I believe all friends and family and local people that I have spoken to. Secondly, on the matter of charging people to park - this is hugely detrimental to all people who live in our community. Our coast (where the majority of these charges are being implemented) is largely inaccessible without a vehicle for those who are most vulnerable in our community. It is often trumped as being one of the great benefits of living on the Wirral, and it has long been free to access. To charge people is short-sighted, but most of all it will have a damning effect on the well-being, mental health and physical health of our community. This is about our community, our memories with families, and our entitlement to open space, to our beaches, our sea. This is not a commodity that should be charged for. I have never in my life been more disappointed with a political decision than this one. Please reverse it. Given the hundreds of millions of pounds in the gift of the council this appears to be an absolute almighty own-goal.

537. We already pay council tax as well as all other bills going through the roof - stop trying to take even more money off us

538. Stop the Bebington church Rd parking charge proposal.

539. What will be the cost of paying traffic wardens policing parking after 6.30pm. Increased parking charges will encourage people to go to the Croft Centre and Cheshire Oaks where parking is free. Charging will make people lose jobs as no one will come to the Wirral .

540. Just another tax on motorists . Pay enough already . Not very welcoming for people visiting the areas

"541. I object to all these schemes for the following reasons:

1 They will discourage people from using local businesses this will have an impact on shop owners and small local businesses that rely on income from local people being a small business owner I find it hard enough to make a living as it is.

2. They will discourage people from going out and getting exercise and fresh air which the government and I trust you would encourage for people to have a fit and healthy life and not be a burden to the NHS.

3. I have sailed for years and need to park to launch my boat this I do at Meols forcing me to pay for several Hours parking will have a negative effect on my life and Health as apart from going walking , sailing is my form of exercise which I enjoy. It is appalling that peoples lives and forms of exercise are under pressure from people on one hand are wanting you to do more exercise whilst on the other putting barriers in their way.

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"542. The introduction of car parking charges to car parks which are near smaller shopping areas will reduce the footfall to those businesses and leave even more vacant shopping units.

I appreciate the significant funding challenges the Council is facing but please don't let it be at the expense of local shopping areas and attractions - it will be a nail in the coffin to creating bustling local shopping areas.

People will park cars in side streets which just causes greater tension. Surely having viable businesses which contribute to business rates, employment opportunities and making the Wirral an attractive place to live is what we should be striving for, the introduction of car parking changes will impede this."

543. As well as affecting local businesses these schemes will only prove detrimental to those wishing to use our green recreational spaces. WBC will alienate the majority of the population if these schemes go ahead.

544. One of the many benefits of living on The Wirral has been the great attitude of the council with regards parking. This encourages people to get outside. It also encourages

people to use the local shops rather than always shopping online. I feel that parking charges will have a detrimental effect on people's health and our local towns

545. Anything that will impact businesses losing money should be reviewed.

546. I understand parking bays and car park needs. I understand the need for the council to make money. You are placing an unfair blanket process to disadvantage groups of people who may have reduced income and therefore live in areas with on street parking. This is shameful, disrespectful to the local community when other methods are clearly available and more appropriate and fair.

547. It is proven that increased parking restrictions deter visitors and affect local businesses. Also the methods for payment are unreliable and unfair to older people who will not/cannot pay by phone.

"548. The overnight £1 proposal will not easily be policed. It is the thin end of the wedge. Parking charges in general will not encourage people to come to the region thus impacting the retail economy. I also believe that residents and their visitors should not be charged for parking.

In my opinion this survey is a tick box exercise by the Council who have already made up their minds on what will happen. As with the 20 mph scheme and the cycle paths."

549. The motorists of Wirral suffer enough without extra charges affecting local businesses too. Can't the council work for the people instead of against?

550. Paying for parking will kill off the trade and put families off going to that area. We used to go to Willaston, once or twice a week. We no longer bother due to the parking charges.

551. Think of the detrimental effects to local business. Safety as people will always park on double yellows meaning blue badge holders cannot have access to the shops

552. Thinks Council wants everybody to use the buses

553. Disappointed

"554. Many small shopping areas are not served by adequate bus service.

Council will ultimately be worse off when the businesses start closing down! "

555. I think it is a badly thought out scheme which will cause hardship to residents, local businesses and deter use of local amenities

556. The fact cost of living is so high as it is, people are struggling to make ends meet so you decide to make it even harder for people and bring in charges?! It's going to cause more issues for local residents as everyone I have spoken to about these changes have stated they will just park on side roads which will majorly impact the neighbour hood and cause mayhem for the local residents.

557. This has nothing to do with climate change etc but it a tax on the motorist. It will also undoubtedly directly cause shops to close. A Labour controlled council should be funded better by the Government

558. These towns and villages are already struggling especially with the cost of living being so high. They're only just recovering from COVID & we're finally seeing some new businesses open. This would be disasterous for the business owners

559. Making it less attractive to visit. Distroying business opportunities

560. I don't know all the schemes but I do think members should carefully consider the impact assessment for each project

561. Charging more for car parks is ridiculous when people have to park there all day for work because there is nowhere else to park.

"562. I'm reasonably happy with paying for parking in car parks. Paying on the promenades will push people to park in the residential areas.

residents parking at the moment, with a permit, is free for 3 years until renewal. This is in the area, not necessarily in your street. What is your rationale for charging £60 per year? I can't find any reasons for it. I imagine it's just a money making scheme. One notice per street is shocking. You need to notify all permit holders."

563. See above

564. This is a tax on visitors to our coasts and villages and will inevitably further reduce footfall and support of our local shops who are already struggling to pay the extortionate rates demanded by wirral borough council. Do the council want to blacklist the Wirral to visitors by introducing ridiculous 20mph zones and determination to tax motorists in other ways now. Good luck in the next election!!!

565. The majority of these charges are to subsidies years of poor financial decisions by the council. Certain parking for overnight can be slightly justified. Charging residents to park outside their own property is blatant taxation to mop up someone else's mess. A really poor showing from WBC. Not thought through and with no real justification apart from to start filling the coffers back up.

566. This will push vehicles into side streets & stop visitors to the area having an effect on local businesses. This may cause businesses to close. The money the council spend on creating the scheme will have then been wasted & very short sighted scheme.

567. Money grabbing for an easy way out

568. Don't keep driving people away from.the small High Streets. It's not fair on retailers or those elderly disabled who rely on local choices NOt huge Internet shopping or big out of

town shops. It's also going to cost elderly who use the library and doctors in Bebington.
You're killing us!

569. Disgusted with this council and how they continue to charge people for parking, then introduce needless 20 mph zones.

"570. This is just another way to hide the councils mis management of funds and to give the upper management bigger pay rises. It will have a huge impact on tourism which in turn will decimate already struggling small businesses.

You need to listen to your constituents "

"571. I don't agree with charging local residents to park their own cars on the street they live on

Charging all local car parks will drive business away from local shops / businesses"

572. The council should be encouraging people to visit areas and keep business open not discouraging people. Also they should be encouraging people to be parking off road in car parks to make traffic better. By adding car park charging you are just encouraging nuisance parking

573. The schemes won't raise enough money to justify the damage done to the local population and businesses

574. Support local businesses and shops by providing free parking. Charging will be of no benefit to anyone. Shop keepers, residents, visitors.

575. Paying for parking will have huge detrimental effect to local businesses. People will end up parking on streets causing more congestion.

576. All schemes strike me as sensible measures. Ideally, the introduction of car parking fees will encourage drivers to consider other methods of travel, walking or cycling, which is an obvious benefit. Parking fees also helps to align the costs of driving more closely with public transport, which is again important for creating a more sustainable future.

"577. Wirral council needs to be encouraging people to get out to exercise and increase physical and mental health. These car parking charges will put a stop to this and the lowest paid and most vulnerable people will suffer.

Businesses are struggling as it is with pandemic effect and extreme weather.

Is the council so back ward looking and against businesses and the people of Wirral.

Please reconsider these plans "

578. It will close businesses

"579. This will harm businesses and prevent people being able to easily access services and walking for mental health.

Some people can only easily access via a car and this will cause parking issues on local roads where no charges are involved "

580. Absolute disgrace

"581. Such a negative move will add cost to people's wellbeing and destroy small local businesses.

The regeneration of the centre of birkenhead will be wasted if parking costs too much and eventually the few major retailers left will move out."

582. The scheme will stop people going to these places which will have a negative impact on local businesses, also make parking on side streets worse for local residents.

583. These schemes will deter people from parking in these car parks and reduce the trade of local businesses and may result in closure of local businesses. It will also impact many elderly people who pop to a local shop and are already struggling financially

584. If you want to make money then fine people who park dangerously instead of charging those that park responsibly and don't further encourage dangerous parking by introducing costs for safe parking.

585. All of them essentially target local businesses and residents meanwhile the council line their pockets. If there's a way to make people move out of an area and destroy small businesses this is the way

586. No

587. Charging parking fees in all these areas is short sightedness by the local council it will have a detrimental impact on local businesses and cause chaos on local roads as people will park on roads instead.

588. These proposals are going to cost the residents large sums of money, plus the failure of local businesses and reduce income from tourism.

589. The provision of free parking is essential to enabling individuals to make use of facilities, businesses. The council should be making this easier, not harder. Particular consideration should be given to the impact on individuals who rely on driving as a means of transport for various reasons as well as on residents local to facilities where changes in parking will see an impact on their homes.

590. Please scrap all ideas you have a putting charges on these car parks. Give our small business and tourist areas a chance to survive. We pay enough Council tax as it is !!!

"591. Residents of Wirral and tourists should be able to enjoy the waterfront/beach without having to pay. This should be covered in council tax. It is wrong to have to pay for something that can help with physical and mental health.

Unfair on local businesses and people trying to support local businesses. We pay enough for parking already. We should be able to enjoy the beauty of the Wirral without paying. We

should be able to support local businesses without being penalised. People will either go where they can easily and quickly park for free, or park illegally. Also, payment machines can be temperamental, time consuming and some of them are difficult to use

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592. Undermining effect on local economies and congestion on side streets from cars seeking free parking.

593. I object to the charge being applied to permits for residents parking. This will effect property prices and make properties on the roads concerned less desirable.

594. It is ludicrous to reduce the free parking which can facilitate shopping in small local areas which will undoubtably reduce footfall. Where parking would be close to rail network, it's makes it less attractive and pushes people to drive rather than use train. Cost wise to install parking meters and enforce the parking restrictions it cannot be cost effective versus impact on business, increase in parking elsewhere and away from trains.

595. A dismal idea designed to target motorists but in reality only serves to harm small independent business owners, and the most vulnerable in society.

596. Leave our free car parks alone!

597. There is no need to punish people who live on the Wirral with more charges. It will affect people wanting to come to the area and local business.

598. A perfect case of a loss making exercise. The cost of parking meters and their maintenance. Employing several wardens who would all require vehicles to travel between car parks would outweigh any revenue received.

"599. Not everyone is able to park on a driveway at their home and they should not be given the burden of paying to park to increase revenue for the Council.

Our coast should be free for all to enjoy. Those who will suffer are the most vulnerable in our society."

600. Ridiculous really isn't it.

601. Do some real work

602. Car parking should be free to support local businesses

603. Local traders will suffer making the localities ghost towns.

604. It's a money grasping scheme. The people of Wirral have to pay to use most of the roads out of here and now we have to pay to travel around/ park where we live. I live on a permit street and see a traffic warden once in a blue moon, despite the amount of non permit holder parking and illegal parking on pavement and double yellow lines. These robbing schemes are diminishing the desire to continue to live in wirral and won't even ease the financial crisis the council have caused

605. This is outrageous why should we be made to pay to park outside our houses when most days we can't get anywhere near our home, also our road is only permit when Tranmere play so why should we pay all the time and you can only park on one side of the road as the other side is double yellows it is so unfair and government are just getting greedier we pay enough in taxes as it is and with the cost of living at the minute talk about kicking people while they are down, it won't be long before people will be questioning whether it is worth working at all

606. In a cost of living crisis, the last thing the people need are more charges for trying to survive. Less and less people are going to visit the area causing a decrease in interest/funds for the area.

607. The council is insistent on getting as much money as they can and make it as difficult as possible for motorists. Think of the local communities, look at Birkenhead when you put charges in the roads around the station, went downhill with shops closing. Seems you want to do it again to all other areas. I'm sure the Croft, Cheshire Oaks, Rock Retail are loving it as that is where everyone will go instead. Think of the livelihoods of the shop workers and owners. There is more to this than just getting money in, as I don't think it will end up the way you think it will as people will go elsewhere.

608. Stopping wasting our money on vanity projects and fix the roads. We elected you to serve us not punish us . I do not want more Amazon delivery vans speeding round my estate due to all the local shops closing due to these charges.

609. They will severely impact local businesses.

610. I am a business owner in New Brighton. We do not wish for our customers to pay for parking in an already expensive world. We are a family owned and run leisure business. Our customers come to us as a luxury not a necessity. We have received a substantial rent increase and now more than ever we need our customers. We feel adding parking charges will discourage people coming into New Brighton. We also use this space as a family for our children and dog daily. We will not be able to afford these parking charges daily, which is extremely saddening as we have used this space daily for over 40 years.

611. It should be free to walk on the beach or you could put a turnstile for entry money might be better spent on what the tax payers would like who pay for you to represent

612. As previously stated this council is a joke, putting more charges onto local residents, affecting small businesses and there will most probably be an increase in poor health putting more strain on the NHS due to people not being able to afford to go to beach/parks to do exercise!!! Stop hiding behind the excuse of shortfalls and stop wasting your money paying large salaries for consultations etc and then you will probably find the money you need!!!

"613. Subject: Objection to Proposed Changes Affecting Public Car Parking Across Wirral

I am writing as a resident of Wirral to formally object to the proposed changes regarding public car parking across the area. These changes will have a significant negative impact on residents, particularly in light of the ongoing cost of living crisis. Below are my key concerns:

1. Financial Impact on Families

Introducing charges for car parks and on-street parking that were previously free, along with increasing existing charges, will further strain already stretched household budgets. Many residents are grappling with rising costs of energy, food, and other essentials. Adding parking fees to this burden is not only inconsiderate but will also disproportionately affect families, especially those with lower incomes who rely on local services and community facilities.

2. Overnight Parking Charges

The proposal to introduce a £1 overnight parking fee (6:30pm - 8:00am) will negatively affect residents who may need to park overnight due to lack of off-street parking options. This charge also affects workers in hospitality, healthcare, and other sectors that operate during evening or night hours. For these workers, who often face unsociable hours, this fee is an additional tax on earning a living, effectively penalising them for circumstances outside of their control.

3. Impact on Local Businesses

Increasing parking fees will deter visitors from using town centres and local high streets, pushing them towards out-of-town shopping centres where parking is free. This risks harming small, local businesses that are already struggling to recover from the effects of the pandemic. It is crucial to support local trade rather than inadvertently encouraging people to shop elsewhere due to parking costs.

4. Increased Cost of Resident Parking Schemes

Raising the cost of resident parking permits places an unfair financial burden on households, many of whom have no other choice but to park on the street due to limited driveway or garage space. This increase is unnecessary and will particularly affect those living in more densely populated areas, where parking space is already at a premium.

5. Inflationary Pressures

The proposed inflationary increases come at a time when inflation is at historically high levels. Any attempt to link parking charges to inflation risks creating a continuous and unsustainable rise in parking costs. This will place a constant strain on residents, who are already dealing with the effects of inflation on essential goods and services.

In conclusion, the proposed parking changes place an unfair financial burden on local residents and will exacerbate the cost of living crisis. I urge the council to reconsider these proposals, taking into account the significant financial strain already felt by Wirral residents, and to explore alternative ways of generating revenue that do not disproportionately impact families, workers, and small businesses.

I hope you will take these concerns into serious consideration before proceeding with these proposals."

614. Why should we have to pay to park, just because the council are skint and can't be trusted with our money. Don't you think we have to pay enough now, people are already tightening the purse strings

615. The introduction of parking fees will mean people will think twice about going to these areas, spending money while there and the decreased footfall and spending will cause businesses to struggle. Businesses will either shut or relocate leaving behind empty shops

616. All areas have a need for free parking this is for various reasons ie poverty support, economic support and the right to park where you live without cost. The council need to totally rethink this scheme, if there is a need for parking charges these should only be effective between certain times ie 10 till 4pm on a Saturday or Sunday, They should not be a 24hr charge, especially in areas like Hoylake and Meols seafront areas. I do not believe that in this instance the council are acting in the best interests of the people of Wirral. Please think again!

617. People should not have to pay for parking. This will kill businesses iff. Paying to park outside your own house is absurd. It will also stop people visiting friends and family. What about vulnerable people? Shame on you Wirral Council!

618. You have essentially killed eastham ferry. Don't kill the places too

619. No explanation for what these charges are to be used for, I'd agree to some of them if there was a guarantee that the money raised to improving things for the local area they affect but as they stand I think the will cause more issues than solve

"620. The state of the liscard shopping center is a joke & now you want to charge for us to park in these locations.

Wirral Borough Council you should be ashamed "

621. Just a money grab, and one that hits people harder than the benefit to the Council coffers benefits.

622. I think we are all being charged enough council tax so find it highly unacceptable that we are being charged for parking too.

623. Absolute disgrace where can people go for fresh air and a walk

624. Think about the long term survival of these areas. Adding charges impacts local people. It punishes them for using local services and enjoying local areas. It will kill off our towns and villages by doing this.

"625. As a 30-year-old resident of Wallasey Village, I wish to formally object to the proposal to introduce parking charges along the promenade. This plan will negatively impact both locals and visitors, undermining the vibrancy of the area.

The introduction of charges will likely reduce the dwell time of visitors, which will in turn decrease spending in local businesses. The promenade and beach are particularly popular on hot days, attracting large numbers of people from both the local community and further afield. These charges could deter visitors from staying for longer periods, which would be detrimental to the local economy.

Furthermore, these charges unfairly target local residents. Why should we be expected to pay for the use of what has always been a free promenade and beach? There has never been a precedent for such charges, and the imposition of fees on an amenity that has been free for generations feels unjust.

Additionally, the proposal will exacerbate existing parking issues on residential streets. Many of these streets are already at capacity due to resident parking, and the introduction of charges will push even more vehicles into these areas, causing congestion and inconvenience for residents.

In summary, these proposed parking charges are likely to have significant negative consequences for the local area, and I urge the council to reconsider their implementation.

Yours faithfully,"

626. Think we all pay enough money to council, no roads cleaned leading to blocked drains, side ways not cut, hedge rows not cut back leading to obstruction when trying to pull out of side roads, roads not repaired or repaired badly

627. We all ready pay enough to the borough in our council tax. The council needs to stop this unfair extra tax on residents. They need to find other avenues to keep things fairer for every resident. When things are getting harder with the cost of living for ever increasing.

628. These car parks provide the public with a vital service at locations where shops and other amenities are available. Introducing charges would be detrimental to the often small businesses operating in the vicinity. I believe it could lead to a loss of footfall and people

choosing other free parking options and amenities as a result. Furthermore, this could also lead to people parking illegally or unsafely on our side streets and roads. Shopping areas such as Church Road and Teehey Lane (Bebington) are community hubs for people of all ages to shop locally and get vital services such as the Post Office - we need to be championing local high streets instead of creating more barriers for people and turning them away to larger stores and shopping parks (where free parking is the norm). I think Wirral Council should reconsider these short-sighted schemes and look for different ways to recoup money.

629. Free parking brings in people who spend money. Suggest a donation box rather than fixed costs every visit.

630. The council is currently on a spending freeze. Stop spending on things that will cost your customers money which they don't have. It goes against council values. If you charge people to park in smaller areas, small businesses will struggle and close. The Wirral will become Birkenhead. Derelict and deprived.

631. WBC seems completely blind to the damage their hair-brained schemes impact the residents and visitors. You are going to damage businesses. Fewer people will come to enjoy our free spaced. WBC cannot manage its own budget and we, the tax payers, electorate and residents are being made to pay for your ineptitude. 🤦🏻

632. An absolute disgrace. Complete greed which will cause needless financial stress and panic to countless families across the Wirral. How a council can enforce this while clearly knowing the repercussions is quite staggering.

633. This is ludicrous. Charging and taxing us for everything. To heat our homes, to have a car, to have a house, to park on our residential streets or visit our beaches. Should be ashamed of yourselves as a council and councillors!

634. Shocking behaviour, we get told to go outside and get exercise and fresh air now WBC are going to charge us to park.

635. No payment should be due in daytime hours for new Brighton Derby pool kings parade and marine promenade. But overnight parking should carry a charge. This balances the effect of implementation away from local people visiting the dips or memorial chairs along the prom or using local businesses.

636. I strongly object to the increase in resident / visitor parking permit costs. It's a tax on people who live in properties that don't have driveways. Typically these properties are inhabited by people with less money than those who have room for parking spaces on their own land. Yet again, working class people are being punished by the council. It's disgusting and yet not surprising. So disappointed in the council AGAIN.

637. I completely disagree with the whole car parking charge scheme - the council should be encouraging people to visit these places to keep them alive and stop them from closing, due to competition from town and the large retail parks (where the car parking is free!) - if this

goes ahead, these villages will not survive, which will have a devastating effect on all those businesses who are trying to make a living in these tough times. These charges do absolutely nothing to help.

638. I am a pensioner and try to get out and about around the Wirral. If these charges are introduced it will make me think twice about parking in these areas and therefore this will impact on local businesses

639. I'm a local person pays who council tax and live in liscard I STRONGLY object to these proposals already pay for a permit .I have a visitor and object to paying £40 per year for friends to visit for a few hours a month. Road tax pays for parking and a small fee for high traffic areas is what we already pay now this is outrageous throw it out

640. I already pay to use these roads. There are no local shopping areas, forcing people to use vehicles.

"641. I am a resident of Parkbridge Road, CH42, and have been for 18 years. Why now have we got to start paying to park outside our OWN property??. And why only in some areas???

I have two vehicles so this potentially will cost me £120 a year to park outside my own home!

If we have to pay this fee, are parking bays getting marked out on the road? And being allocated to each house hold??

This is just a money making exercise by the council, how will this be enforced as we never see parking/traffic wardens .

I think this is absolutely disgusting in this time of hardship where people are struggling to even put food on the table and pay all the other charges such as the council tax!!

This is a disgusting abuse of power by Wirral council ."

642. Not everything should be monetised, our open spaces should be free for all to use.

"643. As a resident of Wallasey Village, I wish to formally object to the proposal to introduce parking charges along the promenade. This plan will negatively impact both locals and visitors, undermining the vibrancy of the area.

The introduction of charges will likely reduce the dwell time of visitors, which will in turn decrease spending in local businesses. The promenade and beach are particularly popular on hot days, attracting large numbers of people from both the local community and further afield. These charges could deter visitors from staying for longer periods, which would be detrimental to the local economy.

Furthermore, these charges unfairly target local residents. Why should we be expected to pay for the use of what has always been a free promenade and beach? There has never

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Additionally, the proposal will exacerbate existing parking issues on residential streets. Many of these streets are already at capacity due to resident parking, and the introduction of charges will push even more vehicles into these areas, causing congestion and inconvenience for residents.

In summary, these proposed parking charges are likely to have significant negative consequences for the local area, and I urge the council to reconsider their implementation.

Yours faithfully, "

644. I would stop using the area due to the parking charges, this would not make me want to use the local beach's areas due to this

645. This whole scheme is a joke

646. We pay enough taxes already, stop wasting money on 20mph zones and cycle lanes

"647. <https://haveyoursay.wirral.gov.uk>

As a 40-year-old resident of Wallasey Village, I wish to formally object to the proposal to introduce parking charges along the promenade. This plan will negatively impact both locals and visitors, undermining the vibrancy of the area.

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Yours faithfully, "

648. Stop making people pay ridiculous prices to park their cars, it's destroying the economy and people cannot afford it enough as is

"649. I believe this will reduce footfall in the area, thus affecting the local shops and amenities.

This will have a negative effect on the areas moving forward. Yes you will get the one time visitors paying for parking, but then you will not receive return visits. Return visits are how the business make their money. Yes I know you will need to raise income and revenue but this is very short sighted. It will be a long term loss for the community "

650. Introducing more charges will impact people on a lower income who are already struggling. Families have days out at the beach / park without the need to spend any money. Introducing parking charges will impact the ability to do this

651. If car parking charges are introduced, I feel this will have a devastating effect on small businesses nearby. Many have faced a huge financial impact in the aftermath of lockdown. If shops close, then drivers will no longer use the car parks and as a result there will be limited income from the car parking charges (despite the financial outlay of providing machines and admin. Hence a lose/lose situation!

652. I lucky to access parking at my home but basically putting extra payment of people would can least afford perhaps of you focused on dog fouling you could certainly make a fortune expecially around rock ferry CH42 area

"653. Wirral Council need to wake up and become a reasonable and caring council towards it residents.

Your residents keep you in business by paying their rates.

Wirral Council in fact the whole of Merseyside Council waste their residents plus I will state again the people who keep them in business hard earned money.

The council plan the most ridiculous schemes to waste our money on. Schemes constantly going above the planned cost. Basically the council bankrupts themselves.

THEN TO COVER THE COST OF THEIR RIDICULOUS PLANS THEY HIT THEIR RESIDENTS AND EVERY LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS.

THESE CAR PARKING CHARGES ARE TOTALLY SELFISH, DANGEROUS AND CRUEL.

YOU ALREADY CHARGE AT EASTHAM WOODS CAR PARK.

YOU ARE ALSO SUPPOSED TO CONSIDER THE HEALTH OF YOUR RESIDENTS. BESIDES THE MENTAL TRAUMA YOU ARE ABOUT TO INFLICT ON BUSINESS OWNERS WHAT ABOUT HEALTH FAMILIES WALKING OUTDOORS ETC.

IT ALSO RESULTS IN DANGEROUS PARKING ALONG THE PIER AREA OF EASTHAM.

YOU INTEND TO ADD PARKING FEES TO THE SMALL VILLAGE AREAS OF THE WIRRAL WHICH WILL KILL LOCAL BUSINESS AND HIT THE POCKETS OF RESIDENTS.

STOP BEING SO SELFISH.

WE THE RESIDENTS OF WIRRAL ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR RIDICULOUS AND POOR FINANCIAL PLANNING.

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654. For all reasons previously stated and that it will also affect small businesses

655. Penalising residents who already pay large council tax bills. It will also deter visitors from spending time and money in the area, often at local businesses.

"656. This council does nothing for the people other than take money. The roads have never been in such a bad condition as they are now and yet we have never had to pay the council so much money.

Introducing these charges benefits no one. Not residents, not visits, just the council. You are supposed to do what's best for the people that live here but yet it feels you are trying to drive people away.

Other than you having the right to introduce these charges, please explain WHY the charges are necessary, how the money will be used, what will this do to improve the community?

Major cities like Liverpool don't have this in kind of charges in normal areas of residence (city centre / stations being the understandable exception), so why does WBC think it's better than a major city? "

657. No

658. Unfair

659. Stop putting financial pressure on people you have the least

660. The Council which imposed ridiculous 20 mph speed restrictions has proven it is incapable of any sensible change.

"661. It's a disgrace stop all charges - calm down with your own pay rises until you can actually prove you're doing a decent job and that you deserve the pay rises - joke of a council and laughable but one thing stands true well done for lining your own pockets and making others pay for it

Don't know who's the one putting these 'schemes' forward but absolutely not in touch with the community at all - parking charges - deters people from coming and going to the nice places, introducing parking zone charges on the poor - why? What sense does it make what's the justification other than to make the poor poorer

Please do contact me on my number to discuss if you feel it necessary but ultimately the council of the Wirral is a joke, out of touch, should all be retired off and start fresh be well better :)"

662. Any related to local shopping are a death sentence on those communities. The big chains already have a massive advantage over the small businesses. Why not charge in the Croft Retail Park?

663. See my comments in section 9

"664. People are already struggling with heating bills and now you want to hit the poorest again. Get rid of a few useless middle managers and this will pay for it.

I'm sorry the people who have proposed this scheme won't be affected. I'm alright Jack attitude ffs. All "

665. In the short term there may be a gain but in the long term has a negative affect on our society in general.

666. It's more extortion more tax to be paid and for what in return we don't even get our bins emptied or steets cleaned anymore for our council tax yet you want us to pay to park on weedy overgrown kerbs that don't get any attention from council,

667. Putting people off using recreational spaces and supporting small businesses is detrimental in many ways.

668. Please try to look at how each individual car park is used. I've cited two examples of car parks which enable older, vulnerable people to stay active within their local community, supporting local businesses and organisations. Look at the possibility of charging a flat rate of £1 per three hours maximum stay. A number of these currently free street car parks are near to bus stops on the Liverpool bus routes. A much more realistic fee should be charged for taking up spaces for the whole day, in order to travel to Liverpool to work. This would

bring in 2 different sources of income, but would not overwhelm the unwaged at the expense of the waged travelling to work.

"669. While it would be great to have free or cheap parking, I appreciate that car owners can afford to pay these relatively small sums to enable the Council to provide car parking services. I also appreciate that driving cars has numerous very negative consequences such as road danger, poor air quality, greenhouse gas emissions as well as obesity and serious health problems from lack of activity, and that parking charges should reflect the full costs to others and be used to encourage us to walk, cycle and use public transport more.

I would really like to see any surplus achieved from increased charges used to provide hyper local public transport and ultra secure cycle parking.

Good luck with this. I imagine most respondents will just moan about the increased financial cost to themselves without seeing the bigger picture and those like myself that support will often not bother responding.

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"670. Please don't charge residents to park outside their own homes. We are not in affluent areas and most are already struggling financially

Kins regards "

671. Adding new parking charges to previously free parking lots is going to squeeze local businesses, drive the traffic that was formerly parked in a controlled parking bay into local streets, clogging up residential areas. It's also squeezing extra money out of residents for wanting to shop locally and support local businesses, which should be encouraged rather than penalised.

672. The justification for introducing parking charges is to bridge the £300k deficit in the budget - how about stop wasting money on the 20 mph limits imposed or cycle lanes that are not used.

673. We are told to go out and get more exercise or support local shops and businesses but there will be no free parking to be able to do this soon. It will keep people indoors feeling sad, lonely and unfit.

674. The well-being of many residents will be impacted by implementing Car Parking charges at most of these locations.

675. Yet another tax by a council who doesn't care about the consequences on people who are already struggling.

"676. Despite the green claptrap, I strongly believe that these parking charges and their increases is just a cynical exercise in raising money and penalising those who wish to get out of their homes to enjoy the fresh air and scenery of their local environment, shop in local

shops as opposed to large supermarkets and take advantage of local amenities such as libraries and organisations such as 3L.

This will have an adverse effect on local small businesses that do not have their own car parks, which in turn will add to the demise of places like Birkenhead and will have an adverse effect on the health and wellbeing of the general population.

But why on earth should our local council give a monkeys about that?????"

677. It is abhorrent that you are charging people to park outside their own homes. People have no say in the parking permit areas and this is a quick money making scheme by the council in a time where people are already struggling. My daughter is a widow with three young children who works as a nurse. Not only does she have to pay to park at work but now outside her home. Ad her support network, she will also have to pay for the visitor's permit as well. Absolutely disgusting.

678. I think it is unfair to make a payment compulsory for people to park outside their own homes when they pay their car tax and council tax.

"679. As all residents pay council tax , so should not have to incur another payment especially if visiting shops locally or supporting volunteer services provided. Life is hard for everyone these days. The option should be a charge of £1 for how little or long you stay , then at least it's a revenue more people could afford instead of chasing everyone away and getting nil revenue. ALSO DISABLED SHOULD BE FREE AT ALL TIMES , as costs to them are forever mounting.

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680. Please see my comment at the end of box 10

681. The cost of living crisis is causing stress to all families and this is just another tax to the working classes. The shops that these car parks support will cease to be used on the scale of business they currently attract, because people will refuse to pay. Also it will cause congestion in other areas around the carpark, because people will not pay for parking to a) pick up a last minute pint of milk or b) a quick chippy tea on their way home. Why when you can drive that little bit further to the likes of Asda etc. where there is free parking, particular in eastham/bromborough areas.

682. My injection is specific to TO/24/41

683. Paying to Park on the Wirral disadvantages the poor and restricts peoples freedom of movement. It also discourages people from exercise so will have a knock on increase in the cost of the NHS. Cancel this scheme.

684. P

685. We pay enough!

686. Stop wasting money on building office blocks in Birkenhead that remain empty, worse now than it was before you started

687. Overall this will have a significant impact on local businesses, town / village centre viability and the ability to access services by many people.

688. Why should we have to pay when we pay road tax and council tax find it absolutely disgusting, we have a cost of living crisis going on we have our elderly loosing there winter full allowance and you want them to find money to pay to park in there own road along with everyone else who is struggling, if we have to pay this then we should not have to pay for road tax and our council taxes should be reduced dramatically. Money grabbing at its finest
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689. It's very short sighted for a quick buck! The health and well being of Wirral residents and businesses should be the priority and the long term effects could cost more especially for some of our wonderful independent small businesses. Who is going to go out of their way to go to local shops when they can park at big supermarkets for free?!

690. We already pay enough in council tax and road tax. We should not have to pay more to fill the councils black hole!

"691. Have the finance committee considered an additional OPTION ... a season ticket for local residents valid for a,) for individual cark parks

b,) covering all parking areas?

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692. It will kill local businesses and tourism.

693. I object to you raising the parking permit fees for the L area. I have young children and cannot afford to pay that per year. I'm Autistic and struggle with unplanned change and will have no where to park. I already struggle to get a car parking place and now you're going to charge for places that aren't guaranteed. It is not an affluent area and that is a ridiculous cost. My dad helps with childcare and how is he supposed to afford a visitors pass when my mother is disabled? Absolutely shocking. What is road tax for!

694. Parking charges at the Bebington Civic Centre will greatly discourage the continuation of the 3Ls classes so essential to the well-being of many widows and widowers. Learning alongside others keeps them interested in life. Parking charges will be too costly for some of the volunteers who are essential to the continuation of the 3Ls. The tutors will be badly hit too.

695. Let people who pay their council taxes have a parking permit per household enabling them to park outside where they live and make roads for permit holders only

696. Car parking charges reduce access to places we have paid for their upkeep in our taxes and we have a rise of access and should not have to pay more fees

697. This scheme will badly affect businesses and local residents, family days out, people wanting to exercise at the local beauty spots. Why can't we keep our beautiful Wirral as it is and let everyone enjoy it.

698. These are small local car parks, having to pay for parking to stop at a local shop for something small like a loaf of bread would stop me going to that shop, it will affect small businesses that struggle to keep up with the supermarkets, they rely on people stopping for one or 2 items they have missed when doing a big shop

699. The council has declared war on the motorists of Wirral

700. If charges are going to be introduced anywhere, there should be a corresponding provision of public transport so there is a choice about how to travel. Due to cuts, most places are poorly provided for, so it's habitual now to use the car. Any efforts to redress this must include more public transport.

701. As stated in above comments. No car parking fees anywhere. Encourage visitors. Encourage people to shop local. Fix Birkenhead. We all feel we're being mugged by our own council.

702. People already pay a substantial amount to be able to drive including their taxes on actual purchase of the car, inflation, car tax, rising insurances, increasing fuel costs due to government policies regarding net zero and sanctions and other decisions they have made. People should be able to enjoy the wirral which is a beautiful place without never ending increasing costs for a greedy council with bosses and their large salaries who can't effectively manage their budgets.

703. It is not just the cost of parking (and I do object to that) but is also the complication of paying - finding working metres, poor signal making card payments difficult (e.g. Royden Park) or managing multiple apps. I still haven't managed to use an app. I generally avoid paying car parks because of the stress of paying. I use out of town shopping centres and residential streets of laybys in the country to park.

704. No

705. As a regular user of the car park in Bromborough the implementation of the charges at the rates quoted will stop me visiting. I can go to Ellesmere Port and park and shop for 50p which is a reasonable amount. I can only assume the reason for the charges is to kill off the local high streets and force every to shop on the local retail parks.

706. Parking charges kill the area

707. We are not made of money. Find other ways to generate income, increase the country's export and work on tourism or something.

708. High streets are already suffering. Upping costs or introducing new charges for parking will further deter people.

709. I know there is a need to raise extra funds, especially after the years of the previous government but with the impact on local businesses through loss of custom because of these proposed charges, because, everyone is counting the pennies these days, could have a bigger drop in available funds as these businesses fail.

"710. Not good will put a lot of pressure on main roads and streets will also effect shops and local business."

711. Charging for on street parking or off road car parks will greatly affect businesses, if choosing to go somewhere (shops, business or restaurants) I will choose one where I don't have to pay extra to park!

712. I'm concerned about parking by the Bebington library as it will increase costs of attending the useful activities there for pensioners who may otherwise not get there, consequently increasing vulnerability and isolation.

713. Yes. Don't take away the free parking

"714. See above.

If there were a good bus system particularly on the west side of Wirral, the parking issues would not be so serious but according to your transport policy, we might have to wait 15 years!"

715. There is an obesity crisis in this country. Are you determined to reduce free access to enable people to exercise frequently? It is a bizarre way to encourage walking along our stunning coast.

716. Your just forcing people and businesses out it will all be destroyed.

717. All will have a detrimental affect on local businesses and could be the final straw for a lot. When they close the council will lose rates so what benefit is it to the council ? I don't believe these schemes will encourage people on to public transport, they will just stay away and go to out of town shopping facilities with free parking

"718. I am writing to formally object to the parking restrictions imposed outside our homes. As residents, we already contribute significantly through road tax, vehicle insurance, and the ongoing costs of running and maintaining our vehicles. In addition, we pay council taxes that should allow for basic public services, such as adequate parking for those living in the area.

The current parking situation is becoming increasingly inconvenient and unfair, especially considering that we have no other reasonable alternatives. Our vehicles are essential for daily needs, including commuting, family responsibilities, and other necessities. Parking further away from our homes is not only impractical but also poses a safety risk, particularly at night.

We would greatly appreciate a reconsideration of these restrictions and a fairer system that allows residents to park outside their homes without unnecessary penalties."

719. Money grabbing at its finest. The council should be ashamed of themselves - targeting small businesses in this way

720. The council can find other streams of revenue to tackle debt incurred by poor management of funds through other resources eg charging ,higher business rates/rent recovery of outstanding debt owed, selling off of unused property not by charging taxpayer's and motorists more money to use something that their council tax already maintains!

721. Whilst the proposed public parking charges are modest, I do not agree that home owners or tenants should be charged for parking near their place of residence. If you are going to charge visitors to park, then it would seem fair to provide Wirral residents with free exemption permits to park near to their address & signage should make it clear that visitors are not permitted to park in these roads.

722. Parking fees must be able to be paid using cash, payments using apps., debit cards, etc. can be susceptible to scam operators and some people do not have access or are unable for various reasons to use such systems, charging for parking where people park to use trains will lead to people using their cars to commute to their place of work, thus creating more pollution and still no income from parking fees.

723. No

724. These areas should remain free to park. There is little to do in Wirral and charging for parking will deter people from enjoying one of the simple pleasures that Wirral does have to offer. The council seem to be grabbing money anywhere they can, this is not in the interests of the community in which it serves.

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726. Should be free to Wirral residents. Discourages people taking part in free exercise and just encourages people to park in other places like residential roads.

"727. I didn't vote this local council in to start hitting car owners with more finances.

Local businesses will take a big loss in takings as supermarkets and retail parks have free parking.

Start looking closer to home for your funds. "

728. I strongly object to the raise of £60 per car to resident area. Although I would gladly pay £20 if it was policed and enforced . I cannot park off road and I need my car as I commute out of the area. I currently pay but most of my neighbours don't. it's not enforced and there is often nowhere for me to park so I have to then park on the seafront. Other areas who charge high resident parking rates rigorously enforce for residents so they feel they are getting value for money. Cheshire council are an example of this with parking in Chester

We very rarely see any enforcement in our road and colleagues I work with tell me they know after a certain time wardens won't return so they are safe to park without penalty.

729. Using parking charges to try and reduce congestion only affects people who can't afford the cost.

730. These car parks are essential for those using the local shops. Charging will impact these businesses. Also, nearby side roads which are already too narrow to cope with existing parking of residents will become dangerously busy and potentially impassible. This could impact the ability of ambulances to reach residential addresses.

"731. Stop trying to claw back tax payers money that you have wasted on ridiculous schemes.

And putting them on lampposts instead of letters through doors is sly, just like the council and government."

732. I believe some areas should be pay as you Park, but I think people might not use the areas as much, maybe free for 90 mins then pay using a app

733. As above.

734. Dissuade visitors, impact local businesses, no pressure on parking. Therefore proposed scheme is illegal. Minimal revenue following cost of implementation, consultant fees etc. Other savings options available. People will just park in nearby residential area annoying residents and causing potential safety problems

"735. Why don't you just sack a few managers and stop wasting money

Or even better start seizing all the neglected properties on the Wirral (closed shops) or start reducing council rates so shops could offset or repay parking charges to customers "

"736. I would like to express my strong objection to the proposed car parking charges outlined in the Traffic Regulation Orders Consultation 2024. While I understand the need for managing traffic and ensuring parking spaces are available, I believe that introducing these charges will have a detrimental impact on the local community, particularly in terms of retail, tourism, and residents already struggling with the cost-of-living crisis.

The Wirral is home to many beautiful attractions that draw both locals and visitors. These proposed parking charges, especially in popular areas such as New Brighton, West Kirby, and Thurston, will act as a deterrent for visitors, making it less appealing for people to come and enjoy our natural beauty, local shops, and restaurants. This will inevitably harm local businesses that depend on footfall, particularly those in retail and hospitality, which are still recovering from the pandemic.

Additionally, many families are already facing financial pressures due to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. Imposing new parking charges, particularly in areas where parking has historically been free, will only add another burden for those wanting to enjoy simple, affordable leisure activities.

While I understand the council's need to fund maintenance and manage parking, I believe there are alternative ways to address this without discouraging visitors and further straining local residents' finances. I urge the council to reconsider these proposals and to keep parking free of charge, especially in areas that are key to promoting tourism and supporting our local economy.

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737. Not necessary or wanted

738. I'm happy to pay a small fee at the country parks as I'm parking for a few hours and it's doesn't affect local businesses.

"739. They all take away from the survival of local shops and further encourage people to shop online.

Another step towards isolating people from local facilities "

740. People are already financially stretched and by changing it will deter people getting out and enjoying some fresh air and exercise. Will also direct people to park in residential areas and

"741. The process of consultation is poor and sketchy . Councils who need to raise money need to be looking at the waste of money within departments. Ridiculous vanity schemes and ill

Informed consultants. I worked for Wirral Council for 39 years and saw all of this first hand . "

742. Life is a struggle financially for people on the Wirral right now extra costs coming in aren't going to do anyone any good. People like to walk down new Brighton, Hoylake, West Kirby and take their families out. If they have to pay you a restricting them being able to do this as money is already sparse as it is

743. It's an atrocity what you're trying to implement.

744. We should be encouraging folk to exercise and shop locally and to park responsibly in designated parking places. Charging for parking discourages people from enjoying local beauty spots and from supporting local businesses. If I wanted to nip into a shop in Bromborough for example for a greeting card a charge for parking an hour would double the cost of the card so I wouldn't go and businesses would likely close over time.

745. Stop fleecing the people who can least afford it

746. Short term planning leads to poor decisions! Make 15 to 20 year plans!!

747. It is a tax on local people and penalising everyone who want to get out and about in the fresh air. Disgraceful decision in the present climate.

748. No consideration for local people many of whom are already financially over-stretched. Shops (small businesses) have not recovered from loss of revenue after COVID. Parking for West Kirby Leisure Centre or Library alone- one visit per week amounts to c£100 a year. Birkenhead town centre has already suffered loss of revenue and disappearance of shops such as Marks and Spencer- I have never shopped there since parking charges were introduced and I know many who have followed suit. The sad thing is that people no longer feel listened too ...

749. Where parking is already established then fair inflation linked raises would appear reasonable

750. The residents of Wirral are completely fed up with increased charges when it comes to parking everywhere on the Wirral. After high increases in council tax every year, another charge to local residents is disgusting. You ask people to have their say in these surveys and still you choose to not listen to what the people want or need, and you are supposed to be standing for us not against. Listen to people of Wirral and make it easier to consult over plans you propose.

751. Overall, I feel all of the schemes are going to have a negative impact and will cause the local community to suffer at a time when they need to be able to use our open spaces for their wellbeing and not have to pay extra charges in a cost of living crisis.

752. Wirral Council's green agenda is doing nothing but financially impact families, small businesses and residents who have spent their lives paying council tax to you. To charge for parking in these areas and increase the fee by 600% for resident permits is disgraceful and distasteful given the current financial climate. Wirral has the largest poverty/wealth divide in the country, and this is doing nothing to support honest Wirral residents. Counsellors considering this should be ashamed of themselves as they are clearly so far detached from what a real Wirral resident's life is like and how every penny is pinched.

753. Detrimental affect on area and local businesses

754. I am a support worker and take my clients for walks along the coast. This will not be possible when the charges come into effect. Parking charges will have a detrimental effect on local area and businesses

755. We already pay road tax. In addition it will stop people visiting and exercising here which will impact the physical and mental health of thousands of people. It will also impact local businesses at a time where things are already tough. It's simply criminal.

756. as above, please can you let me know of any meetings being held thank you

757. See first comment

758. Stop taking from people and try helping them

759. Short sighted, will destroy the welcome/ amenities for both residents and visitors .

760. It's extortionate and immoral

761. It has been one of the benefits living in Wirral, this may address temporary difficulty for council but would become permanent for residents of Wirral

762. There should be dispensations for certain users.

"763. But there may well be similar issues in other areas which I am unaware of.

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"764. Surely the Council would want to attract visitors to the area. , why does this Council want to deter visitors?

Why does this Council want to prevent or deter locals who not only pay high Vehicle Road Tax but also pay extortionate Council Tax from visiting their own area and businesses which is what will happen if this short sighted policy is adopted.

The motorist pays the HIGH COST of Road Tax / Road Fund Licence to use their vehicle on the public highway regardless if it's moving or stopped.

The Council should pay the motorist when they park as when parked they are NOT:

- 1.) Causing congestion.
- 2.) Not causing pollution.
- 3.) Not wearing out the road surface.
- 4.) Not making a noise.
- 5.) Not risking an accident.

And many other reasons.

This proposal is more evidence that this Council HATES the motorist, and wants to continually Rip them Off? You should not have squandered all that money on unwanted and unnecessary 20mph schemes. STOP hitting the motorist."

765. Crazy

766. I object as I believe you will put the majority in debt, they will feel financial pressure to pay for visitors including their own household. I ask a question of why we pay council tax, what is it for. I feel I am being robbed and scammed. I know how much money each year is wasted by updating council offices, the furniture that is discarded, that could be put to better use. Also wages for higher employees. Get the NHS sorted, and your mental health.

767. Greedy, unjust and completely against everything Wirral stands for. You will DESTROY what we have left of the independent shops / restaurants

"768. Sick of hearing about all these schemes which are costing more money to manage and making the ordinary citizen loose touch with their local environment as they will not be able to afford to go anywhere or do anything. STOP SPENDING OUR MONEY on these things which are killing us all - get rid of the cycle

Lanes as they are hardly used and cause a hazard , get rid of the Mayor & all its associated costs & start looking g inwards at our people and all ow them

To have some freedom!! "

"769. People need to access open space for the mental and physical health .

Main consent is the TRFC/Tranmere/Birkenhwad proposal. I have been sent this attachment from a friend in a different parking zone. It states that you plan to charge for the TRFC visitors parking permit. If this is true I would like to lodge a formal complaint about lack of consultation and the decision to do so. Why should we pay because we are impacted by a private companies actions. Please respond with the formal procedure. I have already lodged a concerns with my local party representatives."

770. As a country that is trying to promote using public spaces more hampering people's ability to access them for free is not very conducive to this and public transport doesn't directly travel to several of these areas I.e royden park how else are the elderly expected to now access these amenities when several are now having to pay more to heat there homes by your governments other policies removing winter fuel payments

771. Too expensive and may make houses affected becoming less desirable when selling and will no doubt impact house prices in these roads. Let's get this issue on to main media asap BBC etc. Agree it should be resident only parking in the streets but should be no more and £10.00 if anything at all.

772. Being able to visit places and not having to worry about further expenses in the current cost of living crisis is an attractive feature. By introducing these charges to car parks across the borough there is potential economic impact on already struggling small independent businesses could have a catastrophic impact. As someone who travels from Liverpool and spend a lot of time utilising free parking to visit green spaces for my mental health and wellbeing and also spend time spending money on small independent business, parking fees is something that is deterring me from visiting if these are introduced.

"773. We pay a high fee for our council tax. We are also told constantly how you are trying to make Wirral thrive.

Charging for parking, is unlikely to bring in large revenues but much more likely to deter people from using local shops and services.

This in turn will negatively impact the area and negatively impact your earnings from these car parks."

"774. I am a volunteer at The Floral Pavilion and I am not sure I would continue if I had to pay for the privilege.

I meet many visitors there who come many times during the year because of the free parking, that means they spend money in shops, cafes, entertainment venues and other places, this money could be lost to other areas and loss of jobs too.

Many millions of pounds has been spent to bring people to Wirral, please do not lose them with this short sighted scheme.

Wirral Council used to promote us as The Leisure Peninsula. What happened?

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"775. Wirral needs visitors and free parking will attract visitors

Having to pay for parking reduces the likelihood of visiting/using local facilities "

776. These will affect the local businesses and have never never been needed before. If the council needs money maybe they should sell some of the properties that they hold onto and have laid vacant for years. Save on the money they pay for consulting fees for the many hair brain ideas ie redevelopment of hoy lake golf club, brackenwood golf club, ridiculous cycle routes that appear across the Wirral that are not used. The blanket 20 mph speed limits across the Wirral that 1/ has no police to enforce, 2/ if it were enforced would only benefit the insurance companies as they would increase the cost of people's insurance cover, 3/ once people cannot afford the premiums would continue to drive uninsured or whilst banned. This is clearly just a money making exercise that is being suggested to cover for the incompetence of a failed and misguided council.

"777. Wirral needs to attract customers to local businesses and charging to park will not do this.

Local people need free parking to encourage use of local amenities "

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779. Hard times for all Now you are asking your residents to pay to take a walk at New Brighton , Hoylake etc , This is supposed to be the leisure peninsula!! I am in my 70s and would have to pay parking charges to visit the GP. Charges will also kill off the shops in Bebington and Bromborough especially in light of free parking at Bromborough retail park.

Strange how the Council can set up 20mph limits everywhere (difficult to derive a modern car at this speed which causes more pollution) and cycle lanes which I have yet to see anyone using. Common sense please Councillors - listen to your residents

780. Stop spending money on the cycle routes that 74% of people said they didn't want and will be dangerous to use when not kept cleaned. As you can see by the stones etc that collect in the unused lane on the M53. It will add to the local chaos around Wallasey for parking if you've got people parking on roads to avoid paying parking and the displaced parking from roads that have cycle lanes there won't be enough parking for everyone. So many houses in Wallasey don't have drives and certainly not for 2 cars which so many have these days. If you saved that money you wouldn't need to add & increase parking charges you will still have money left to put into other needed improvements in Wirral.

"781. As a lifelong Wirral Resident, I understand the challenges of traffic across the region; but I am also keenly aware of the challenges faced by independent businesses like ours doing what they can to bring life and footfall back to local high streets.

Car parking charges may result in some minor increased funds for Wirral Council (sorely needed, after many years of austerity), but they will also result in reduced visits to our local high streets, many of which are hardly flourishing as it is. With finances being so tough all over for both businesses and customers, parking costs can be the difference between choosing to visit to a local store or travelling to a retail park; or the option that is even worse for local communities, simply ordering an item online."

782. It is all about making money! You are not taking into account local residents who will be affected

783. Wirral Borough Council should be ashamed this will kill the wirral

784. No.

785. They will affect local businesses. It will have an impact on people's mental and physical health and well being by restricting their access to a walk in the fresh air and maybe having a chat with people. people will have to pay when needing to access GP services.

786. I live in Irvine road..tranmere...my road is on the list for proposed permits that have to be paid for...I don't understand why I am being charged to park outside of my own house...I understand we are by a football stadium but the current permits that are free are enough to deter people from out of area from parking in the roads from fear or parking tickets...I don't see how charging us residents will stop people parking in our street?

"787. It will stop people visiting the area. It will decimate an already struggling tourism business , and retail shopping.

Charging people who want fresh air and exercise along the coast is a disgrace."

788. We need to encourage people to visit Wirral to boost the economy.

"789. Only last month you published a report with options regarding the Floral Pavillion, located at the end of Kings Parade, as it is losing money and you need to find ways to keep it viable. You have stated this scheme is in line with your Cool 2 Climate Change strategy, yet makes no mention of carbon capture - so must be intended as a means to reduce traffic emissions. If the intention is to reduce traffic, and as such visitation, to the area - you reduce your chances of the Floral Pavillion becoming financially viable. This impact will also affect the small business along the Marine Promenade who are already facing difficulties to reduced tourism numbers.

Further, an overnight charge does nothing to reduce carbon or heavy particulate emissions. If you are choosing to leave your vehicle overnight, you are spending an extended period of time in the area, a move that typically sees an increase in revenue to local businesses - whether it is hotels, pubs, cafe's, or corner shops.

It is notable that none of these parking charges are being applied to large retail parks that daily draw huge amounts of traffic, but rather affect smaller high-streets and perhaps even more worryingly parks and commons. Thurstaton Common is a prime example, it is not easily reachable by any means of public transport - even from Woodchurch it would take at least 40 minutes (most of that walking). It is an outstandingly beautiful location that serves to get your residents outdoors and valuing nature, but the amount of people willing to pay to take a walk is a lot smaller than you appear to imagine.

The short sighted economic impact of this is shocking. Your resident's do not need another cost added to their lives, your businesses do not need less visitors, and this scheme will only aid your climate change plans by reducing readings in those areas and moving them to already over saturated retail parks"

790. The schemes is reasonable only for a certain area.

791. The price is not big enough

792. I understand the need to raise money but feel it is excessive. Could you consider leaving the first hour free as is common in other authorities ?

793. You need to listen to the people of Wirral - not just make your own decisions. I cannot believe it has come to this. - it's just penny pinching and robbing the taxpayers who already pay extortionate council tax - just think about it

794. Another attempt to " get at the motorists" bad for all local businesses will move cars from car parks to surrounding roads and cause havoc for nearby residents

795. People are struggling to park near their own homes already and thanks to the proposed new cycle lanes parking close to their own homes become even more difficult. Now adding further insult, they will now have to pay to park too!

796. Think again!

797. Needs complete revaluation.

798. I urge the Council to strongly consider the adverse impact of the changes proposed and not to proceed with the proposals in their current form.

799. I do not object to increases in charges for most street parking and off street parking - what I do object to is an increase in charges for parking permits to allow residents to park outside their own homes - the proposed increase would see a £50 pa increase as a resident before I even start with a visitor permit. I already pay multiple taxes and bills to live here after paying to purchase my own and should not be penalised to park outside or even near it. The council increase council tax year on year and my car insurance is through the roof because I only have access to on street parking. It is difficult enough to live as it is, it's so tempting to move back to wales at least they don't charge you to park outside your own home when you live in a terrace because that's all you could afford to buy as a first time home owner

800. Killing off visitors/ businesses

801. Implementing another batch of pay car parks will have a highly negative effect on the shops, businesses and services provided. Given the ever increasing costs and overheads paid, it will eventually cause more shops and businesses to close. This in turn will reduce revenue for the Council.

802. Yes I object to them all.

803. Negative impact to business. I regularly park here to take my young children for bike rides and walks. I will no longer do this if I have to pay for parking.

804. Disgusting cash grab by a council that doesn't care about what's best for the people and doesn't act on the people's behalf. Charging people to park outside a property they own or rent is a disgraceful idea by Wirral Council.

805. As a resident in Tranmere. I have objections to the charges as we already have to fight for space in the road why should we pay

806. Bound to affect businesses in affected areas at a time when things are hard enough. If businesses fail the council will lose money from business rates etc.

807. Keep

808. Yes, but they will be imposed on the public regardless, and rip the motorists off yet again, as usual, so it's not worth commenting. By the way, I look forward to next year's Council tax rises - not.

809. Money making by WC

"810. If you want to protect small businesses the costs should be 0 for the first hour, allowing customers to visit these businesses without cost and therefore limiting people's desire to spend at these businesses (which could result in fewer businesses and less rates coming in).

Furthermore, people going for a walk may decide to go to the many places in West Cheshire councils region where there is no cost, and therefore this policy would actually negatively impact the environment."

811. Fleece the motorist again

812. The council have no legitimate right to impose any parking charges on any highway. The council is a registered business, and has no right to make rules based on erroneous climate emergency claims, and agendas driven by minority fringe groups and activists....it will also negatively impact across all age groups, and firmity...will make recreational days difficult for young families, large families, disabled, those with limited income. It will also destroy business both large and small...as witnessed by many town centres, especially liscard.

813. I'm sure other people will have their own individual objections about the other car parks proposals to charge fees. I know of many which although the aim is to make money it usually ends up costing more to implement than it gains.

"814. this is a leisure peninsula and we need visitors to increase the economy , not drive them away by charging for every available place on the wirral

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW MANY COUNCILLORS WILL PAY TO PARK OUTSIDE THEIR OWN PROPERTY . HOW MANY COUNCILLORS LIVE OUTSIDE OF WIRRAL AND THEREFORE ARE NOT AFFECTED BY THESE CHARGES "

815. It's just a money making exercise & generally has nothing to do with congestion

816. Wirral is in dire need of footfall in cafes, restaurants and shops. The chargeable parking schemes will drive people more to park in free areas causing further congestion and travel issues while the car parks remain empty.

817. Will cost business essentially and affect the elderly who like to shop locally. Why should we pay to park on a road when we pay road tax?

818. Roads are for travelling on, NOT vehicle storage. We need to encourage cycling, walking and public transport.

819. As above

"820. Totally ridiculous to charge for car parking to this extent! It is a tax on car owners and these charges make even changing a library book or a quick shopping stop even more expensive and unnecessary.

Leave car owners alone! We often need to use our cars to make life easier (heavy shopping). Don't make it more difficult, especially as we get older. "

821. It will adversely affect local businesses so much. Terrible idea

822. Stop attacking the motorist. The public space is for all. Raise revenue another way This is not the answer. Look at the impact implementing parking charges have on shopping centres. The rock retail park, Bromborough, Cheshire oaks all booming..... Liscard and now Birkenhead are run down with poor quality shops that nobody visits anymore. Any decent retailers like M&S have long since left.

823. Will kill off local business and punish people for parking and enjoy the best of the Wirral.

824. No .

825. See above.....

826. Where there is a legitimate car park that people drive to then to pay a pound or 2 is no problem but to charge people to pay to park on a residential street is outrageous

827. I think its a money making scheme for wirral council and they ought to be ashamed of themselves and look into where the money is going and why we are in such a black hole. Its a running joke that council workers are working hardly any hours and get a massive income over other people. Maybe start there... with limited access to parks and beaches mental health will dramatically reduce.

828. You are determined to ruin local businesses aren't you and they will have nothing to show for it. You already do nothing to help the local communities as it is!

"829. Will Adversely affect businesses in this area and people who live in this area who need to park their cars on streets outside there homes

People are already under financial strain especially pensioners "

830. No one who can afford to own and maintain a car has any legitimate reason to object to pay such a small amount for parking. However, one thing that will continue to put people off using paid-for car parks is the inconvenience of finding a working machine, having change, going back to put your ticket in the window etc. Some of the revenue raised should go towards updating the pay systems to frictionless methods, such as ANPR and contactless payment.

831. As above

832. Down right ludicrous! Why not concentrate on helping people to congratulate you on saving money for them !

833. Short sighted as detailed above.

"834. I do not object to all of the schemes, but would like to request that a risk assessment of the impact of the displaced parking onto the public highway surrounding the car parks (or

marked beachfront parking around New Brighton) be carried out to ensure that risks to public safety both of those driving down roads obstructed by vehicles, and pedestrians who are likely to be obstructed from using pavements by cars parked on them (a particular issue for wheelchair users and parents with prams/buggies) and when they are crossing roads between parked vehicles (a particular issue for children given the increasing height of modern vehicles) before such charges were implemented.

Broadly, if controlled parking zones (control could be a maximum stay rather than a charge) were introduced around all car parks where there was a charge to park, I would support the schemes, but in its current form the scheme is likely to cause as many problems as it solves.

I do however support the principle of charging for parking on the public highway or in council owned car parks, to support the maintenance of these areas and fund the enforcement of parking restrictions. I would additionally support the introduction of more residential controlled parking zones which were adequately enforced, particularly around schools which are a notable contributor to parking issues."

835. I think it's absolutely outrageous that in this economy where people are already struggling you are going to add on parking charges! As Wirral Council you should be striving to make this community a better place, not taking what little money people have left. I think this is disgusting.

836. Stop wasting money on mad cap fancy schemes that need consultants at £11000 per month and use that money to subsidise the cost of car parks or better still get in the government monitors again

837. I have lots of objections to it all. This will be dangerous to people who love locally. Roads near by will be gridlocked.

838. People are already very short of money and you are taking away any enjoyment they have in life by charging for car parks where people can get exercise and have some free enjoyment, absolutely disgusting, how can you charge people to park outside their own homes and for what???? It's been said for a while that the government don't want you to own anything , do anything or go anywhere this is where it's headed, why is this being rolled out and what will it achieve nothing except annoying people and generating money for councils, hang your head in shame

"839. I object to the parking charges for multiple reasons. Residents may be dissuaded from enjoying outdoor areas to the detriment of their physical and mental well-being. Local small business may suffer as shoppers are likely to choose bigger shops with free parking. Employees of local businesses may also suffer if parking charges are introduced. Local residents may suffer if people choose to park in residential roads and parking could affect

traffic flow. Some of the car parks included such as Church Road in Bebington are used for access to churches, libraries and community services.

There could be compromises that may help residents to feel happier about the charges. Perhaps local residents could have permits that entitle them to a set period of free parking.
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840. The council should save money by reducing reliance on expensive private consultants, focusing instead on in-house expertise or shared services with other councils. By cutting wastage in external consultancy fees, the council can redirect funds to essential services and infrastructure improvements, achieving long-term financial sustainability without burdening residents with parking charges.

841. These parking charges are not going to encourage residents to be active and it's totally unfair on small businesses and shops which rely on their customers having free parking. I appreciate it's only £1 in many instances but I do not believe it will stay at that amount for very long.

842. This does not help the Wirral in any way. Business is struggling. The council should be encouraging people to shop and visit the area. Parking charges push people to the outlet villages and trading estates.

843. I do not agree with the imposition of a £1 overnight charge anywhere. I believe it is unnecessary and would certainly be difficult to justify based on any argument around prevention of congestion.

844. This is not democracy at work, this is elected officials forcing their will on the residents of the Wirral and there will be consequences if these are passed. Some people will turn to non democratic ways of fighting it, which leads to right wing anarchy as we have seen elsewhere in the country.

845. It's just being nasty to the local population, and would raise little if any revenue after allowing for the running costs, and the likely complexity of the ticketing arrangements will probably become a trap for the unwary and waste many hours of drivers' time. They will also overload all the free parking areas nearby.

846. Wirral Council are wasting money on 20 mph speed restrictions and very little used cycle lanes

847. They've not been thought through in any detail.

848. We've seen what happens to areas in economical terms when blanket car parking charges are introduced. Birkenhead town centre is on its knees and I genuinely believe the car parking charges are a big reason for this. I appreciate the council is on its knees financially, especially after 14 years of Tory cuts. But I'd rather see my council tax rise before I'd see my local area's turned into ghost towns.

849. By implementation of these schemes it will discourage people to park thus affecting local businesses and due to less visits the monies raised will be off set by the cost to implement the scheme thus not generating the income envisaged. Also has the council undertaken an impact assessment on the impact of implementation of sure a scheme and if this is a money generating scheme to cover financial shortfalls in order areas then there need to be a root and branch review on how the council manages all its services on behalf of the people who elected them. Council need to stop using vehicle owners as a cash cow and manage their services better.

"850. I cannot believe that WBC would even consider taking away the opportunity for people to take exercise and walk around so many beautiful places on the Wirral.

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851. I think that its extreme in its idea to say the least and dont believe the council have spoken to local people to see how it could affect the. Whilst have your say is ok. Not all people have access to internet and elderly certainly would nit understand it. We pay high council taxes and we need somebody to look at this scheme properly. Paying for car parking everywhere is not a fix to getting money into the council funding

852. It will prevent a lot of people nipping to local shops for items they can get from larger supermarkets if they have to pay to park. This will have a massive detrimental effect on small local businesses

"853. It's not enough that we are being bled by ever increasing Road tax and council tax, but now Wirral Council are proposing parking meters on every conceivable car park in the area. Not only that but Wirral council are also proposing a charge for residents to park outside their own homes/ for visitors. At best this is a well meaning but deeply flawed attempt to get people to use cars less for environmental reasons. (Not taking into consideration that many people rely on car use for work/ basic quality of life reasons.) At worst it's simply another way in which our government is bleeding funds out of the public.

Firstly the on road parking charges. I can see the argument being made that this would help ease congestion, however all this will do is move it to side roads. What's more, many households have multiple cars. It's no secret the days of the ""housewife"" are long over and everyone has to work. This means more cars and a need for additional parking. Most homes are not designed with this in mind and you are lucky if the planners provided parking for a single car. As such it's common sense that the resident will need to park on the road as planning has produced something not fit for modern day purpose. Although not the focus of this issue, the building of additional housing is just going to make this issue worse. More people = more cars = greater need for parking. If you are building houses, you MUST build facilities including additional roads and allow for additional parking.

If you want to ease congestion you need to provide parking to get the cars off the street, this leads me onto the second part of my objection- the car park charges.

Installing car park meters will not stop me from using a car park, provided my reasoning for being there is premeditated or I have to be in the area to complete a chore. It will however make me put off visits to my barber and any spontaneous visits to cafes/ restaurants/ shops. Considering many of our high-street and local businesses are already struggling and I'm saying the above from a position of relative financial comfort, I can only predict the introduction of car park charges to be a massive blow to local small businesses. After all, why go through the hassle of parking and paying for parking, when I can just order what I want online, probably with free delivery?

Case study- A few years ago, car parking charges were introduced at new ferry woods. Since then I've not once drove down to visit the area. When I have been down via other means of transport, I've noticed a huge surge in on street parking down Ferry Road. From my perspective all the introduction of car park charges has done is put people off using the parking facilities available and now we have an increase in on road congestion.

I've lived on the Wirral all my life and seen first hand how our facilities are deteriorating. I'm now a home owner and the constant rise in council tax and introduction of additional fees for essentially nothing is incredibly frustrating. The introduction of proposals such as this one demonstrate just how out of touch the council is with the person on the street."

854. Will kill all the local shops and attractions

855. The addition of parking charges to public streets is a disgusting use of council powers and will overall devolve the community and put people off from visiting Wirral.

856. In a time of financial crisis for most families, including rises in council tax, it is dreadful to enforce these charges now. It will also result in people parking on roads/residential streets and causing more issues.

857. Punishing dog walkers family's for enjoying green spaces. Punishing small businesses who rely on free parking to bring customers into already dying high streets.

858. People should have the right to park outside their own homes without being charged. Its an absolute joke to be putting more costs on a basic right, stop wasting money on cycle lanes, 20mph speed limits which the majority of the wirral are against. You paint the roads with these signs and a matter off weeks later rip them up and have to waste more tax paying money to paint again. Try listening to your constituents!

859. I feel our rates have been mismanaged by the Council and residents and shopkeepers are expected to pay for Councils overspending. Obviously there are people on Council who have no idea of how to run a business

860. You say you want better health and then you take away our freedom to enjoy without charge our beautiful area. You say you want nicer areas and yet you litter our areas with your virtue-signalling-nudge signage everywhere. You say you want to improve business opportunities and then you deter people from going to areas which desperately need customers by your excessive parking charges. You have already killed Birkenhead with your excessive parking charges. We the people of Wirral do not want your parking charges. We already pay enough in taxes etc to local and national government. We have little enough money now. These roads and car parking spaces belong to us, not you. You are public servants who take money from the public purse to implement what should be our will but you do not listen to what we want. You, as a public servant, can also be held liable in your personal capacity if you do not act in the best interests of those you claim to represent (the public). Is this the route we now have to go down or will you listen? How many times do we have to say NO NO NO to more council parking charges in Wirral. I will not pay your parking charges. We are sick of government overreach. Your fines (without conviction) are illegitimate, unlawful and fraudulent under the Bill of Rights 1688. I will park elsewhere and walk - outside someone's house if necessary - others with less health will not have this option - and it's not my preferred option as I do care about others. But I will not pay your council parking charges to park on our land. Will you listen?

861. Angry over all Council policies to prevent people from driving & penalise those who do. Cycle lanes stopping the flow of motorists, 20mph roads, resident parking permits, parking charges. How are these policies helping residents, small businesses and encouraging growth in the economy. Councillor Grey needs to be aware how frustrated Wirral residents are becoming with this assault on motorists.

862. The schemes will significantly impact those on low incomes who visit the Wirral area for their mental wellbeing and for shopping and will also impact on tourism numbers and local businesses as visitors will just visit elsewhere outside of the Wirral. It appears Wirral Council is very short-sighted and is doing its best to kill local businesses and Wirral's beautiful tourist spots

863. These charges are detrimental to the survival of the businesses etc. And the livelihoods of all who work there and people just cannot afford this. WBC are literally driving people out of our borough.

864. Yes totally misleading re reduce emissions and congestion and boost economy people will drive for longer go out of area to secure free parking also drive around local area looking for free parking.

865. See 2 above

866. I already pay council tax use it more constructively.. don't waste money with 20mph signs for example... listen to the people....

867. Car parking charges may impact businesses like shops in areas like New Brighton where people drive to for an outing and exercise.

868. consider the business rates that you will lose when you enact this pointless scheme. in many areas there is little ongoing cost in maintaining; and not releasing financial justification for this will only end in its failures; as said before, enacting chargers where there is currently none will stop me using facilities or visiting local shops.

869. Make your money elsewhere, stop using it on unwanted strategies, 20mph, cycle lanes NOT wanted or needed!!!! all that free access to activities on the coast you are ruining----- think mental health of people who are hard pushed for cash as it is, you re taking away their lifeline, please rethink and stop.

870. Stop wasting money on bike lanes, 20 signs and consultant with us. Then actively listen to what we want instead of going ahead regardless

871. Any additional charges impact on the health of residents and have a serious impact on businesses if people cannot afford to park this then causes additional costs to all nhs services it is not cost effective in the long term and has too many knock on effects

872. See above

"873. Why punish pepole for driving.

These places are already struggling & these plans do to revive these areas that are all ours to enjoy. You should be making wirral more accessible not making things harder."

874. I am a motorist but totally support new and increased charges. It does irritate me that people will very expensive cars disagree with paying an extra few pence to park.

875. These schemes are absolutely ridiculous. Wirral council should be ashamed of themselves.

"876. The areas targeted will become ghost areas

, people just can't afford more expense."

877. The car park in bebington by the civic center it will kill all the business if you start charging as people will go to Bromborough as its free carpark , even putting an extra pound on the carpark is adding onto a customer's bill it's unfair and lots of the shops have already gone please don't start charging it will make a massive difference to our footfall

"878. This Resident's parking permit scheme should never have been considered. Local residents should be able to park on the street which they live on, outside their house (as they always have done) free of charge. It is disgusting that those house without a driveway should have to pay for a permit. If the council wishes to enforce a residents only parking permit, it should be supplied without fees.

I will not be paying for one of your permits, and will be part of any planned protests against these schemes."

879. You are hitting the wrong people, your transport. System is poor , my bus passes my home one way , but does not on the return trip, how crazy is that !

880. Wirral Council should be doing all it can to improve the lives of residents and businesses on the Wirral. This scheme is damaging for all. The simple fact is that the council have incompetently mismanaged £millions and are now expecting hard working people to fill their black hole.

881. As above

882. If allowed these schemes will add to the demise of the local amenities

883. Parking charges will stop a lot of people coming to the area and spending money in local businesses and elsewhere. If this happens, businesses will suffer and could ultimately end up not being a desirable place to visit or live..

884. Making it impossible financially to be healthy walk and take dogs out regularly for walks!!!

885. I think applying charges to all areas would have a big impact on small businesses and impact on peoples decisions as to where they will go shopping. On local services such as libraries, council gyms, civic centers applying parking charges will impact on families already struggling.

"886. This will impact on local businesses in a negative way.

It can prevent people getting out and about, affecting their well-being.

It will result in people parking in nearby residential areas, therefore having a negative impact on local residents."

887. How are elderly people to manage, only a few if any use banking apps on phones.

"888. I ALSO STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL OF CHARGING RESIDENTS IN PARKING PERMIT AREAS OF THE BOROUGH £60 PER YEAR AND VISITORS £40 PER YEAR FOR THE RIGHTS TO PARK IN THEIR OWN ROADS. I HAVE NEVER PAYED BEFORE AND I WILL NEVER, REPEAT NEVER ,PAY FOR PARKING OUTSIDE MY OWN HOME.

MY CAR HAS LOW EMISSIONS AND IS ONLY CHARGED £30 PER YEAR BY THE DVLA, WHICH I PAY. AND DEPENDING ON THEIR CAR, OTHERS PAY AN APPROPRIATE AMOUNT.

WHY SHOULD I ALSO PAY YOU, TWICE AS MUCH FOR THE RIGHT TO PARK OUTSIDE MY OWN HOME.

TO COVERTLY PLACE NOTICES AT THE END OF ROADS AND HOPE THAT RESIDENTS DONT NOTICE IS A DISGRACEFUL WAY TO BEHAVE. RESIDENTS OF THE WIRRAL ARE SICK OF BEING THE SCAPEGOATS FOR INEPT DECISIONS MADE BY COUNCILLORS.

WE, THE RESIDENTS OF WIRRAL WILL NOT STAND FOR THIS ANY LONGER.

PASS THIS PARTICULAR PROPOSAL AT YOUR PERIL.

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889. As above.

890. It's just money making scheme by the council, ripping off people who already pay council tax. You have already ruined the beaches now you want to kill off the high streets.

891. If the council want to raise money, they should first think about reducing the money they are spending on cycle lanes which are not being used by anyone and changing speed limits which are not required in a large number of areas.

892. We have had free parking permits for everyone. The public can't Afford these charges. With everything going up the way they are.... Don't we pay road tax to drive and park our cars on the roads outside our houses??

893. Absolutely ridiculous. By charging for these multiple car parks, you'll be forcing people to park outside other people homes in residential areas. The local community rely on these car parks to reach local amenities, as well as workers who are employed at local businesses. Very much doubt the money made from the car parks will be returned to the community. The cost of living is hard enough for us as it is without having to pay to pop into a shop for some milk. Get your heads screwed on and try and relate to your constituency instead of using them to make money for other projects.

"894. I do not think it fair that there is apparently a fight against parking charges, what about those without a car? Why are the less well off expected to subsidise those with cars? Why isn't public transport cheap for those without cars, surely it could be subsidised by those with cars? Can you see where this is going?

If you're lucky enough to afford a car, you can damn well pay to store it in public areas.

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895. Some changes to the parking fees scheme are proportional and sensible but removing free off street parking is not beneficial to the local community

"896. My comments for the King's Parade apply to most others.

This is making the Wirral less accessible to visitors and commodifies these areas in a distasteful and frankly out of touch way."

897. You are just repeatedly making everything harder to access and enjoy for everyone. In times of real financial hardship for many, it's just another thing that they won't be able to afford. Greedy, shortsighted and not what any of this area needs

898. This is a scheme that is detrimental to the lives of local businesses and residents and is essentially a tax to fill a budgetary hole created by the significant waste of money of failed council projects.

"899. Why are you charging for people to go out, get some exercise and help our NHS with the obesity crisis that is happening, this is pure greed by the council! Stop using our money for 20 speed limit if you are so tight, don't punish people trying to enjoy the outdoors!!

You are killing local businesses by doing this!! They don't stand a chance if we have to pay to park, Wirral Council is so out of touch. "

900. The proposals will have a massive effect on the local business. Why do you think out of town shopping areas such as the Croft are full and town centers where you pay are becoming deserted? These areas have free parking and 2 introduce charges will destroy these areas. The Wirral is a beautiful area surrounded by beautiful beaches but if you introduce charges you will stop lots of local people being able to visit these areas. We are in a cost of living crisis and people are struggling already and you propose to make us all struggle more.

901. The proposals should include analysis of transferred parking from these schemes to nearby residential areas to avoid the fees and policies for charging for parking along high streets to allow greater turnover of spaces near shops. Moreton High Street, Meols and West Kirby are good examples.

902. On the Wirral, if you don't live nearby to a train station, it is virtually impossible to get around the area easily. Buses are infrequent, unreliable, and there aren't enough routes. Even the trains are not adequate if you need to get across the Wirral. Going to Heswall or West Kirby from somewhere like Port Sunlight or Bromborough would take over an hour for example. Instead of taking away people's access to free parking, why not improve public transport options first, or work with Merseyrail to lower the extortionate prices.

"903. As an example, the introduction of car parking charges at Eastham Country Park has created a log jam of cars parked all over the place and has ruined the pleasant aspect of the venue.

All of the proposed schemes would create chaos for nearby residents, would affect livelihoods and people's well being. I urge the Council not to proceed with these proposed schemes

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904. Parking charges are long overdue.

905. I understand that some car parks on the Wirral might require changes, especially in places with many visitors. However I disagree that the same should apply to car parks serving and supporting local life, such as the ones located in Bebington.

906. Yes totally negative approach for all local businesses. But don't suppose you will yet again take any notice.

907. I run a local business in Irby Village and employ members of staff who live on the Wirral. With these changes we will now have to pay for parking which will cost £120 a

month. These fees are outrageous! This will negatively impact businesses in the Wirral. We'll have less people coming into the village wanting to avoid parking charges. Instead they'll go to places like Cheshire oaks where they can park for free

908. Will only serve to hurt businesses of Wirral, as proven time and time again everywhere charges have ever been brought in.

909. I would urge you not to proceed with parking schemes that impact on the local population's health & wellbeing & the local economy as we all try to recover from the damage of the lockdowns.

"910. These has nothing to do with managing traffic flow or reducing emissions. This is a council revenue scheme which goes against local businesses including the council owned Floral Pavilion.

The schemes adjacent to promenades and parks penalise people who just want fresh air and exercise. These will 'drive' motorists to use adjacent residential roads.

This is not what Wirral people voted for in the local elections.

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911. Unfair on small businesses and people who work in the area

912. I cant understand the implementation of this aside it feels like utter greed in a time where most people are struggling. We all pay council tax that pays for road repairs etc so why should we pay more to help our community thrive and create more dangerous situations as some people desperately try and avoid parking fees.

913. All scams

914. Changing to park is wrong

915. It will drive people away and the money they bring to spend in local businesses, given the economic pressures on families to add another burden on people paying taxes, road tax, council tax and taxes on may other areas of their lives is abhorrent

916. Businesses will be adversely affected. Nearby 'free' streets will be adversely affected.

917. I don't approve at all, times are hard for people. This is not gonna help at all.

918. Any car parking charges will be detrimental to local businesses in all areas, and will encourage people to park in residential roads in order to avoid parking charges, which will inconvenience local residents who won't be able to park outside their own homes. The charges amount to a council tax increase by stealth.

919. Parking charges for most of those proposed would put intolerable pressure on local residential streets

920. Having worked for the council for over 22yrs I saw blatant wastage of tax payers monies. Its about time you listened to the residents of Wirral 😞

921. You are going to kill local businesses, hard work residents trying to make a living.
922. How do you expect people to afford these additional costs?!
923. Just f*** off
924. another hit on the motorist & I STRONGLY Oppose .
925. We need to encourage people into our town centres or more high streets will slowly die
926. These schemes bring no benefit to the people of Wirral. They will deter people coming to and enjoying the Wirral which has so much to offer. The Council should be doing more to encourage people to visit the Wirral
927. This will only affect businesses both small and large. It will also cause chaos elsewhere as people will just park in nearby residential streets affecting those who live there
928. People need access to free of charge parking to access and support their local businesses and services. They will move to larger retailers where it is free to park or contest local roads to park in rather than a car park that starts to charge
929. Disgraceful to charge people who are already paying enough taxes - especially the elderly
930. Stop trying to profit from people's desire to visit local attractions and to support local businesses. People will stop using them and many will close. The council doesn't need more revenue from schemes such as this, it needs to stop wasting money on councillors freebies and vanity projects.
931. People are taxed enough. Paying to park in major destinations is one thing but none of these places are that. All you will do is put people off coming to these places.
932. Shopping centres are free why make the private shop owners pay the price!
933. Every single one of our household bills has increased over the last few years. Mortgages have doubled in some cases and incomes have not adjusted to reflect this. The cost of living is unbearable for many and adding charges to parking will dissuade people from visiting these areas causing the business that need their customers to struggle at a time when we are already struggling as a nation. Help the people!
934. See above. Think you're just money grabbing!!
935. I have not objected to similar proposals in other areas as I'm not a resident, but the same issue is likely to apply.
936. Do you not make enough money out of the people of Wirral. Surely parking between these times is not causing any problems for people not being able to find a space. As to raising the already extortionate prices no!! I do not agree. People are struggling businesses are struggling and higher charges will just stop people using local facilities. Save money on

all your inept decisions that cost more money than sense and that nobody wants or has in fact voted for. Listen to the people who pay your wages!!!

937. Motorists pay enough to use the roads. Paying for parking damages the shops and causes parking on residential roads and empty car parks. Madness. Look at all the empty shops in Heswall. The restaurants are all booming as parking is free in the evenings, which proves that if parking was free in the day the shops would be booming too, don't you understand that simple fact.

938. Do not bring in parking charges it will drive away visitors - no one on the Wirral wants this - you need to listen to the people that you represent - we all say "NO" to parking charges

939. The council will not get the revenue they think they will, many people will change their habits to get round charges. If this is pushed through may I suggest that payment should be paid on return rather than ahead of stay. Also older people will find paying through a third party via an app difficult

940. This is discrimination on low income families.

941. Its the downfall for our communities if these disgusting charges go ahead

"942. Parking charges are expensive enough

Leave them as they are "

943. Stop charging us, your residents to go about our lives. So far all WBC have done is confirm they do not have a grip on reality. In a cost of living crisis, when life is more expensive than ever. You want to hurt your residents your local businesses and the local economy. In what world is that a good idea.

944. The disregard for users

945. I hope that as so many people are against these parking charges that the council listen to what residents want rather than ignoring us again !

946. As above - increase council tax on very large properties and second home owners to collect revenue rather than punishing the people who use the car parks

947. As above you are punishing your own electorate to balance your own financial mismanagement why don't you look within and create savings from the council and your own overheads before expecting the residents to incur the financial burden

948. The cost of living crisis should not be made worse by this council. Commit to your jobs and work for the people. Not the greed of the government and unwanted schemes to fuel power trips.

949. Please have sympathy and take into account the voices of the businesses and communities that will be affected by these schemes, in order to make the choice that will be beneficial for EVERYONE.

"950. The parking spaces are generally used for parking for access to leisure or to local shopping.

Wirral residents have seen the decline in the shopping areas of the Borough. Whilst I realise that this is due to a multitude of factors and not parking charges alone, consistent spread of and increase in parking charges adds further barriers to the use of local shops/businesses. On line shopping is more and more convenient and postage is often cheaper now than parking fees so there is little incentive to visit local. Whilst there is obviously investment in the Birkenhead area in an attempt to make it more attractive, this investment is yet to be seen elsewhere in the Borough.

Wirral residents are increasingly being restricted from utilising their own leisure spaces by increasing charges to do so. Rather than the claims of moving traffic on, it seems more that this merely a route to provide an income revenue through these spaces, and it may be more open and honest to publish the revenue it is expected to generate versus costs of administration alongside asking for opinion.

Meanwhile Wirral residents health, both physical and psychological, continues to rank some of the lowest in the country, so it would seem more beneficial to promote use of spaces for wellbeing for all rather than create more barriers to those who are already feeling the impact of continued financial stresses and increasing the inequality in use.

In addition, there is further barrier with the payment methods accepted. It is unfortunate that electronic payment is the only method of payment due to vandalism, but it serves to further marginalise certain groups of our society. "

"951. They all have a negative effect on local communities - particularly traders.

Although blue badge holders would be exempt there are many other people who would find the lack of easy access and thus walking with heavy bags a problem.

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952. We cannot comment directly on the other schemes as we do not know exactly what the impact would be on local residents but it would effect tourism to the area and therefore local businesses would be effected.

953. We should be supporting local businesses and the use of outdoor facilities without incurring parking charges

"954. Against the wishes of the majority of the public.

Not cost effective.

Costly for residents.

Costly for employees at a time of hugely inflated costs.

Prohibitive for businesses.

No mandate to conduct this."

955. I understand that Wirral Council have a significant shortfall in their funding. I am not sure that the car parking charges will compensate for this given the considerable expense involved in installing parking machines and wardens to patrol the system. This should be weighed very carefully against the potentially negative financial impact these charges could have on some of Wirral's poorest families.

"956. Council tax is supposed to cover it and currently, it's unclear what council tax is actually being used for.

The state of the Wirral is a shame and the council should be embarrassed at the current presentation of what was once an area of pride. To introduce another charge when the one that is currently in place is being completely misused is an insult to the residents of the Wirral. "

"957. I strongly object to local parking charges anywhere that affect local residents and small businesses. I am a resident of Bromborough and disabled. I would not be able to walk to the village and certainly could not afford parking charges. Instead of going ahead with schemes such as the 20 m.p.h. zones every

where, and the endless unused cycle lanes that the majority of Wirral residents objected to, it would be nice if the council started actually listened to the people who put them in office. We all know these surveys tick a box and are a waste of time. Would these councillors be so profligate with their own money???? "

958. I think you are always punishing motorists. The amount of cycle lanes that are hardly used and in particular trying to get down reefs lane coming from trsco bidston moss is disgraceful as on approach to lights at riding centre it's down to one lane so you have to wait for at least a couple light changes before you can get through. The cycle lane should have been stopped earlier than where riding centre is. Parking charges are just another way of punishing motorists and local businesses. When will cyclists pay for road tax and insurance. You need to overall all and if only we could rely in public transport we may ditch our cars. The Wirral train line has been a disgrace since the electric trains came into use but not one word is mentioned on local news about how many trains are cancelled, delayed or just late maybe we should bring back horse and carriage

"959. I feel residents will be penalised in some of the areas involved.

I don't disagree with parking charges in general just in high residential areas"

960. Disgusting proposals that will leave the Wirral a much worse place to live and work in.

"961. I just hope that they will be properly policed unlike the overnight parking restrictions in New Brighton. There are still campervans parking overnight or for longer ."

"962. Introduction of car parking charges makes it less convenient for people to use their local shops and drives them to big supermarket chains.

This also negatively impacts on people's health and well being and deters people from using public transport - short sighted

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"963. Comments added to each proposal above. However, to summarise, I object to all proposals as I believe these will have a detrimental impact on tourism , health and would be devastating for small businesses on the High Street would deter people from visiting. No doubt the people that have come up with these proposals enjoy free car parking on a daily basis when travelling to work unless of course they are working from home.

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964. Stop creating more ways to get money from the general public.

965. Include a free period for local shoppers to shop at their local shops.

966. My comments above apply to all schemes

967. You will hurt businesses and prevent people from visiting places around the Wirral. Get your money from somewhere else.

968. To go from £0 or £10 a year to £60, £100 or more for residents parking is unfair. This increase is unacceptable, especially in today's cost of living crisis.

969. As stated above to hide behind a new levy to standardise car parking charges is not the fault of the resident this was allowed to happen via local government. It should be righted by the tax payer.

970. Counterproductive

971. We pay our council tax, as residents we should be able to use our car parks for free

972. Some of these car parks will put small businesses out of business

973. Affecting peoples freedom of choice

974. Introducing parking charges will effect the older generation the most as it is this age range that use the likes of the 3LS service at Bebington Civic centre . you will see a decline in the local Council building being used as people will be unable to afford the proposed parking charges.

975. no

"976. Motorists pay enough charges without the council using them as a cash cow.

I will stay away from any pay to park schemes and spend my money elsewhere and shop online.

Wirral council will be responsible for the businesses that fail if these plans go ahead !"

977. Many schemes will adversely affect poorer members of the community ie those who have to buy parking permits to park outside their own homes which have no off street parking and who have support of friends and family in taking care of elderly people

978. Parking is already difficult and expensive. Road quality is poor. I live on a resident permit road opposite a school where the parents block tje Road and take all the spaces even with the road being closed at school times they come earlier to sneak in. They have no permits and traffic wardens are nowhere to be seen during peak times. Now you want me to pay for a permit to park outside my home when the restrictions are not enforced on the people who cause the issue.

979. Yes, stop people staying at home, encourage them to get out. Exercise in itself will reduce the demand on the health services and social services

980. The council have lost sight of what their constituents really want. You appear to be finding every opportunity to dictate our lives with schemes that just inconvenience the majority. Like the cycle lanes between Leasowe and Bidston, they're barely used and now vehicles back up for long distances. Also the 20mph zones you've introduced these even though there was very little to justify their installation. It would appear that you see opportunity to obtain grants and implement schemes just because it's cheaper for you and improves your statistics. No thought or consideration for those who suffer as a result of your ill thought out plans. Ibsuggest you try doing things that benefit the community for a change.

981. We pay enough in tax. Charging for parking will destroy local businesses & visitor numbers

982. I presume this refers to WBC Parking Schemes? If so, I probably would but I have insufficient knowledge of Birkenhead Controlled Parking Zone to make a judgement about it. In heavily congested areas and restricted road configurations it is obviously sensible to have parking controls to ensure essential traffic access and flow. Where this is not the case, it is just revenue collection and will have unintended consequences.

983. We have to pay council tax and pay more money for car parking is unreasonable

"984. Money grubbing and short sighted.

An absolutely disgusting greedy plan trying to get money from people that people don't have. This will absolutely KILL businesses that are just about holding on. Wirral Council will not actually listen to the results of this survey; watch and see. Wirral Council doesn't actually care about what we say or think. Watch this space. Everybody vote these incompetents out."

985. The council needs money, that is basically the issue. like the government they use environmental issues to achieve this goal. Completely lost touch with reality. The negative

effect on local businesses, increased traffic in residential areas looking for parking spaces, charities forced to close down due to lack of volunteers because of the parking fees.....etc...etc... The council should know how much they receive per year on average from paid parking, so add some money to the council tax and avoid upsetting people. Residents who do not own a car also pay....??? Yes, because we all pay for something we do not use from the council tax pot.

986. You have grouped the entire car parks together this has made it that we generally have to object to them all. This needs a rethink to how this affects local residents. Obviously I understand the money that is involved in this but a blanket charge and a change of a £1 after 6pm feels thoughtless as why would I be looking to spend a £1 every night to look at the landscape I chose to move here for. As I have said a parking permit or free between 5pm - 8pm at least gives local residents an option

987. I can see why parking in Birkenhead is being implemented but don't think it should be for other areas

988. Some places do need parking bays but please consider all objections from Wirral residents and don't just push through as you always do.

"989.

This is a popular place people and families visit and tourists visit, charging for parking will affect this and local area and businesses

People will not want to visit this area anymore "

990. see above, get out and canvas the public rather than wait for a few survey results to trickle in which you then ignore anyway and also publish the results of these surveys showing transparency that this is what the public of Wirral want

"991. If I have to pay for parking, I would decide to go out less, which would then affect my well-being.

Cutting back on outings can definitely impact my mood and overall well-being.

Keep it free. No charge for parking!"

992. When will any council representatives listen to what us sheep want, or even meet us halfway for a workable outcome.

993. Traffic wardens should be focusing on dangerous parking such as double yellow lines and junctions. They seem to prioritise enforcing paid parking areas.

994. Keep parking free

995. Your going to kill off local business. Look at Birkenhead? We pay enough in taxes, and bills are rising.

996. The damage to the local economy and knock on effect of visitors parking in nearby residential streets, where parking is already at a significant premium.

"997. As said earlier we have a ridiculously expensive and poor public transport system running over The Wirral. If people are put off driving somewhere businesses, that are already struggling, will suffer further. What you foolishly take in parking charges (on roads that are falling apart) will then be lost in tax revenue and business rates as cafes and shops close more doors. Families will spend less time outdoors with their kids which is bad for everyone too.

Whether on the left or the right no one thinks this is a good idea. "

998. I am concerned that the council is trying to move pople to the retail parks at a time when we should be supporting small local shops

999. Stop the delusion that free car parking in towns is subsidising car parking. Look to the bigger cost of impact on the towns. This is just a cash grab.

1000. Improve bus services (frequency and economy) and consider further affects on local businesses, residential areas, green borders and spaces that could be adversely affected by further car park charging.

1001. People are already struggling to pay for everyday essentials - why make it worse?

1002. These charges will drive people away from these areas, in turn having a negative effect on local businesses and lead to decline at a time when things are already hard enough.

1003. Local Councils are NOT just a business. They are supposed to have a duty to represent the community, provide facilities for the community and encourage their use. Wirral Borough Council seems to have completely lost sight of these things in its pursuit of increasing revenue at the expense of the community who happen to be motorists.

"1004. The long term impact of this I genuinely feel will be catastrophic for Wirral. This is not in the least supportive to the community and businesses in Wirral.

I strongly urge the council to reconsider and look at other options that would support rather than this scheme that will detract

Perhaps 2 hour free parking and then a charge would be more palatable and work to raise a level of income but maintain visitors to the Wirral and customers for businesses.

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"1005. Yes unaffordable for people more shop's will close due to

People not going in to town or taking the kids out to the beach "

1006. It is expensive enough to live at the moment. Owning a car is incredibly expensive, I know you are trying to discourage people from owning them but as a person with a disability (who doesn't qualify for a blue badge under your scheme) I require a vehicle. I would love to not have the expense of running a car, but unfortunately I need one for myself and for my job. I have seen how town centres are suffering with no local footfall, due in part to the insane greed of parking charges and the companies that run them, and I am disgusted that this council would see that continue.

1007. I have no comment to make about the other schemes as I have no knowledge of them.

1008. As above, trying to make a quick buck seems ludicrous on the Wirral. We are trying to keep our towns and villages alive, not kill them.

1009. This proposal has not been considered properly and the consultation is leading in terms of its questions. They are vaguely worded so as to garner support for the aims of the parking strategy rather than focusing on the detail of how this will affect businesses and adjacent residential streets. Few consultees are realistically going to say they are not interested in the environment, whereas most will not want businesses or adjacent areas to be negatively affected. A proper impact assessment needs to be carried out in conjunction with proposals for residential parking permits and/or parking charge rebates for people parking to use local businesses.

1010. This is a tragedy and is putting money before people. Find your cuts elsewhere WBC or manage your money better.

1011. Plenty of car parks already charge. People shouldn't have to pay to visit family or to park outside their homes. Cost of living is high and people are already struggling to pay for essentials such as food, toiletries, gas, electric, rent etc without paying to park their car outside their house. We pay council tax, car insurance, road tax, petrol prices. It's simply not doable.

1012. There are serious safety concerns with charging for parking on the prom in Meols because of the school nearby and charging for parking elsewhere will result in moving the parking to residential areas or reducing footfall and business for local shops and cafes etc.

"1013. As mentioned in my previous comments, these parking charges will greatly impact on independent and small businesses. These businesses, like the one I work for, are already struggling through financial crises and the lasting impacts of covid on consumer habits. We rely on footfall in these areas, people parking for free and spending time browsing in local shopping areas, supporting these businesses. Without that free parking facility, customers will shop elsewhere, which would have a devastating impact on small businesses.

In addition, these charges will impact on low wage earners, like myself, in retail paying for 8 to 9 hours worth of parking, which would be unsustainable. Businesses are already facing

increased rates and stock prices, so could not afford to then cover staff parking charges too. These proposed parking charges would destroy local businesses."

"1014. Drivers appear to be the cash cow for the cash strapped council but they're shooting themselves in the foot.

People will go to places like the Croft Retail park to shop which already has problems with traffic management. Local businesses will close meaning a drop in income from business rates. As businesses close there will be more unemployment. If people do shop locally they'll park on side roads or in church car parks rather than pay charges."

"1015. Introducing parking charges is going to turn our small towns and villages into 'ghost towns'. For the period where businesses continue to operate, workers will be hit with having to pay to park their car, further inroads into incomes already under pressure. Businesses will close because of reduced trade as customers will go to shops offering free parking. The Council's fantasy that people will walk or travel by bus instead, is pure political posturing, thinking policies like this are 'on trend'. 20mph almost everywhere is in the same category, a total lack of rationale joined up thinking. People in Bristol walking or cycling more oh yes in our Winter!! Consulting? What a joke you've ignored the wishes of the majority on the 20mph consultation and no doubt you will do the same on parking charges- you're a socialist dictatorship not a social democracy- a disgrace.

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1016. Local firms suffer due to no one affording car park charges.

1017. Why is the question "Do you object to all schemes?" question 11 and not question 1?

1018. The proposed introduction of parking fees in any of the current free car parks seems to be an ill-conceived short term measure to raise cash from the public who are already strapped for cash due to inflation fuel charges etc. Don't you realise that in the longer term, this is going to result in even more council expenditure required to counter the effects of social problems, reduction of physical and mental health of Wirral residents and loss of businesses. It is likely to make Wirral a less attractive place to live and businesses less likely to invest in ventures within Wirral. In short, Wirral will go into decline. I am also very concerned about the introduction of fees for some of the small car parks in places like Moreton and Irby. The areas have many small businesses, shops and cafes. Attendance of these will reduce making some of the shops and businesses unviable. Residents are less likely to visit the little cafes and enjoy social interaction.

1019. Looking to penalise drivers again after the 20mph limits and poorly planned and rarely used cycle lanes will be another nail in the coffin for Wirral. Local traders are already struggling and many drivers who rely on their cars will also face difficulties if they have to pay to park. Empty shops will not bring any income to the area. The Council should be encouraging locals and visitors to use the local areas and businesses. How can the idea of the Leisure Peninsula be squared with this decision. Pensioners, many of whom rely on their

cars, are already being penalised with the withdrawal of the Winter fuel payment and often visit areas so they do not have to heat their properties. Employees on low wages cannot afford to pay for all day parking near their places of work. Why should people pay for an hours parking when all they want to do is use the Post Office and the local butchers which may only take 20 mins but will put money into the local economy. Penalising drivers appears to be the obvious solution but shows no imagination and does not look beyond any short term gain which might be achieved.

1020. My objection is that it will impact the economy of the area where I live. What is the use of businesses trying to develop if the council introduces parking charges. People will just go out of town. I don't accept that we should have to follow your strategy, I don't care about it.

"1021. Either make parking free at all retail places or charge at all retail places. You are discriminating against the poor..

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"1022. We are trying to call wirral the leisure peninsular. But charging parking in all leisure areas. New Brighton, west kirby etc will not help. The car parks that serve small business's and people who commute will impact greatly on their ability to survive in these difficult times. People having to park on the roads as they don't have drives are again persecuted over people who on better incomes can afford off road parking on their own properties

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1023. I know that WBC needs income, but this is ridiculous.

"1024. The Council should be an enabler not a blocker of the local community . Work with the private sector and local residents in a positive and encouraging way to create jobs and benefits for everyone . This will create income streams for the council rather than short term minor gains .

Realise the potential of casual visitor business and also the health benefits of a clean well managed beach that is free for all , including parking .

Stop shutting everything down and open up to the clear opportunities throughout our borough . "

1025. Surely there will be a knock on effect to all these charges - businesses close down therefore don't contribute to the economy. People that park on the proms will get health benefits just by being out. If they have to get a bus and then a train somewhere will they bother? Leading to increased health problems etc.

1026. I am a community nurse across the Wirral, we spend our day driving around to see patients this is going to make it very difficult for us

1027. no

"1028. All of the schemes suggested to be introduced are simply money-grabs at the cost of residents, workplace and tourists' interests. Given that local bus routes have been scaled back, removed and local transport companies (Avon) closing down whilst existing merseytravel fees have increased across the past decade, the removal of accessible roadside and off-road parking that comes at a cost mostly to constituents on the Wirral. We are very lucky to live in such a region of diverse natural beauty and restricting public access to parking in what should be local tourism hotspots will only devalue the region and reduce the tourism and hospitality within the area, at an even greater cost to those who are out of range of the public transport that these changes would require to be improved in tandem as an aide to meeting CO2 emission targets, or would require multiple changes en route.

The short-term *potential* of up to £1.9 million into Wirral Borough Council's budget would have a negative impact on the businesses and their employees within the region to a far larger shortfall than what is being recouped by the council. The value of the negative impact this *could* have on residents and businesses within the Wirral is far greater than the council pulling in. This is further impacted when the council themselves posted in their 23/24 draft statement of accounts that they not only have >£140 million of 'usable reserves', but that this represented an increase on the previous years' figure by nearly half a million. Adding an extra 1.3% to the reserve (nevermind a total budget) would have a negligible, if any, positive impact on the lives of the residents and visitors of the Wirral that it can not be justified to introduce charges for parking in local attractions and residential areas from a financial aspect. As for the increasing usage of cars post-covid, it could be argued that this may help with this and evenly argued that public transport requires a vast improvement within the region to even consider that it would reduce the traffic. Instead it would just funnel money away form local businesses and disrupt the local economy on a greater scale than it would be worth introducing."

"1029. On several counts this proposal is both cynical and short sighted.

Yes. The councils are strapped for cash. This is not the fault of those of us who live in this area, and this is just another way of making us pay fir local authority failures.

How can you justify this ? This plan will just continue the ongoing decline of local communities which are centered on areas the provide both necessary and social activities, resulting in local retailers, cafes, and meeting places such as (in the case of Millpark Drive) The already reduced services offered by the library, St David's Church, which provides a very important social function and the overspill from the Eastham Rake Clinic.

All of these places will be adversely affected as people will give greater consideration to visiting the retail park.

One can only think that either the author of these proposals has not given this ridiculous and short sighted idea any serious thought, or that it is now the council's policy to drive the final nail into the coffin of our already dying communities.

Come on WBC Get real wake up and smell the coffee.

Yes you are short of cash, well we the public are not your personal bankers. You need to be speaking to the government about your problems and stop landing them on the doorsteps of the public, most of whom are in the same boat. ie struggling to live (in particular pensioners, most of whom have already been targeted by government having the winter fuel allowance taken away and small businesses who you continue to stifle"

"1030. The mill mpark drive car park sevices all the local shops and st davids church .

If you bring in these propsted charges it will decimate the shops on mill park drive and possibly force the closure of St davids church and hall .Taking a much loved church and hall which is rented out for celebrations.

Not all people want to/ cannot go to the croft retail park .

but want to support there long standing shops and facilaties in there area . We say shop local keep it local and no to parking charges

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1031. Drivers are paying through the pocket to use places and spaces in Wirral. Enough is enough

1032. This will reduce footfall to the areas that rely on customers

1033. All disgraceful. People work hard. Independent businesses work hard. People should not have to pay to park on a public road. The council get enough money off the public

1034. Money grabbing schemes to penalise the general public

1035. I work at the GP surgery on Pasture Road Moreton as a nurse and do not see why I should be charged to park my car to go to work. I cannot use public transport for work as I do multiple home visits as far up to Meols daily.

"1036. See previous comments.

Don't pass your debt onto local people who already can't afford many things due to cost of living. This doesn't help anyone's health or wellbeing. Causes problems for local businesses already struggling following covid and increases in rental costs. "

1037. I have objected to only one scheme, not because I agree with the others, but because the church road scheme is the only one I have knowledge of for the record

1038. I object to charges at the Allport Lane car park but do not have any knowledge of the other car parks mentioned but in principle parking in areas where there are local shops is unfair and damaging for everyone.

"1039. Very short sighted by Wirral Council and likely to be possible to enforce without them employing a legion of enforcement officers.

The proposal is likely to result in economic damage to Wirral that exceeds the additional amount of parking revenue collected. In other words it is economic suicide for our home."

1040. You seem to be trying to kill off tourism in our area. I am sure I am not alone when I say I have already stopped visiting areas where car park charges have already been implemented. I go further afield now to where park is free and encourages tourism/shopping.

"1041. Please stop the anti car agenda and stop seeing us as easy targets with deep pockets. Instead face facts and start managing your budgets. Once again you talk about higher than expected increases in the cost of providing social and welfare services for the vulnerable. Face reality and reign the budget in. You cannot simply keep increasing this year after year and the more you give the more they will take. Work smart not hard. Triage cases and focus on those that actually need help. The streets are full of weeds and gutters blocked. 10 years ago this was a great place but you have systematically neglected in until we almost look like a third world country. Start thinking about those that pay their council tax and expect something in return. Despite the above I'm sure you will show complete contempt for your rate payers and do what you want to your own destructive agenda as you have done before

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1042. As above

"1043. As above

I object to charges on the high street and promanade

Charges in Car parks should be kept as low as possible

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"1044. There are so many businesses struggling to stay afloat, I am sure that charging to park would impact them even more negatively.

So many people enjoy using the fantastic facilities and outdoor spaces, surely charging to park would deter this resulting in a less healthy community."

"1045. As above, listen to the people who voted you in to work on their behalf. I understand money has to be found but by proposing these rises you will have empty shop units, no rates etc, more pressure on the NHS on the Wirral.

Unbelievable!!"

"1046. I really wish the council would listen to the majority of people across the borough who are unhappy about these proposals. I feel like the Wirral has a lot to offer but currently these plans will have a negative impact on local business and also most importantly the health of the local population. This goes against what Public Health in the area are trying to achieve and will result in a decline in health across the population.

We should be trying to attract more people to our leisure areas, sharing our coastline and bringing in trade for those businesses who operate in already difficult climates. Also if the aim is to keep motor journeys to a minimum then charging users of small local shopping areas and village centres seems to point towards the opposite as people will drive longer distances for the convenience of free parking at local out of town areas."

1047. Shouldn't have to pay if we can prove we live in the streets affected by these stupid rules you have put in place it's our home it's where we live we shouldn't have to pay to park our vehicle it's disgusting

1048. I understand that the council needs to make more money as their expenses are going up without having enough income to balance it. For some the free car park makes the commute to work a little easier. The car parks may not be necessarily well maintained but at least they are free.

1049. This is an absolute hairbrained scheme. Outraged that I have to yet again fill in another one of these surveys when it was clearly rejected some years ago. Attacking the motorist yet again!! How about WBC concentrating on the flooded roads & homes around Wirral. Stop paying three figure sums to the top earning councillors if you so badly need the money to survive. Bye Bye Labour & Greens - you will not get in again.

1050. See my comments re: Bebington. I assume that many of the proposed schemes would cause similar problems elsewhere.

1051. Wirral LA & Councillors are not in tune with residents.

1052. The lack of a presented alternative parking charge means the only option available is to object to all the proposals. Charges should only be seasonal and focus on the summer months only and should not extend past 6pm.

1053. STOP CHARGING US TO PARK

"1054. As with previous attempts to introduce parking charges I am wholly against the proposal. It is a terrible policy for businesses and will effectively privatise the beaches and local shops for the wealthy - exactly what has happened with our local parks. Parking charges will decrease footfall and detrimentally impact on business during what is already a very difficult economic period no doubt costing jobs in the medium to long term. Any coverage offered by public transport is overpriced, not frequent enough, lacking in capacity at peak times, does not cover a wide enough window across the day. I appreciate demand will play a part in this but that's also a key consideration - if we don't have the critical mass of users to make providing these services viable here. The council is not really offering any kind of meaningful alternative - just lip service and introducing yet another layer of indirect taxation.

I would still contend there are some other areas that savings from the budget could be made. Week in week out I watch the council funding spent on degrading vast swaths of our natural environment under a claimed 'management' plan. Whilst there is no doubt some management is needed the current practice is excessive and in most areas unnecessary- this is one example of where I believe savings can be made.

If only we had a Labour council, with a Labour mayor and a Labour government that could work together to deal with the funding crisis introduced by 14 years of austerity. Now that would be radical thinking wouldn't it? How about someone shows some leadership and we try that as an option."

1055. Life is hard enough for many people and now simple pleasures like taking your grandchildren for a walk at the beach are subject to a charge. You could do with ensuring meters you currently have work properly. I am fed up with the ones in ASDA not functioning. Plus when I do manage to park I'm rewarded by having to wade through filth and past beggars to get out. What am I paying for? Certainly not a clean and safe feeling car park.

1056. There will be a negative impact on local businesses and amenities.

1057. How much more do motorists have to pay on top of the road tax

1058. I was under impression that wbc can't make profit from parking charges. Therefore am a bit of a loss as to what is trying to be achieved by these schemes. I would welcome a chat with anybody who is available and in a position to explain. Many thanks

1059. In this user pays world it would be criminal to introduce Parking fees that would impact young families looking for a free day out at the seaside.

1060. The scheme is frankly a stupid idea. Not only does it make the promenade not accessible to local people it would likely cause residents to not be able to park outside their

own homes due to people parking up the side roads/roads coming up from the promenade to avoid parking charges.

1061. As a council I am not shocked anymore at some of the decisions that are made. Most do not have the local population best interests in mind but appear to follow schemes where finance is available through grant.

1062. This is a very short sighted and cruel proposal from Wirral council, and public trust in the authority is already at an all time low. People round here are generally left leaning and with no other viable options to vote for, I believe you are taking advantage of people's vote to implement schemes you are fully aware will be controversial and widely rejected. Please reconsider this immediately.

1063. WBC have wasted that much money on failed schemes there trying to claw it back off Wirral residents

1064. For a shortfall of £300,000 the impact on local businesses and peoples quality of life is out of all proportion.

1065. You are destroying our peninsula! Greedy Labour politicians!

1066. Cost of living..! We want people to be able to go to places and use the facilities there and not go because of having to pay to park. You're putting businesses at risk if you charge. People are put off by being charged to park their cars. Another tax.

1067. This is a terrible idea as it will massively harm the local area. The majority of people WILL NOT GO somewhere that they cannot park, which not only negatively impacts tourism but footfall in town centres and shops.

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"1069. Free parking in Birkenhead can significantly boost the local economy by attracting more visitors and shoppers to the area. When people know they can park without incurring extra costs, they are more likely to choose Birkenhead over other shopping destinations. This increased foot traffic can lead to higher sales for local businesses, fostering a thriving community and creating more job opportunities.

Moreover, free parking can reduce congestion on residential streets. When parking is free and readily available in designated areas, drivers are less likely to park in front of homes, improving the quality of life for residents. It also encourages the use of local amenities, such as parks and community centers, as people can access these facilities more conveniently.

Additionally, free parking can enhance the overall appeal of Birkenhead as a destination. It sends a welcoming message to visitors, making the area more attractive for events, tourism, and new businesses. This can lead to a more vibrant and dynamic community, benefiting everyone who lives and works in Birkenhead."

"1070. Show no consideration for residents who pay council tax.

Shows no consideration for businesses.

Shows no consideration for quality of life of residents.

Benefits no one except councillors trying to protect their own positions and justify their expenses and positions."

1071. Make the most of Wirral. Encourage people to visit by not charging for parking. Remember that many people on the Wirral, although in work, are struggling with increased expenses to their budgets. Save the money you would spend on the Wirral cycle path & fill up potholes instead.

1072. I don't know about all of them have commented where I have local knowledge

"1073. Short sighted, money chasing madness. In a time when the cost of living is sky high and mental health is at a low, it is abhorrent to levy charges on access to the local populace's vital open spaces. We as a society need to improve exercise, health and well-being - easy free access to open spaces, local facilities is key to this.

Parking charges have killed off Liscard and Birkenhead, people would rather utilise free out of town shopping centres with free easy parking. Town centres are then run down, business rates lost, social and economic deprivation occur and then the council will spend more money attempting to rectify things again. This is the same thing again but now attacking our local open spaces - you are charging people for exercise and well-being, this then falls and then associated medical costs rise.

We need a long term vision to revitalise our whole borough, parking charges are a barrier, a short term money grab."

1074. Please see comments above

"1075. We often visit many of these places and rely on a car to get there, whilst at these places we support local businesses, many of which are independent and rely on local people along with visitors as customers. These businesses will suffer financially if these charges are brought in, to the point that many will close.

The charges don't just effect businesses though, they affect all of us, all of us that enjoy visiting these places for relaxation, well being and mental health, it's is unjustified that we should have to pay to enjoy what is around us.

If the council feels it must charge at these places then free permits should be given to All of Wirral's residents without question."

1076. Car parking charges will isolate the poor and vulnerable

1077. Nothing polite.

1078. These schemes will seriously , negatively affect small businesses and hit many less well off people , while encouraging people to drive further to out of town retail parks/supermarkets with free parking .

1079. Given that most of these proposals are at or near attractions, it's a move that may prevent footfall and encourage people to go to different areas where there are no such restrictions. Also, the likelihood of payment method is most likely via card/app, this again is likely to deter the older members of our society from visiting due to lack of confidence in the method

1080. Please make FERRY ROAD in Eastham a resident only zone

1081. this is supposed to be a Leisure Peninsula and many of the car parks are in coastal or walking areas. this is driving people away. for instance who will pay say £2 everyday to be able to walk their dog,they will find other placed to go. Stop spending money on unwanted cycle paths for people who neither pay to use the roads or want to cycle in those areas.

1082. No just Roslin Road

"1083. The proposed measures will have a severe financial consequence for small businesses in the affected areas.

Hidden costs will be incurred within the NHS as more people put off from getting out and about and exercising due to parking charges. The councils role should be to work on behalf of residents to promote access and wellbeing. The impacts from the introduction of parking charges in public parks where footfall has greatly diminished have not been learnt."

1084. Implementing parking charges for areas that struggle for parking anyway is a joke! Especially in moreton where parking is extremely limited! Why change to park your car when all you are doing is shopping or bushing the doctors, paying for parking such as this is a joke and this should be reconsidered! People already struggle day to day with the cost of living, to then pay for parking in local areas is just ridiculous!

1085. As usual its the low hanging fruit instead of putting in the hard yards and identifying other cost savings

1086. See previous comments

1087. Manage carparks and off street parking at your peril the remaining business owners will leave and shoppers are already leaving in droves. You cannot encourage a healthy life style by charging for parking in open spaces, public /country parks, sea view areas. What happened to the idea of The Leisure Peninsula

1088. You're taking away the pleasure of visiting these places

1089. All will have negative affects to businesses and residents and are not a good move at all.

1090. Please see my comments above.

1091. You keep saying you want to support the high street... so support them by abolishing this damaging idea of parking charges.... havent you learnt from the damage you caused by introducing meters in birkenhead! Now you want to spread the damage to other areas! Shame on this council. ...

"1092. I realise the council need to make money, but these new parking charges will lead to most people not wanting to pay, they will park outside residents' houses, a lot of whom, Inc myself, have no driveway, & thereby create another issue.

Robbing Peter to pay Paul, methinks!"

1093. N/A

1094. In particular I would take issue with the Bebington Civic Centre Car Park. This is used by a surgery, a public library and the Wirral 3Ls Charity. My view is that if you start to charge for this car park there will be a number of undesirable outcomes. First the 3Ls, as with any charity, depends on volunteers who would now be charged to give their time for free. There are some part-time staff who would need to find just under £500 a year from their own pockets creating a significant pay cut. There are around 900 (mainly retired) people who attend courses at the Civic Centre and pay £8 a lesson but with the parking charges on top this would amount to a 45% increase to the individuals concerned. Some people attend multiple course. The point I am making is that whilst on the surface it has nothing to do with WMBC, it could cause the charity to close down. The effect of that would be that WMBC would lose its rental income from the Civic Centre and also would end up with an empty car park that would not generate much, if any, income. Further as you need to spend about £10,000 to install cameras and pay ongoing enforcement costs, would it be financially worth it?

1095. Miss- managing of money and schemes like the West Kirby WAVY wall which nearly doubled the actual estimate to £11,000,000. DISGRACEFUL !!!! Total lack of control of budgets. where are the inspectors who should be checking all aspects of projects that the tax payer is funding?

"1096. Yes re resident parking schemes which the increase to £60 is a joke

Subject: Parking Permits Variation Notice - Complaint and Questions

Hi

Just curious as to when your notice of variation was going to be communicated directly to residents rather than lamppost signage re parking permit fees?

See below I live at Belvidere Road (Picture 2) 20 metres from non-permit parking (Picture 1 below) so have a few questions

1. How is it seen as fair to charge ourselves to park in front of our property when 20 metres away residents in similar properties are not charged?
2. Why is Belvidere Road even permit as its 0.5 miles from Liscard centre so is or should be only residents parking as our many of the adjoining streets so you are only penalising residents not protecting their parking?
3. The section of parking in front of our property has 8 car spaces for parking and double yellow lines opposite and yet services 17 properties either side most of which have more than 1 vehicle so we are already penalised re parking. Again, how is this fair?
4. If we pay for a permit should you not guarantee us on street parking availability for residents?
5. Oldershaw Rugby Club has given over its pitches to Poulton Vics football so every evening and all day Saturday we have multiple vehicles parked in resident spaces and despite numerous attempts by myself and neighbours particularly re Saturday parking enforcement does not come down to ticket vehicles in resident parking or those parked on double yellow lines causing a dangerous situation near the Oldershaw Rugby Club entrance. If you are charging us are now finally going to police this area properly?
6. Are these charges introduced on renewal of existing permits you have not told us?
7. Are these 3 year charges like the old permits were 3 years you have not told us?
8. How can you justify charging residents who live in zones when residents a few metres away don't get charged to park in front of their property as this fundamentally wrong and a fundamental right of people who live in these properties?

I have copied both our local MP in to this email and the press as you are acting disgracefully towards residents who keep you gainfully employed with already extortionate council tax

charges to cover of mismanagement by the local authority that has led to your significant and growing deficits "

1097. Wirral Council receives plenty of money from motorists who pay Council Tax. Stop wasting money on ridiculous schemes like cycle ways that are rarely used or the 'regeneration' of Birkenhead town centre (which is and always will be, and absolute dump) and instead put this 'spare' money into the coffers. Then you won't need to raise as much from motorists!

1098. Parking is a huge issue in Wirral! Charging is not the answer. The council are not in tune generally with the needs of the community. Many people struggle with mobility and have to drive!

1099. A lot of places I don't know but I'm sure the people living there feel the same as I do about my village and church rd car park bebington everything is costing so much more these days don't add this to are bills as well .

"1100. The majority of residents work hard to pay bills such as Council Tax.

The car parks and parking areas give them access to leisure walks, shopping centres and work and educational opportunities.

The proposed charges is yet another financial burden and will deter people from engaging in all of these activities to the detriment of the economy and residents' health and well-being."

1101. money grabbing councils who can't budget properly need to be overhauled and let central government take control it's obvious you lot don't know how to deal with the public read the room

1102. Not required. People will not visit the area. Take a cut in pay at Wirral Borough Council.

1103. The wbc is a disgrace. I hope they are completely voted out next time, I don't care what their politics or political affiliations are, they are ruining our beautiful peninsula .

1104. These areas are used by local communities, which encourage people to get fresh air and exercise, the local businesses will lose customers and effect the economy

"1105. If you must make cuts, cut the social care.

Free cars, free buses, free everything because little Johnny can't behave."

"1106. Doing this will kill tourism and local businesses that rely on people driving to the area.

It's wrong on so many levels.

If this passes, this is another reason to leave the country. "

1107. So disappointed that a trip to partake in sea air and enjoy a meal or some entertainment will become so much more expensive if parking charges are introduced. We

pay enough taxes and people need free access to fresh air and nice open spaces. It's too much to keep finding out the everything costs more money

"1108. What a silly question! Each site must be consider individually because different consequences , see above I recognise the council to make money, but maybe losses greater than gains if businesses close or schoolchild at risk crossing roads full of parked cars.

DO the RESEARCH!"

1109. I object to all paid parking, as I think the motorised is just be coming a cash cow for the council, that will enforce it regardless of public opinion, democracy doesn't exist with this council it is a dictatorship. Roll on the next election and hope the people of Wirral wake up.

1110. For local shopping area. Why not have the first 30mins free of charge to support local businesses. Introduce the old paper discs for people parking and charge a one off free for them, say £1. The driver sets the time when they park and get 30 mins free, after that they pay for a ticket.

1111. Yes, I think we should be encouraging visitors to the borough and not deterring them by introducing parking charges.

"1112. Has a full cost analysis on the local business impact been done and using companies house P&L determined the relative impact that this will have. I.e. how many business may stop trading due to loss of income

What could the expected reduction in footfall be approximated to be

What would the consequential increase in alternative parking locations in other areas to avoid charges"

1113. A clueless council, trying to extort more money from motorists, with no regard for the impact on local businesses.

1114. Stop putting people off doing things outside their home in Wirral. Get families and kids together outside, We all understand that the council is under funded but stop wasting money on consultations and "experts" for things that never happen

"1115. As a 35-year-old resident of Wallasey, I wish to formally object to the proposal to introduce parking charges along the promenade. This plan will negatively impact both locals and visitors, undermining the vibrancy of the area.

The introduction of charges will likely reduce the dwell time of visitors, which will in turn decrease spending in local businesses. The promenade and beach are particularly popular on hot days, attracting large numbers of people from both the local community and further

afield. These charges could deter visitors from staying for longer periods, which would be detrimental to the local economy.

Furthermore, these charges unfairly target local residents. Why should we be expected to pay for the use of what has always been a free promenade and beach? There has never been a precedent for such charges, and the imposition of fees on an amenity that has been free for generations feels unjust.

Additionally, the proposal will exacerbate existing parking issues on residential streets. Many of these streets are already at capacity due to resident parking, and the introduction of charges will push even more vehicles into these areas, causing congestion and inconvenience for residents.

In summary, these proposed parking charges are likely to have significant negative consequences for the local area, and I urge the council to reconsider their implementation.

Yours faithfully, "

"1116. These schemes will have a detrimental effect on local business, services and groups as people look to go elsewhere, order online and reduce outings.

Journeys by public transport often take longer."

1117. The Wirral is all of ours to enjoy. Nobody has the right to enforce charges to be able to enjoy beauty spots such as Thurstaston or to charge residents to park on their own roads. People like myself who are always in a hurry and forgetful will get parking charges whilst simply trying to grab a few minutes respite from daily life. Let's not sugar coat the proposal... the council is not trying to "create car parking spaces for those who need them", it is simply trying to increase revenue by billing people for the ability to use areas that have always been free to use. For shopping areas, this would have a detrimental effect as I would refuse to pay for parking and wouldn't use the shops as a consequence.

1118. Birkenhead has been slowly dying as ease of parking and access to local businesses have increasingly become more difficult. Parks and open spaces are becoming more difficult for families on tight budgets to visit.

1119. If charges are introduced I think that users will expect something for their money, will facilities be improved? (Toilets provided for example) Will access to the Gunsite car parks be improved? Are there sufficient staff to monitor the car parks?

1120. Keep Wirral accessible for all and scrap the charges for parking.

1121. All of the above is not necessarily. It particularly annoys me that you want to charge for the gunsite! I go there everyday which is essential for mine and my husbands mental health if you charge for this we won't be able to go. We can let our dogs off lead and it's a wonderful place. It is disgusting that nothing is free to the community of the Wirral. Why must we pay for everything especially when it's to enjoy the simple things like connecting to a little piece of nature! I'm very angry about this and the fact that is actually the third time I have had to do this. Just stop!

1122. Invest in growth, stop proposing short sighted cost control measures

1123. The coast is such an integral part of the lives of residents that these schemes would have a disproportionate effect on our lives. I think that you would have a greater chance of passing these charges if you openly advertised a yearly permit for residents at a reasonable price ie £50, certainly not £120. Please bear in mind that many Wirral residents have been 'hammered' over the years paying for tunnel charges simply to get to work.

1124. Charging for car parks will decrease visits to areas and impact on businesses, especially for shopping areas.

1125. I walk dogs and this would be financially devastating

1126. Should encourage people to get out the house, use local shops rather than internet and take walks. This proposal will have the opposite effect and be negative for the community.

1127. People from the region including me use these car parks frequently. We support local businesses in the area by visiting cafes and shops, but also many car parks are in a vicinity of wonderful walks - these support locals mental health. Charges will greatly reduce number of people visiting these spots.

1128. I don't understand the logic of introducing charges in areas where parking is already difficult for residents and visitors and object to any resident parking fees

"1129. My comments in particular relate to the proposed introduction of charges in sites which provide access to open spaces. This will act as a disincentive to many low income families and individuals and in many cases there is no public transport alternatives. Additionally, for some of the sites, it is clear that introducing charges will push parking into nearby residential roads.

I am also concerned that the proposed date for introduction of the charges is only two working days after the consultation closes. As far as I am aware the validity of policy making relies on consultation taking place at a stage at which the submissions are able to influence the policy and ahead of any decisions being made. It seems unlikely that this consultation can meet these criteria since there are only two working days between the closing of the consultation and the proposed date for implementation of the charges."

"1130. Please reconsider. This is not a positive action for our area.

When travelling around the country and abroad vibrant areas never have charged parking. Charging discourages people from visiting an area "

1131. Why should we pay for parking you are penalising the general public which will affect tourism and retail. I am sure you can find a better way to save money instead of wasting millions on plans that are never used!

1132. This will further alienate residents who already feel that the council doesn't listen to them. The car parking charges will very badly impact independent businesses which are already struggling. Residents have told you this repeatedly for over 40 years.

1133. On street parking charges drive visitors into residential streets or otherwise put them off visiting all together. This can be seen in any popular location where parking is limited and charged.

1134. Elderly people rely on being able to park near small shops and coffee shops. Public transport is not always a viable option, depending how near the station or bus stop is. This scheme will increase isolation in many groups of people and kill trade.

1135. We are all struggling enough daily with increased charges and this will drive people away to retail parks where the parking is free and ruin local businesses as well as cause a lot of aggravation in neighbourhoods regarding parking

1136. Please keep access, accessible and free to our natural environments, so important for physical and mental health wellbeing.

"1137. Parking is difficult enough without adding in charging at this time of austerity.

You will impact greatly on mental health as people will be forced not to leave their homes."

"1138. It's another way of the council making money and deterring motorists from driving. We already have a tunnel fee to pay.

Are you seriously saying this is to avoid congestion!"

"1139. We need to support good health and wellbeing, local businesses, libraries and other community initiatives as well as encouraging tourism and entertainment venues on the Wirral.

The availability of free parking is a huge plus point for many people and attracts local people and visitors to our recreational, leisure, shopping and entertainment venues. "

"1140. Will result in reduced usage of car parks and the cost of implementation and maintenance will not be recovered.

Will affect the older population whom use their cars as bus and trains services are infrequent and too expensive"

1141. If the council is skint get rid of councillors not hammer the public

"1142. These so called schemes should not be allowed to be put in place. It's another example of control the population. It's wrong, and if this is allowed then it won't be long before it's rolled out all over the Wirral. All it is is another way of generating council funds. Legal theft.

It's disgusting and it should be stopped. "

1143. Pretty much said it.

1144. Shops, businesses and entertainment venues will all be affected. Social isolation for older people = reduced mobility, depression, higher risk of falls = increased hospital admissions to a hospital already unable to cope with bed pressures.

1145. I thought the Government wanted to promote healthy high streets and also healthy people but Wirral Council seems set on destroying shops and small businesses and also the pleasure of walking on the Wirral. I cannot see the benefit to the Council Tax of having a lot of empty shops. Surely, free parking in local shopping areas would make more sense.

1146. If there are car park charges, residents, visitors, shops, cafes will all suffer, they will end up closing, job losses. So much for a growing economy !!!

1147. This proposal is incredibly shortsighted and ill-considered. Yes, it will raise some revenue. However, the detrimental impacts for local residents, local business owners, local economies, the health & wellbeing of residents, and people forced to pay parking charges in order to park for their jobs far outweigh the unashamedly revenue raising aims of this proposal. I know Council's are absolutely cash strapped thanks to government policies, but please, let's think out of the box for a better solution to the issues than this myopic proposal.

1148. Give at least 2 hours free charging. People can go there do their shopping, use local businesses. Business benefit & the council will love to issue parking tickets to those who overstay parked & get money too. The old style parking disc system did not deter visitors. Council is out of touch & oblivious to the state of Birkenhead & have not learnt lessons of the destruction of Birkenhead parking charges

1149. No. The proposed Church Road Bebington scheme is the worst piece of proposed legislation I can imagine, with major effects on the lifestyle of hundreds of Wirral residents.

1150. Take a look at the effect that you have when implementing I'll thought through or excessive fees for no benefit to anyone. Note the multiple large closures like the hotel (massive rate charges) that puts too much pressure on locals for no benefit. You attract more fly's with hunny than you do vinegar. Please stop trying to turn the clock back on the area to the depressive 1980s.

1151. We love living on the Wirral and are proud to support local businesses. As a family of 4 with 2 dogs we enjoy travelling to different local spots on the Wirral almost every day. We

witnessed first hand what happens when these charges are put in place and the result was businesses closed or suffered in Eastham when these charges were introduced. For example the ice cream shop/cafe failed instantly

1152. As above.

1153. Money making scam to make up for the labour councillors incompetence. Ignore the people at their own peril. Unwillingness to listen to the public will have a detrimental effect on the community. I'm sure if the councillors and MP's got out and done some door to door canvassing they'd get a better idea of feelings. Communication is key, not just telling us it's happening, get off your arses and speak to the public!

1154. This will not raise extra funds from people willing to use the car parks, but stop them from using all together with a detrimental impact on the local businesses. If anything, all council car parks should be free to use to support local businesses. In addition, expecting people to pay to be able to park outside of their homes is bordering on robbery

1155. As said above, I can only see negative impacts implementing parking charges in these local areas. People will stop visiting which will take the life and soul from our wonderful communities and kill the small businesses who have worked so hard to help create our local hubs.

"1156. I used to live in London so have experience of residents parking and paid council car parks. It's a never ending creep of areas to introduce schemes. Unlike London we don't have plentiful public transport alternatives and we do have a ageing population who need their cars even if not blue badge holders. I'd far rather add £10 to my Council Tax than fiddle about paying by app/phone/coin or finding a residential street nearby to avoid the car parks.

Do Not do this to us!!! You wil be voted out. "

1157. A total farce due to mismanagement and money wasting 'vanity' projects.

"1158. We need to look after our local shops and encourage people to use them, they need these car parks . Our car park tariffs are already too high.

The council also needs to start looking after these car parks too.

Heswall for example , full of weeds untidy shrubs and walls which are falling down. "

1159. 20MPH on Wirrals roads is being funded & policed to generate income. Car parking charges are being funded to generate income for the Council. It is nothing to do with safety on our roads, it's about revenue. There is no benefit to Wirral residents or people or businesses from these hairbrained schemes. Blatant theft. Disgraceful by our "caring" council.

1160. There is an argument to charge for some of these sites but once again the council is using a sledgehammer to crack a nut!

1161. The entire scheme is outrageous! Will the scheme actually make any income? Since you introduced parking charges I have never once returned to Liscard despite being mildly disabled- the state of the local shops there are a testament to your ill-thought-out scheme. On a similar vein I have never once returned to Royden Park following the instigation of parking charges preferring to clog up the local roads of the area on principle. The entire Ferrago is a classic example of knowing the cost of everything and the value of nothing. Why do you not follow the example of other schemes and charge visitors from out-of-area places and have residents' permits, this is what we pay our Council Tax for.

"1162. I would reiterate the point about not assuming everyone has a smart phone and or credit card.

Car parks are generally places people use to get to work or for leisure. Charging discourages people from using leisure facilities and reduces a worker's net pay at a time when the cost of living for many is already tight. The council needs to consider whether the income generated, as against the cost of erecting and maintaining the parking machines, emptying them and policing the car parks makes sense."

"1163. The council is supposed to encourage local community shops and parks. Charging for parking in Wirral will go against this aim. Free parking allows visitors access to local beauty spots for exercise and to support local shops and businesses. Many people struggle to use public transport and the service may not be available to the area they want to visit. The car park at Eastham Country Park had meters installed and they have considerably reduced the number of visitors.

Also, local roads around the charging area will become congested as cars will be parked there instead. This will cause misery for all the residents. This has already happened at Eastham Country Park."

1164. You will turn business and tourism away from the area. Look at what happened to Birkenhead town centre and Hamilton square. Footfall reduced, shops left and people go to Liverpool or retail parks now.

1165. I have always wondered how much it costs to run the parking in Wirral and now we see you have a £400,000 loss. Is this not enough to make you realise it is a disaster. Save the money and scrap all parking charges.

1166. As above

1167. It will encourage more illegal parking.

"1168. Parking charges always reduce visitor numbers to an area and as a result businesses suffer, people will instead chose to shop at retail parks such as Croft.

The side roads will become more congested and residents will suffer.

I doubt the charges will cover the running costs of the scheme "

1169. Once again you are using the motorist as a cash cow when you should be providing car parking free of charge to encourage both tourists and locals to spend money at these various towns.

1170. This unnecessary restriction is significantly hindering local businesses and adding yet another obstacle for customers to overcome. It's crucial for the community to have easy and affordable access to parking near our amenities, especially during these challenging times. Let's work together to ensure that everyone can enjoy our local businesses without unnecessary cost and disruption.

"1171. Charging people for parking in suburban areas will harm local, usually small, businesses in that fewer people will visit and workers in the effective areas will now have to pay to go to work. Workers and residents should not have to pay additional charges.

The proposed hours, after 6:30, will particularly impact restaurants, takeaways, local shops and entertainment venues.

Furthermore many suburban areas, such as Bebington Village, are poorly served by public transport."

1172. In addition to my comments above, I believe that the proposed parking charges would have a disproportionate effect on local businesses such as restaurants, bars, takeaways and local entertainment venues that operate into the evening, who have already struggled through covid. I think the charges would also encourage drivers to park in nearby residential streets, which are already busy and this additional, unnecessary traffic would pose a danger to children playing outside their homes. Finally, I feel that if you do put these charges in place, you will just continue to increase them as and when you need to raise more funds.

1173. This would destroy tourism as well as local residents using our green and blue spaces and negatively impact health and wellbeing. It would also discourage people using the high street and local shops as they can't park. I often use these car parks. One especially to take my daughter to dance class twice a week. This would be affected as i would have to pay to drop her off and pick up, or pay to wait. Therefore upping costs where I would spend money in local shops while I wait. I could be forced to park on roads which would cause a nuisance if everyone in my situation did this. I would also stop using another one I use when I go to get my haircut. I would be forced again to either park elsewhere which would cause problems for traffic flow, or find other barbers which affect local business. This idea is just an income generation idea, a whole feasibility study should be done to assess the risk and

impact this would cause. I see no positives to this except income for council. Let's think better about activity leisure neighbourhoods, place ownership, community, health and wellbeing. Improve active travel is a solution to parking but paid car parks isn't the solution right now. People who come to Wirral to West Kirby, Moels etc might also think twice. Or if they spend money on parking it could affect the spend in local business. Once these charges are introduced its a slippery slope... prices will increase, charge zones will expand but the service won't grow with it. Invest in places and people, don't pinch from them.

1174. Absolutely disgusting these places are being threatened with parking charges

1175. I STRONGLY object to parking charges. Expecting us to pay for everywhere we go and every time we go out is completely unacceptable. It's also very stressful having to time our outings and get fined if we are late. No! We don't want it. Lobby government for funding do not charge the people of Wirral for every journey they make. Leave us alone.

1176. I think the Borough is so short sighted sometimes. I visited Barnard Castle recently and they had a lot of Parking around Shops but restricted it to a few hours free like what you had in Birkenhead many years ago. When I read that it costs more for managing car parking than you collect is this true?

1177. No

1178. As per my comment above I object to paying for parking to use locals services and businesses often for short periods of time.

1179. Charging for parking can only have a negative impact on residents and businesses, is not fair and it is simply wrong to try and make money out of car owners who already pay enough in taxes for the use of the roads.

1180. We already have to pay to travel to Liverpool through the tunnels, this is another tax on Wirral residents. Support local businesses and stop this nonsense. Stop wasting money on 20 mph schemes which aren't anywhere near schools.

1181. We should not have to pay for parking everywhere that is beautiful, these places are why we love living in Wirral, leave them free for us to roam and give our shop keepers a chance to make a living.

1182. Especially object to parking charges in Country parks and promenades

1183. We are already paying a lot for parking / road tax fuel tax/ and we are the most heavily tolled area as we cant go to Liverpool for free as some of us have T-flow and other account it still cost us to get to work and back home at least 2.80 / day also many of us work in industrial areas in Liverpool that are out of city centre. This is a full failure of the council spending due to the lack of understanding how things work and uneducated people sitting in those seat with a wrong-headed mind..

1184. Residents of Wirral pay enough taxes and should be able to enjoy the area free from further charges.

1185. fed up with council over reach and killing businesses, very fed up with both labour conservative and will be voting for reform if i get the oppertunity

1186. It will affect the local businesses with people travelling to larger shopping centres with free parking and affect the surrounding roads with people parking there instead. Totally unacceptable in the current financial climate.

1187. Introduction of parking charges will be a severe retrograde step for visitors, tourism, health and well being of residents alike. Likely to reduce income from visitors/ tourist sources which is greater than the revenue, likely to cause parking congestion in residential areas. It is a tax on elderly , disabled, vulnerable and those who have least income who may use these accessible areas and therefore somewhat discriminatory imho.

1188. It would detrimental effect on local residents and businesses.

1189. All such charging will be detrimental to Wirral, to residents and businesses at a very difficult economic time.

"1190. Parking near shops > I think bringing in charges is going to deter visitors and effect local businesses. Most people just pop to the shops, so having to pay for that will push them to just go to the supermarkets, which in turn will force the small shops to close down. Everywhere will become a ghost town.

Parking along proms/country parks > People won't go for a walk in these places. You can't get on the bus (not that buses even go there), or cycle home with a big muddy dog and 2 kids. Since charges were introduced in Country Parks we've stopped going for our usual walks. "

1191. I'm sure there are other ways to make money like reducing outgoings from the council

1192. At a time when most people are struggling financially these schemes are hitting the people who can least afford to get outside for a walk along the beach or through the woods, have a rare treat to a night at the theatre, take their children to the local fair or just get out into nature; something that is being promoted by our government as a way to keep ourselves physically and mentally healthy. These schemes are a false economy as health across the borough will undoubtedly suffer with the NHS trusts suffering the effects. Charging people for parking outside their own homes and having to pay for the pleasure of having family visiting them will isolate people even more than they are already. The public transport system is not up to the challenge of people being solely dependent on it to make much needed and sometimes essential visits to elderly, disabled or otherwise dependent friends or family. All Wirral residents appreciate how hard it is to balance the councils books when they have suffered such gross under funding by central government for such a long time. However, some of the decisions made by the council recently have appeared to be

misinformed and counter productive and not in Wirral residents and business owners best interests.

1193. Charging for on - street parking is unjustified and will work to the detriment of the amenity of local residents and businesses

"1194. I find it hard to believe that someone would actually go ahead with this scheme. High Street shops have enough to contend with, with Online Shopping and Retail Parks. I do think shops will close because of this and when this happens you will have a high street or a village with out a heart, it will become run down. If I was running a shop type business the first thing I would look for is parking, free parking. Isn't there anyone in office who has travelled that has ideas and vision of how things could be run.

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"1195. The objection is based on the detrimental impact this will have on local traders, it pushes people to the major supermarkets with free parking.

It stops local people using the facilities to exercise and enjoy the amenities available in our beautiful borough. We regularly go for a walk round the marine lake but i will not pay for parking to do so, this will clog up local streets for local residents.

The financial cost of implementing and servicing these schemes is a waste of money.

For me in particular the charges applying to certain carparks mean far more congestion on School lane putting the children at Dawpool at increased risk, which you as a council do very little about."

1196. Same as above - we are pensioners and don't want the pleasure of going out to the beautiful places on Wirral taken from us because we have to consider where our money is best spent.

1197. I object to all car park charges which affect local services and businesses. We need to encourage shoppers and visitors, provide free parking for workers and keep cars off the local streets.

1198. You will destroy people's pleasure time if you charge to park.

"1199. It's disgraceful that the car owner is being charged constantly. Charging for car parks is putting me off walking at local beauty spots. Plus local businesses will suffer, example Heswall beach, people won't use the cafe if they have to pay, also the staff who work there can't afford to pay to park, already on low wages.

I won't be able to afford to go to work if you're charging at train car parks ie green lane. It's £6 to park plus £4.20 on the train, that's £10.20 per day to get to work!

The council need to think of other ways of saving money instead of constantly adding to the cost of driving.

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1200. Will put people off visiting the area. Local businesses will suffer as a result. Wirral needs to encourage visitors and support local businesses. I know a number of people who have stopped visiting the country parks since parking charges were introduced.

1201. Do any of the councillors live near these schemes or are they all living away from them happily knowing that they will not be affected by these schemes? It would be interesting to know...

1202. The proposals are poorly thought through. They will serve to make life even more difficult for local businesses who are already challenged with high rates and competition from online retailers and out of town shopping centres. Having free parking is absolutely vital to maintain local business communities. Further, imposing parking charges on roads like North Parade Hoylake, Meols Parade and South Parade West Kirby will simply drive cars onto the local residential roads, increasing congestion on those roads, giving rise to poor and dangerous parking with the consequential risk to pedestrians as well as causing noise pollution and annoyance to local residents. Given the availability of such free parking on local roads I can imagine that the financial benefit to the council will be quite limited with very obvious and significant detriment to local businesses, communities and residents. I therefore strongly object to all of these proposals.

1203. Rather than attract people to Wirral for visiting and shopping it will stop them. Supermarkets with free parking will get busier and small businesses will definitely suffer. Who would want to pay to park for 10 mins to shop locally when it can be done freely in car parks attached to retail parks/ supermarkets.

1204. Given what I have already commented on, where there are shops, limited waiting should be free both on and off the highway.

"1205. Yes.

It will need monitoring and an outside company, or local company, will have to be engaged to check payments and then bring prosecution. This will then cause great expense, so any money the Council hope to make will be wiped out! These Council parking schemes proposals keep recurring. We have lived in New Brighton for 12 years and this is the fourth such proposal. STOP IT, it is not wanted"

1206. I object to parking charges near shops and business which will cause a loss to the local economy.

1207. all ridiculous and so greedy the council only want money

1208. No

"1209. I am prepared to pay a reasonable charge for parking in certain areas for leisure activities as lots of these areas are, but do object to the charges being imposed at a GP surgery where most of the people attending are not there out of choice but necessity.

Thank you "

1210. Silly

1211. The argument by Councillor Grey that no charges on open roads listed above somehow "subsidises" the Council is utter nonsense. The woman has no grasp of economics and fails to understand how this proposal will have other negative effects on residents, businesses and the health of its citizens. She is clutching at straws to cover up the Council's inability to run the Area. Huge amounts of waste have occurred in the past for demented ideas on a golf resort, Sail Loft etc. Get your own house order first!

1212. Parking charges will deter visitors to the area, resulting in reduced footfall for local businesses. Furthermore, it is well-documented that mental and physical wellbeing is enhanced through spending time outdoors and in natural spaces (eg beaches, country parks) - charging people to visit these places will impede promotion of wellbeing.

1213. Think council should find another way to raise funds instead of penalising ordinary people & stop families from enjoying day out

"1214. Subject: Objection to Proposed Car Parking Charges on Behalf of Local Businesses

Dear Wirral Council Parking Team,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed car parking charges outlined in the Traffic Regulation Orders Consultation 2024 from a business perspective. While we acknowledge the need for sustainable traffic management and revenue generation, these measures present several critical disadvantages to local businesses and contradict the council's stated objectives, including the policy on community wealth building.

1. Impact on Local Businesses and High Streets: The introduction and inflationary increase of parking charges across various areas in Wirral will disproportionately impact small and independent businesses, placing them at a disadvantage compared to larger retail chains and supermarkets. Many supermarkets offer free parking to customers, making them a more attractive option for shoppers. In contrast, the proposed charges in town centres will deter visitors, potentially leading to reduced footfall and sales. This creates an uneven playing field that favours larger businesses with dedicated parking facilities, undermining the vibrancy and economic sustainability of local high streets.

2. Contradiction with the Community Wealth Building Policy: The council's community wealth building policy aims to support local economic development, empower local businesses, and create inclusive growth. The proposed parking charges run counter to these

objectives by increasing the operational costs for small businesses that rely on convenient and affordable parking to attract customers. The new charges may discourage local shopping and drive economic activity away from town centres, which directly undermines the principles of community wealth building that the council has committed to uphold.

3. Risk of Increased Congestion and Displaced Parking: Introducing parking charges, especially in areas where parking has traditionally been free, is likely to push vehicles into nearby residential streets, leading to increased congestion and potential safety issues. Local residents may experience the negative effects of displaced parking, including difficulties accessing their own properties and a reduction in the quality of life. This could further strain council resources, as more measures may be needed to address these issues.

4. Impact on the Night-Time Economy: The proposed £1 overnight parking charge could have an adverse effect on Wirral's night-time economy. Small businesses, including restaurants, pubs, and entertainment venues, are highly dependent on evening visitors. The introduction of an overnight parking fee may deter customers from visiting these establishments, especially if neighbouring areas do not impose similar charges, which could contribute to a downturn in local economic activity.

5. Unintended Consequences for Climate Goals: While the council's Cool 2 Climate Strategy is an important initiative, there is a risk that these parking charges may inadvertently encourage longer journeys to out-of-town retail parks with free parking, increasing vehicle emissions rather than reducing them. Supporting local shopping by maintaining affordable parking options would encourage residents to make shorter trips, thereby aligning with climate goals more effectively.

Conclusion and Recommendations: To support local businesses and adhere to the community wealth building agenda, we urge the council to reconsider the introduction of these charges and explore alternative solutions. Measures such as providing short-term free parking, reducing tariffs during off-peak hours, or offering discounts for electric vehicles could help balance the needs of traffic management, environmental sustainability, and economic growth.

We trust that these concerns will be taken into account during the consultation process, and we look forward to the council's response.

Yours sincerely,"

"1215. I'm sure that the parking charges will adversely affect local shop and businesses. I think that people will go to the large supermarkets for free parking

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1216. Please see comments above.

1217. I think we already pay enough in Council Tax on the Wirral, car parking charges are just another form of indirect taxation and I don't agree with the Council taking the easier option of just charging for parking to satisfy a shortfall in budget rather than looking at maximising efficiencies and savings by looking at internal improvements and reductions in service costs.

"1218. What a ludicrous scheme that will kill the chance for locals to enjoy a walk and some exercise which will ultimately contribute to their overall positive health and thereby decrease the strain on the NHS etc. In addition reducing the likelihood of locals visiting local amenities and spending money in the local region thereby reducing overall revenue.

I also object to the proposal to charge for parking permits. How is it that this supposedly 'people friendly' council are proposing to bring in such a ludicrous charge for parking in front of my own home when people who live 10 meters away from me, across the road, and actually nearer to the centre of Liscard will not have to pay! I have always paid my council tax and road tax so why am I being taxed yet again for the space outside my house. What a way to alienate your voters? Why are the few who live near to the centre of Liscard being penalised? How on earth can the council justify charging me and my neighbours but not the rest of the people in the borough? Surely a fairer way, if they are going to bring in any charges, would be to charge a flat fee, realistically of £50, for everyone in Wirral which would entitle them to have a permit to park anywhere in Wirral including in the public car-parks. In my eyes this fee would be charged to anyone who owned a car, regardless of benefit claimants. After all, if you can afford to run a car you would have to find the money to pay the fee. Better still give anyone who can prove they pay their council tax a free permit for parking across Wirral which would encourage them to visit local shops and amenities which would culminate in an increase in local revenue. Added to this is the fact that they haven't even bothered to personally notify those of who will be affected and in the whole my particular street there was one notice for a very short while, which I can guarantee a number of my neighbours will not have even seen as they only ever travel by car and would not have actually walked past the notice. In order to save/recupe money would it not be better for the council to claw back all the assets that they have previously lent out to other councils and to cut the staggering salaries of those at the top and actually give the reality of living on a working persons wage."

1219. The amount of money raised will be very small compared to the effects on local residents, both mentally and physically. The Wirral is a great place to live, but not if the proposed parking fees are introduced.

"1220. It is against all of the advice to get people to exercise more, it will increase congestion in residential streets - residents have purchased properties which have no frontage for parking and now will have to search for a space when they come home from work.

A lot of these proposals target recreational areas, it will be a tax on enjoyment, exercise and people on low incomes. Also a further blow to small businesses.

I would be very interested to know how much revenue this would generate for the council bearing in mind the considerable costs of car parking machines, parking wardens, signage, chasing up fines etc etc my suspicion and based on the information given at a recent council meeting, is that these proposals cost rather than make money."

1221. If you're going to do it, do it for the off street car parks in town centres and ensure people have to use them. It would be a massive PR own goal to put them by the beach.

1222. You will affect local businesses and people will feel isolated.

1223. The only scheme I think is appropriate is the £1 overnight charge at certain locations but I've read that you still lose money on this parking contract so it's a poor financial decision regardless of its other merits.

"1224. Although some public announcements have this time admitted that this time this proposal is purely budgetary, the language of this consultation is still couched in environmental terms. It would be more honest if in print the Council admitted it needed cash due to a mixture of its past failings and the accepted reductions in central government support. Once more you propose to take more and give local residents less.

Unfortunately it is unlikely to achieve this. Parking charges on this scale will discourage people from outside the area from visiting. It will also discourage local residents from taking advantage of local business and amenities. You are likely to see significant reductions in footfall and reduce your business rates significantly. You are also likely to build up for the future an increase in social costs you will have to fund. You will have discouraged local residents from getting outside and enjoying exercise and fresh air.

I have not seen any costings for these proposals that consider these wider issues. I very much doubt that you will receive the income boost you anticipate.

All increases to and new parking charges inevitably lead people to look for different free places to park. This will increase pressure in nearby residential streets, making them more crowded and more dangerous. You are likely to see an increase in accidents for cyclists pedestrians. Road space and visibility will be impacted. You will also materially reduce the quality of life for residents - your council ward constituents and of course council tax payers.

The entire proposal appears ill thought out and short termist. It is unlikely to achieve its financial aims. It is likely to have significant negative effects on visitor numbers, local business and rateable income, local residents and nearby road safety. It is another example of the Council in apparent desperation making the area less attractive to live in and visit. You have taken and damaged the Borough's viability and prospects too much already. "

"1225. I think a period of free parking should be allowed, say 1/2-1hour, to allow residents to use services without penalty.

Also an option for Wirral residents to purchase a borough wide parking permit, which allows parking in all areas for an annual fee.

Overnight fees are mean. What does this hope to achieve?

I would like to see this costed fully in terms of set up costs, maintenance costs and projected profits."

1226. Other than traditional freedoms, it impacts on poorer people disproportionately, reduces visiting, thence impacts local businesses and employment. Ultimately this reduces Council income, NOT enhancing it. It also increases local street parking problems as some people seek to avoid payment by parking in side roads.

"1227. I would like to see a complete breakdown on how much revenue is raised from car parking AFTER deduction of:

Set up costs, including signage and ticket machines;

Policing;

Maintenance of Signs and Machines;

Back office costs of accounting etc.

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1228. What are people paying for ? Public toilets are non existent, street cleaning is limited - there are very few facilities anywhere

1229. The Council seem intent on destroying local businesses and deterring tourists from the coast.

1230. The effect on local businesses, along with other cost of living impacts (energy/wider economic issues caused by lower footfall).will just create another push for shoppers and visitors to go elsewhere without parking issues/costs

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"1232. As you will have seen, I feel very strongly that this is a bad idea. By introducing projects like these you are risking driving people out of the Wirral instead of making it a place that people want to visit or live in.

Also, you need to consider that you will also end up driving businesses away because they already have high charges to pay in terms of business rates, are you really going to force these businesses as well as the residents to pay more money when they are already struggling with everyday costs not inclusive of your ridiculously high parking charges.

Forcing these charges on us will not bring people and businesses to the area nor will it encourage the residents to visit the locations mentioned in this survey, instead, the Wirral will be on its knees and that will be this council's legacy, a council that wrecked the Wirral as it always has done."

1233. Yes. I can appreciate the Council's dilemma in trying to raise revenue, but to introduce parking charges is not the answer. In my opinion, it would be better to raise Council Tax on the two top higher rate bands, as at least this increase is spread over the calendar year

1234. Why not do £1 for 3 hours parking in the day?

1235. Stop penalising the local population for living on the Wirral.

"1236. Read the above and transfer to all schemes. They all deter visitors, have a negative effect on the local economy, put people off from regular exercise and replacement public transportation is both costly, inadequate and unreliable.

Bin this policy, improve local public transportation and keep the hideous 20mph policy in place for certain areas (eg Schools and Hospitals)."

"1237. Objection to South Parade West Kirby

Objection to Church Road Car Park Bebington "

1238. Wirral is about to become Fort Knox. All sense of freedom will be lost.

1239. See all comments above.

1240. You cannot apply the same procedures to all areas as they are all different.

1241. If you allow free movement you get more revenue. You encourage people to move about and for businesses to grow. These proposed schemes are the death knell of the region. They will destroy businesses and the communities you clearly pretend to support will further decay. Shocking development.

1242. It seems sensible, in cash-strapped times, for the council to ask drivers parking for leisure purposes to pay towards the costs of providing this parking provision, even though it

could have the downside of discouraging people getting out to exercise and improve their health. However, charging people to park to shop seems short-sighted, since the gain in parking fees will more than likely be off-set by increased direct and indirect costs from (a) the closure of local businesses due to loss of trade and (b) increased on-road congestion, accidents etc.

1243. We need to have better, cheap, council run public transport to encourage people out of their cars

"1244. 1. In reviewing its parking charges the council should consider introducing differential parking charges for larger vehicles as is being done in Paris. There, users of large SUVs and other large non-commercial vehicles that pollute more and present significantly higher risk of injury and death to other road users will pay more for parking. The purpose would be to signal to people that these vehicles are anti-social. Furthermore, such vehicles take up so much space in car parks that many parking bays are no longer wide enough, thus making it difficult to get in and out of adjacent vehicles - particularly if you have any kind of mobility problem. For more information about the Paris approach see <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2024/feb/06/paris-suvs-uk-parisians-triple-parking-charges>

2. All car-parks should include some SECURE cycle parking and EV charging points.

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1245. All these schemes are just an attack on the motorist.

1246. I am absolutely appalled by the proposals. You are penalizing hard working people and retired folks.

1247. I'm a local resident and use all areas above. My family and I enjoy visiting these areas and use the local leisure facilities in these areas. I feel it is a big shame to introduce these fees to the residents as it will discourage visiting. We bring our children both weekend days and enjoy walking/ coffee/ shopping. If these fees are introduced we will visit elsewhere and reduce our visits here as it will cost too much given the amount we visit.

1248. If you are currently making a £400,000+ per year loss for the arrangements that are in place now how can you begin to justify increasing the quantity of areas you charge for? Also do you not think that this sort of additional charge will put people off visiting the area? Surely your ideas should be in the best interests of the residents and local businesses and therefore should be supported by them rather than enforced upon them, I thought ideas put forward should help revive and improve our borough, I believe such charges will have the opposite effects, most of the ideas I hear being put forward/proposed by WBC aren't supported by residents as the residents don't trust your ability to represent them and do

what is best for the area. All I can see is total incompetence and lack of foresight leading to contempt from residents

1249. Please don't start charging for Church Road car park in Bebington village

1250. Ridiculous idea. Don't do it.

1251. Already made a comment

1252. As per my last objection- taking away one of the only things that is left for FREE! The views and outdoors are vital for people's good health. People with financial difficulties will be excluded from these places.

1253. I think that this way of submitting views on consultations in itself is DISCRIMINATORY. Many people including the elderly and children are unable to have their say, as many people do not have access to a computer or have the ability to use one. If you wish to have the view of children, why not have involve their schools? I also feel that putting a short time constraint is a way of rushing things through in order to limit and undermine a proper and fair response from local people to have their say. This is not DEMOCRATIC as it should be!

1254. Don't bring in the charges, it is such a damaging scheme that will cause a downturn in the local economy

1255. This will not raise enough money to warrant the loss of revenue that local amenities will face and. therefore, the lost business rate tax income. It will also cause people to park either illegally or in local streets, causing residents more hassle and possible danger to pedestrians.

"1256. These schemes will cost to implement & will also incur running costs. Will it actually make the council that much money in the long run considering the detrimental impact it will have on these areas?

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1257. It needs a lot more thought. It will have a big impact on local residents and businesses and put visitors off. It will be chaos for residents of flat West Kirby and disaster for small businesses across the Wirral. You want people to use public transport then stop cancelling trains, have more regular reliable buses to more places and provide public toilets at places where people change buses/trains. There are lots of people who would happily use public transport if this was sorted out. Unfortunately you cannot expect us all to cycle. Post menopausal women and often have osteopenia or osteoporosis, broken bones can leave people unable to work or even feed themselves for months. People have hip replacements. arthritis etc but are not actually classified as disabled. Wirral for the most part is quite hilly. The flat edges are prone to wind, horizontal rain and horrible children who want to steal your bike. I was a keen cyclist into my thirties even after I bought a car but it is not possible for me now. Even Chris Boardman had to stop competing because of osteoporosis and he was quite young relatively speaking for this condition. If the council needs more money

perhaps lobby the central government to get a bigger grant to make up for 14 years of austerity instead of funding wars.

1258. Wirral council are going to ruin small businesses where charges are introduced. In an obesity crisis you should be encouraging the citizens of the Wirral to visit their local beauty spots not discouraging due to these ridiculous parking charges.

"1259. These schemes will have two main impacts if implemented.

It will likely adversely impact upon businesses which are situated near to the car parks, that are currently free, as many potential customers will change their parking and therefore their shopping habits. This could even lead to some businesses closing which would reduce income to Wirral Council.

To avoid incurring parking fees, many drivers will simply seek to park elsewhere potentially causing congestion / inconvenience.

As a consequence, the potential financial benefits of the schemes to the council may well not be realised. "

1260. As above

1261. This will be seen as another money making exercise by council, which it is, and will discourage people from taking exercise and helping with fitness and mental health, exactly what council should be promoting, council should stop spending on unused cycle lanes and unadhered to 20mph speed zones.

1262. Blatant money making from drivers who have already paid road tax or whatever you decide to call it. It is theft.

"1263. Negative effect on the local economy.

We need to be growing the economy, investing in the town, not driving people away.

Removal of free car parks for visitors will also result in fewer parking spaces available for local residents."

1264. I think this is a poorly thought out policy, short term revenue increase but longer negative effects.

1265. My husband and I work extremely hard and run a very successful and well established business in our local area. It is a home improvements company and we supply and install products to improve and enhance local people's properties. Our customers in Hoylake, Meols and West Kirby work and save hard to live where they live and spend their hard earned money on making their houses look nice. What is the point of striving to better one's property which in turn improves the look of the area where we live and thereby making it a more desirable district to reside and visit, when Wirral Council detract from all of this by imposing ugly and gaudy bright yellow lines and parking meters to our beautiful area.

Along with the wreck that now is the beach at Hoylake and Meols, Wirral Council seem to be hell bent on making the Wirral scruffy, unkempt and undesirable. What are they doing to our beautiful peninsular? A place where throngs of people would visit and frequent, who ploughed money into our bustling local economy are becoming and soon will be a thing of the past. They are driving people away and Hoylake, Meols and West Kirby will become ghost towns. Businesses will suffer and more shops will close. We wholeheartedly oppose this plan and would urge the Council to rethink this very drastic scheme before it is too late.

1266. Wirral is a very run down place. Some parts worse than the other. People not just in Wirral but the UK are feeling the pinch in the cost of living already and this will just increase the pressure on their finances. People especially pensioners will be forced to reduce socialising etc or just stopping at a local salon or cafe as they can't afford the parking. I do realise WBC have got to find ways to recover finances being lost by budget cuts but don't feel this is a viable way to achieve it as it will affect people socialising and small businesses. There's one area that could fill the financial void by charging to park and would make much more sense.

1267. Parking should be free to enhance and support local businesses who pay business rates and keep our towns alive. Also charging for carparking causes chaos with local roads

"1268. Nobody voted for this. You are exceeding your electoral mandate.

And when you have a moment, Google ""law of unintended consequences"" - and do some thinking."

1269. Such short sightedness. Do you model what's going on around all these places now? Invest; maintain and stop penalising us all.

"1270. Parking in general in certain places on the Wirral is ridiculous. I literally stop in Puddycote car park on a Monday and Tuesday evening to drop my daughter to her tutor and I have to pay for parking for those 10 mins each night!!!

We don't need more charges anywhere"

1271. It is hard to park in Singleton Ave at present even with our permit, people have to drive around to various other roads to find a parking space therefore upsetting people in that road, Singleton Ave does not need a bus lane at the top, this could give a few extra parking spaces to residents without it slowing the buses down.

"1272. These schemes will adversely affect businesses in these areas.

In addition, I assume the method of payment will involve the need to use technology which is ageist, as many older residents/visitors will struggle to use them."

1273. This will drive people to use the larger retail areas with free parking over small independent shops. The shops are far more vulnerable to small changes like this than the national chains.

"1274. They are all badly conceived and will cause harm to local communities and the health of the people on the Wirral.

The Council has a track record of not being trusted when it comes to parking (charges being introduced at Country Parks after a "consultation" that didn't mention that the Council had already bought the charging machines).

It is time the council stopped penalising drivers who only want to support the local communities / shops and want to exercise in the Country Parks. "

1275. Charging like this simply deters visitors and locals using the facility.

1276. I'm not happy with how this has been handled finding out about the increase to visitor and resident permits by a notice stuck on a lamp post is not acceptable. I totally disagree to the parking charges and the massive increase to residents and visitors permits which we are expected to pay.

1277. Local people need to access all these areas to walk for their mental wellbeing as well as exercise for themselves and their dogs.

"1278. Hoylake, Meols, and Central West Kirby councillors Max Booth, Tony Cox, and Andrew Gardner are opposed to the proposed parking charges in our beloved towns of Hoylake, Meols, and West Kirby. We believe these charges will impact all of Wirral in an equal and devastating way. A way that does not consider the needs of the many residents nor the local businesses that line our traditional high streets. These proposed charges would impose an unnecessary financial burden and cause inconvenience to the locals who depend on places like North and Meols Parade for parking, particularly in the evenings and overnight.

Our residents and businesses deserve better than this. We value the unique character and sense of community in our towns and strongly oppose changes that could harm this delicate balance.

The imposition of such charges without considering that impacts is a clear disregard for the community's needs. We deserve well-thought-out solutions that suit everyone's requirements, and most importantly - listen to the taxpayers and residents!

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1279. allow free parking for say first 30 minutes. Then charge at tiered rate. This would help alleviate quick shoppers from parking on road, would also prevent people leaving their car all day unnecessarily.

1280. I object to any parking fees where they are likely to reduce the numbers of customers using local businesses. and thus their viability. These business provide essential services to local communities, many of whom don't have cars and find it difficult to use out of town shopping. Those with cars will shop out of town where there is free parking and the demise of the High Street will be further accelerated. The Council will be faced with empty premises and a fall in business rates. Those shoppers without cars will be further excluded from society. Only the large chain store retailers will benefit.

1281. Bad idea. Will impact local businesses and mental health. People should have free parking for our own spaces

1282. I'd advise that the council could think of alternatives for parking issues.

1283. The whole thing is a debarcle and you should be ashamed of even suggesting it

1284. Why???

1285. Absolutely ridiculous! People are struggling as it is. No one will go out or visit local shops.

1286. It's utterly disgusting that you're trying to charge even more to Wirral residents.

1287. see comments above.

1288. Keep parking free to help local businesses

1289. Free parking encourages people to visit areas and spend their money with local businesses. I have recently moved from Liscard to Moreton. the difference free parking makes is amazing. Liscard is dead but moreton is thriving. Keep the car parks free and encourage people to visit.

1290. It will effect small businesses, I'm not paying for ten minutes to use one shop

1291. The council are actively and openly trying to discriminate against anyone with a car. Time to stop, I for one are looking to move away from Wirral as a result of this and also re locate my business out of borough. Not only is this harming individuals, it's also impacting our economy and small businesses

"1292. These draconian (and in my opinion illegal) parking charges will have a massive impact on local businesses. They will see a reduced footfall in customers as people will go elsewhere where they don't have to pay for parking. Businesses could well close as a result. So for me I will be forced to travel much further on the bus to do my shopping etc. But being totally reliant on public transport, what if the trains and buses stop running? It would leave people who don't drive completely stuck.

What we are witnessing is a relentless drive (pun on words intended!) to get people out of their cars and become reliant on public transport. This is all part of the 15 minute city

ideology that is springing up around the world. The waste of space cycle lanes encompasses this. We have all seen the disastrous failure of the Fender Lane Cycle Path

So who is responsible for this mess? It will be the Environment Committee dominated by the Chair Liz Grey, Labour and Greens. Grey introduced the cycle lanes. Grey introduced the 20 mph speed limits (being abandoned in Wales I believe) and now we are being smacked down with these parking charges.

I said earlier they were in my opinion illegal. The reason I say this is that this was attempted in West Kirby oh 18 months or so ago. It failed because the council was taken to task on them and it was ruled that they were deemed illegal as it was nothing more than a tax/revenue collecting exercise. This new scheme is more of the same. Why should car owners pay to park outside their own homes? It's paying double council tax! And it's not very environmentally friendly as more and more people are ripping up their front gardens to install driveways for their cars in order to avoid this draconian measure.

This is stealth tax and the council should listen to the widespread anger of residents and local businesses. The Environmental Chair should be forced to make a public apology next Monday at the Environment Committee meeting and submit her immediate resignation. It has been one bad policy decision after another on her watch and she has substantially damaged the reputation of Wirral Borough Council both financially and economically. Wirral Borough Council once used the strapline the Wirral Leisure Peninsula in correspondence and publicity materials etc. It has now become the Undemocratic Peninsula and the people of Wirral have had enough. "

1293. The local small businesses are going to vanish when people flock to shop at retail parks where the choice of shops is good and the parking is free . If the average person on the street can see what is wrong with this scheme, why can't the people who are actually paid to serve these areas of Wirral? Stop this ludicrous plan before Wirral is completely ruined .

1294. My basic pension is being hit yet again. go to pensioner's clubs or stay home. Go to shops or stay home. Stay home and pay to park your car.

1295. Transient users of parking will moan but pay up. Regular users such as myself can make choices and I will try and avoid paying car park fees to visit shops, restaurants and social arenas

1296. Parking charges should be abolished and the scheme reverted back to the past scheme of the zone time disc that we used to have to display in the front screen.

"1297. There is zero benefit to the people . It will lead to hugely increases congestion on neighbouring residential roads and make their access more hazardous.

People need access to the coastal areas for their mental and physical health and will not put their health first as will not want to pay for parking so will do anything to avoid it.

The cost of implementing and maintaining the parking charges will out weigh the financial benefits.

On prom areas that are wide enough to accommodate parked cars, in areas such as Meols where the prom is mostly quiet it is disgusting to put double yellow lines and enforce parking charges outside people's homes "

1298. The local authority could manage it's money better rather than crippling the working man for their negligence.

1299. I object to giving back a residents parking pass and then have to pay for one Fine if you guarantee a parking space but sometimes I'm in another rd Residents should continue to have free parking and visitor parking without council discriminating against residents

1300. The council using the motorist as a cash cow once again, it will drive people away which will affect local business incomes, possible closure and loss of jobs. Short sighted views by the council who are waging war against the motorist. If the council looked at other schemes they have completed which are a total waste of money, 20 mph scheme a classic example of a total ill-thought out scheme which will be rescinded in some form in the future. Consultation is a mere paper exercise for he council as they proceed with schemes despite the overwhelming public objection with many valid and justified points .

1301. These schemes will effect local businesses local people and any passing trade from tourists. Completely object to these ridiculous schemes. Please provide assessment made and tge benefits to local people and businesses.

1302. These charges will inhibit tourism and affect local businesses who benefit from the trade that visitors bring locally. As a local resident, business owner and campervan owner, I regularly use banks road car park in Heswall. The charges are often disproportionate to the facilities provided.

1303. All these increases where ever used are just stealth taxes, which are going to add to the growing amount of people whose bills etc. are for ever going up, and pushing people closer to poverty. When the council is saying that it needs to help it's residents.

"1304. I object to all these changes to car parking charges but am particularly concerned about the impact of scheme reference TO/24/42 South Parade, West Kirby. All the proposed schemes would have a detrimental impact on residents, businesses and visitors and my objections to scheme TO/24/42 are considered to equally apply to communities impacted by the other proposed schemes.

I have four objections to scheme TO/24/42

1) It will cause congestion in West Kirby

The statutory guidance for local authorities on enforcing parking restrictions under section 87 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 [“the statutory guidance”] requires that “Enforcement authorities should design their parking policies with particular regard to: managing the traffic network to ensure expeditious movement of traffic, (including pedestrians and cyclists), as required under the Traffic Management Act 2004 Network Management Duty”

This proposal will cause congestion in West Kirby by displacing parked vehicles from South Parade onto other roads which suffer much worse congestion. Anyone with a knowledge of West Kirby will know that, by being a one-way street with parking on only one side of the road, South Parade doesn't suffer from any significant congestion. Whereas the roads parallel to South Parade, being Banks Road and Westbourne/ Hilbre Roads, and their adjoining roads, are two-way roads with, in some places, parking on both sides of the road. By implementing parking charges on South Parade this will encourage motorists to park their vehicles on other roads in West Kirby increasing, rather than alleviating, congestion. This is in contravention of the statutory guidance.

The council's objective for its Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) is to “help manage traffic, congestion and to help keep people moving so that everyone who needs to, is more likely to have access to a car parking space.” This proposal does not support this objective, in fact, it undermines this objective by contributing to congestion across the rest of the town.

2) It will make roads less safe in West Kirby

The statutory guidance for local authorities on enforcing parking restrictions under section 87 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 [“the statutory guidance”] requires that “Enforcement authorities should design their parking policies with particular regard to: improving road safety”

By implementing parking charges on South Parade this will encourage motorists to park their vehicles on other roads in West Kirby resulting in a greater prevalence of vehicles

parked on both sides of the road. This will reduce visibility for motorists and pedestrians particularly at junctions. It will also make it more difficult for emergency vehicles to access roads across West Kirby. By discouraging parking on South Parade the council will be making our roads less safe (and hinder emergency vehicles), this is in contravention with the statutory guidance in respect of road safety.

3) It will harm the local environment

The statutory guidance for local authorities on enforcing parking restrictions under section 87 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 [“the statutory guidance”] requires that “Enforcement authorities should design their parking policies with particular regard to: improving the local environment”

This proposal, if implemented, would result in more residents in West Kirby paving over their front gardens and removing hedges, trees and lawns to provide off-road parking. At a time when the council should be encouraging residents to plant trees and hedges, protect wildlife and protect/enhance biodiversity, this proposal would have the opposite effect. A perfect example of unintended consequences. By encouraging residents to do so, this proposal is in contravention with the statutory guidance for local authorities.

In addition, by discouraging motorists from parking on South Parade, we would see an increase of motorists driving up and down other roads in an attempt to find a free parking place. Resulting in another unintended consequence of increased pollution.

As a result, these proposals are in contravention with the statutory guidance by damaging the local environment.

4) It will harm local businesses

This proposal will adversely impact on local shops and businesses. The displacement of parked vehicles onto roads normally used by shoppers will create greater demand for this kerb space. This will mean shoppers will be discouraged from visiting shops and businesses. In addition, anyone with knowledge of West Kirby will know that, particularly in the off-season, South Parade is often used as overflow parking by shoppers in West Kirby when they are unable to park on Banks Road. Surely a local council should be supporting its local businesses rather than discouraging people from visiting these businesses; empty business premises are not beneficial to anyone.

In summary, I strongly object to these proposals and consider them to undermine the council's objectives for their Traffic Regulation Orders and to be in contravention of the statutory guidance for local authorities on enforcing parking restrictions under section 87 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

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1305. It will deter visitors to the area . Unnecessary expense

1306. See all above comments

1307. See above

"1308. I strongly disagree with the proposed charges to parking sites across the Wirral, especially Roslin Road in Irby. I run a business here and employ members of staff from across the Wirral. All of us travel into work by car, these proposed charges will mean it will cost us an extra £126 every month. That's £1,506 a year! I'm also confident I'm not the only business owner here in Irby that feels this way. We all employ staff and it's a huge added expense. Without our businesses here what would the town look like? Rows of empty shops, a lack of community and without any shops here your car parks would end up empty anyway. I strongly recommend you reconsider, or at the very least, consider the workers and provide permits for those working in the areas you're imposing these parking charges on.

The alternative is that we end up moving our businesses to areas where it's easier for our staff, free parking, away from the heart of communities. "

1309. They are all aimed at making life difficult and expensive.

1310. This constant threatening to charge in areas where local people frequent is honestly disgusting. You will destroy local community hubs and give privilege once again to those who have lots of money and do not notice the charges coming constantly out. It will have an impact on mental and physical health by restricting what people can do and access once again expecting health services to pay up to sort those increasing issues. It is quite frankly a disgrace.

1311. These schemes would appear to be no other than a revenue raising exercise. I would suggest focusing on the poor parking practices throughout the borough and imposing the appropriate fines would be more appropriate method of raising revenue and would improve everybody's life.

1312. Detrimental to local economy, also to consider charging for a park and ride car park at Hoylake is ludicrous, how does that encourage people not to use their car!!

1313. Probably not cost effective.

1314. Free parking for all residents who pay council tax. Wirral is advertised as The Leisure Peninsula and it brings tourists to the Wirral. In turn, which support all businesses small and large. Are you the council trying to 'kill' Wirral.

1315. STOP! robbing the public,

1316. There's a need to attract people into all areas of the Wirral. Anything that discourages this will damage businesses and personal well-being.

1317. Modest parking charges/increases at all these locations are reasonable and proportionate. They will ensure more efficient use of parking spaces and that the costs to the authority are met by those who use them. They will encourage more people to walk, cycle or use public transport and thereby assist in meeting climate/clean air targets.

"1318. You are losing £400 000 a year on trying to enforce parking regulations.
<https://www.wirralglobe.co.uk/news/24642735.wirral-council-parking-contract-losing-400k-per-year/>

Now there is an obvious solution to this. Make parking free. You will save money.

Moreover it will encourage people to visit towns and engage in public life.

Now people are encouraged to stay home and ordering everything online instead of shopping local. Help bring life to the towns of the Wirral. It's so simple. Make parking free."

1319. These are money making schemes that will destroy local business and restrict Wirral residents from enjoying the local natural amenities that they already own. If the council had not embarked on the ridiculous speed limits and cycle lanes that nobody wants they would not need this revenue.

1320. this is purely a generating income operation, making the public pay for the council shortcomings. Look at wastage inside the council first!

"1321. The comments I made about the Allport Lane car park will apply to other car parks in Wirral.

Charging for car parking near local businesses makes it unfair for them when compared to retail parks.

If the local businesses close then the only places remaining open will be retail parks that can only be accessed by car.

Free parking near local businesses is the least the council can do to encourage growth in the local economy and stop more shops on the high street from closing."

1322. Any changes to street parking need to be done holistically as part of a wider traffic plan for the Wirral (eg residents parking, more separate bus & cycle lanes etc) as they are NOT the same issue as charges in designated car parks.

"1323. I think the council have spent too much money on cycle lanes which are not being used and are unlikely to be used , bikes are expensive and a lot of people can't afford them, you are also at risk of being stopped and getting them stolen

you say you want to look after people but you are isolating people by charging them to socialize

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1324. Should also charge for supermarket parking so not just penalising those who use council parking.

1325. Driving people away from local businesses and charging some to park outside their home is scandalous. Council tax, road tax gives people the right to park outside their house. This is simply a cash grab.

1326. Please consider detrimental effects on local business , community physical and mental health .

"1327. People will go to areas where parking is cheaper, and use different transport. Has stated in above comments, do the people making the decision live in the Wirral, and are they on more than £12,000 a year salaries and can afford the change.

If a commercial car park like The Grange in Birkenhead can charge £2 a day, or Asda £2 for up to 3 hours, why is the Council being greedy.

Another issue is that the introduction of cycle lanes everywhere is a hazard, for emergency vehicles and general public. "

"1328. Will have a detrimental impact on visitor numbers and also local people using the area

You are hitting the motorist in the pocket all the time as a easy target for your selfs

If you had better control over the spending and not inplament silly schemes like the 20mph which's a waste of money and cycle lanes when not required

You say funded by this and ghat but you have to provide some capital as well

Why don't you all take a pay cut and help out that way as you squeeze us more and more it's not helping us who live on the Wirral

Be. Are charged to get off our little peninsula either by
Bus train or car in the tunnel or the ferry

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1329. I just feel that parking should be free encouraging people to get out and be active along our coast line , currently wbc car parking schemes are running at a loss do is this extra area to be patrolled just going to add more to the financial loss

1330. If this was introduced it would discourage, people from visiting open spaces. A place for leisure jogging, dog walking, elderly walking and it would affect business, while causing traffic jams in the resort.

1331. We pay more tax as drivers than any other country. It will kill businesses and clog up all side roads around beauty spots.

1332. The schemes are likely to lead to cars being displaced to areas outside the areas , leading to congestion, pollution

1333. The Council seems to be hiding behind environmental and traffic management headlines in its plans to implement new and increased charges across the borough. Clearly, it's simply a revenue generating initiative. The plans are launched simultaneously with the eye watering waste of money on the introduction of , generally unnecessary, 20mph zones across the borough. Having said that, I accept that the Council is short of resources and needs to pursue opportunities to raise additional funds. I think it is reasonable to introduce charges in areas, where there would be minimal or no impact on local businesses, particularly small businesses. However in areas like Allport Lane, Bromborough, I think even a small charge would be disastrous for small businesses adjacent to the car park. At the moment I would think trade in the Allport Lane shopping area is stable with some vibrancy. However, it will not take much to reverse this trend. Local shoppers, particularly the more immobile, need incentives (like free car parking) to visit local shopping areas, like Allport Lane . Not disincentives like car parking charges. Not only is the charge a disincentive but also people do not like the hassle of understanding and using the pay machines. So, in conclusion I fully oppose any introduction of parking charges which will have an adverse commercial impact but I am more relaxed about the introduction in areas where car users generally park without intending to spend money on the local economy.

1334. I feel a blanket approach has been taken rather than reviewing each parking area in it's own right. The economic and tourist impact could be considerably negative, looking at reduced overall revenues for the council. It feels like robbing Peter to pay Paul or shifting the deckchairs !

1335. This will only penalise the local people who want to keep active on the prom areas.

1336. Don't do it

1337. People who use these free car parks come to the area and spend money in the local communities. If the council charge then people won't come.

1338. Absolutely a disgrace screwing the motorists again and again. Organise your own council first

1339. It's been rejected once hopefully it gets rejected again

1340. Stop proposing things and focus on fulfilling your constituent demands; on what people who you should be serving really need and want. If you like to make car parks changed, then you firsts have to make sure that there are reliable, frequent, cheap and convenient transportation options night and day.

1341. We need to allow for free movement across the wirral to allow people to exercise , shop and visit places. If we charge people will be driven towards the large retail parks or park off road in side streets etc. This then means painting yellow lines etc at more cost ,

"1342. The Council wastes far too much money on its inability to manage. Parking tax fees should not pay for poor governance and bad management.

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"1343. I object to all these changes to car parking charges but am particularly concerned about the impact of scheme reference TO/24/42 South Parade, West Kirby. All the proposed schemes would have a detrimental impact on residents, businesses and visitors and my objections to scheme TO/24/42 are considered to equally apply to communities impacted by the other proposed schemes.

I have four objections to scheme TO/24/42

1) It will cause congestion in West Kirby

The statutory guidance for local authorities on enforcing parking restrictions under section 87 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 ["the statutory guidance"] requires that "Enforcement authorities should design their parking policies with particular regard to: managing the traffic network to ensure expeditious movement of traffic, (including pedestrians and cyclists), as required under the Traffic Management Act 2004 Network Management Duty"

This proposal will cause congestion in West Kirby by displacing parked vehicles from South Parade onto other roads which suffer much worse congestion. Anyone with a knowledge of West Kirby will know that, by being a one-way street with parking on only one side of the road, South Parade doesn't suffer from any significant congestion. Whereas the roads

parallel to South Parade, being Banks Road and Westbourne/ Hilbre Roads, and their adjoining roads, are two-way roads with, in some places, parking on both sides of the road. By implementing parking charges on South Parade this will encourage motorists to park their vehicles on other roads in West Kirby increasing, rather than alleviating, congestion. This is in contravention of the statutory guidance.

The council's objective for its Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) is to "help manage traffic, congestion and to help keep people moving so that everyone who needs to, is more likely to have access to a car parking space." This proposal does not support this objective, in fact, it undermines this objective by contributing to congestion across the rest of the town.

2) It will make roads less safe in West Kirby

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By implementing parking charges on South Parade this will encourage motorists to park their vehicles on other roads in West Kirby resulting in a greater prevalence of vehicles parked on both sides of the road. This will reduce visibility for motorists and pedestrians particularly at junctions. It will also make it more difficult for emergency vehicles to access roads across West Kirby. By discouraging parking on South Parade the council will be making our roads less safe (and hinder emergency vehicles), this is in contravention with the statutory guidance in respect of road safety.

3) It will harm the local environment

The statutory guidance for local authorities on enforcing parking restrictions under section 87 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 ["the statutory guidance"] requires that "Enforcement authorities should design their parking policies with particular regard to: improving the local environment"

This proposal, if implemented, would result in more residents paving over their front gardens and removing hedges, trees and lawns to provide off-road parking. At a time when the council should be encouraging residents to plant trees and hedges, protect wildlife and

protect/enhance biodiversity, this proposal would have the opposite effect. A perfect example of unintended consequences. By encouraging residents to do so, this proposal is in contravention with the statutory guidance for local authorities.

In addition, by discouraging motorists from parking on South Parade, we would see an increase of motorists driving up and down other roads in an attempt to find a free parking place. Resulting in another unintended consequence of increased pollution.

As a result, these proposals are in contravention with the statutory guidance by damaging the local environment.

4) It will harm local businesses

This proposal will adversely impact on local shops and businesses. The displacement of parked vehicles onto roads normally used by shoppers will create greater demand for this kerb space. This will mean shoppers will be discouraged from visiting shops and businesses. In addition, anyone with knowledge of West Kirby will know that, particularly in the off-season, South Parade is often used as overflow parking by shoppers in West Kirby when they are unable to park on Banks Road. Surely a local council should be supporting its local businesses rather than discouraging people from visiting these businesses; empty business premises are not beneficial to anyone.

In summary, I strongly object to these proposals and consider them to undermine the council's objectives for their Traffic Regulation Orders and to be in contravention of the statutory guidance for local authorities on enforcing parking restrictions under section 87 of the Traffic Management Act 2004. ""

1344. People who live in built up areas will be unable to park anywhere near their own houses unless you also extend residence parking permits on all the streets surrounding the pay zones

1345. The council is really ridiculous for trying to bring this scheme back after it was dropped previously, the cost of fitting the parking machines will never be earned back because people will instead park on residential streets rather than pay a parking charge, if it wasn't going to work last time it was tried why try to bring it back again?

1346. I support all schemes designed to promote more sensible use of motor vehicles.

1347. People park cars for more than 8 - 9 hours a day which affects the business . Mostly people from pub and hair dressers.

1348. as said above

1349. Increasing charges in all these areas will only cause small business to suffer and possibly shut down then the council loses the tax from that Keep hitting the motorist easy target!!!

1350. Some car parks are in a poor state of repair and should be resurfaced at least before any parking charges are applied. E.g. Roland Avenue.

"1351. This will have affect on all local businesses who rely on people using and supporting them. If parking charges are implemented people will not visit and go to out of town retail parks.

How is this beneficial to local people and older residents of the area..

The residents of Wirral are not here to support and exceptionally badly managed local authority who have no vision or forward planning.

I worked for Wirral Council for 27 years and nothing has changed still wasting money."

"1352. I object to the scheme on two grounds:

1. It provides no benefit for our local business, where a number of local people like to drop by and make purchases that take no longer that 5-10 minutes. During the off season we rely heavily on these consumers as there is not enough tourism in the area.

2. How can the council charge Street Traders £76 per year and yet charge the locals and public the equivalent of £2184 for the same right to park.

The council will lose £2108 per parking space granted to these freeloaders. Surely they need to be charged the same or made into licensed sites.

I have been in talks with the council for number of years with regards to street traders being given permission to trade close to local business or licensed sites, which pay enormous rents and rates and are hugely affected for no benefit to the council or the public. "

1353. WBC should stop unnecessary schemes. Stop spending Public money on unessecary schemes. We YOU cant afford it.

1354. These schemes and the charges already in place are why Birkenhead town centre is rapidly becoming desolate. I'm 76 and I remember going "down town " with my Mother and it was a thriving extremely busy shopping centre as opposed to what it has become. The proposed charges will drive even more people to retail parks and other seaside resorts where they don't have to spend the day worrying about parking charges and if they have overstayed.

"1355. You are trying to encourage people to exercise, go shopping to keep the local economy (ie local small businesses) going, then you go slapping a car park charge on drivers who are already council tax payers and already pay road tax and expect us to welcome this madcap scheme.

Not happy"

1356. Stop, just stop, wirral residents are not here to get the council out of their own financial mess due to mismanagement

1357. Paying to park destroys local economies and like liscard and birkenhead. The coast should be free to visit and paying to park is blocking people from enjoying nature.

1358. The council has no thoughts for its residents and business's, can they seriously justify their proposals???

1359. No objection to parking charges. But I do object to the parking schemes being run by private enterprise company's who are just out to make massive profits. Should be run by Wirral council

"1360.

Wirral.council are actually disgusting the way they treat the locals.

Wirral council using local people as their personal.cash cows yet again. This will destroy local.towns and businesses. Wirral.council.need to leave the free parking alone, lower the rates to their empty shops etc to get them.full again I stead of hiring rates and driving more independent businesses out. Surely this is obvious to all the people in the council.getting paid 100k+ per year???"

1361. Blue badge holders should also have to pay to make this fair and even, holding a blue badge does not mean you can't afford to pay for parking.

"1362. 1. Charging for parking will kill off what's left of small businesses in places like Bebington , Lower Bebington and Bromborough leaving empty ghost town centres. Everyone will go to shop at the Croft retail park or similar instead.

2. It will have a detrimental effect on community groups and clubs as people won't want to pay an extra £3.60 to park on top of the fees they already pay. It means an extra £36 over a term which some cannot afford. It will also affect the instructors at these learning groups who probably park for a full day and also volunteers who give their time for free.

3. Will people use the library in Bebington if they have to pay for parking.

4. Residents of nearby streets will end up with people parking there instead (or are you intending to make it resident parking only and then charge the residents!)

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1363. Charging for parking will be detrimental to local businesses and won't solve anything

1364. The schemes will affect all living and working in these areas. They will impact local business and make parking congestion worse.

1365. Much of the Wirral Parking analysis done in 2022 was to find supporting cases for a pre-defined position. As a many year business/management consultant, I've seen these approaches used to basically imply support for positions, when proper analysis shows there should be none. For example, in that analysis "alternate modes" i.e. cycling was co-mingled with desire for "public transport" as a way to discourage private car use. They are not one and the same. Doing so, when people support the latter but not the former, implies there is significant support for the former. As a former resident of Austin, Texas I saw the impact first hand of uncontrolled introduction of "micro mobility" solutions i.e. e-bikes/e-scooters, and it was a disaster. Just about the only people to use them were under-30s. And on the Wirral, a much higher proportion of residents are over 50s; few of them will use micro-mobility or regular cycles, because even with cycle lanes the roads are too full/dangerous for them. More can be done to encourage the use of public transport, as opposed to private cars, but people have private cars for a reason; and that is, point-to-point travel to get them precisely where they need to go. In Austin, with 70% sunny days, it may make sense to cycle; here, when 50% of the year is rainy and cold, it doesn't. In short, the proposed parking fee schemes exist simply to raise revenue; and that revenue shouldn't be ploughed back into schemes that support micro-mobility or cycling for which there is very limited and not likely to increase demand.

1366. I cannot make comments about particular car parks which I do not know but I would make a plea for maintaining free parking which supports local shops, libraries and other community services.

1367. Charging to park in previously free places is yet another attack on the pockets of people who are already being hit the most by rising living costs. It will impact local businesses negatively, affect those needing to park for work and make people not want to use our local free green spaces for exercise.

1368. If you feel the need to continue with charges - please make the first hour free and also use an app provider who will provide drivers with refunds when they return early. We were away in Italy once, parked the car and paid on the App for 2 hours. We were back after 1.5 hours. We were able to claim the 0.5 hours back. These kind of set ups would make it easier to swallow.

"1369. Same as above just funding councillors own interests not the publics interest or to making wirral better or even subsidising public transport.

It will also determine people visiting the places this is proposed."

1370. I would like it more transparent regarding what the council are actually planning to do with the revenue generated from the parking charges. As a tax payer I believe I have a right to know before any of the schemes are put in place.

"1371. Once again WBC are claiming to perform a consultation, when I have no doubt they will ignore or more likely have decided the outcome prior, e.g Hoylake beach (oh not our fault they will say).

Anyway re the parking charges

1) it will force closer of some businesses, this reducing local tax and a death knell for local community business.

2) suggest you look at the state of the pavements in New Brighton and say to yourself ""would I pay to park here""

3) you try to advertise Wirral as a place to visit, no public toilets and no where to park.

4) side streets will fill up, to the frustration of locals.

5) An increase in pollution due to vehicles driving around looking for a place to park.

6) won't go on, I'm sure you will have enough to ignore."

1372. Wirral Borough council need to be very careful that making many car parks 'payable' does not deter the people of Wirral from using the shops, restaurants and other facilities. In the end, the local economy will suffer and people will go elsewhere for shopping, eating out and entertainment. Having to pay to park all the time will significantly reduce enthusiasm to visit such places. If a charge needs to be introduced in certain places at least charge less for multiple hours. But be careful that you are not the reason for people to stop visiting all the wonderful places on the Wirral. The Wirral is a great place to live but many will not want to pay to park wherever they go. They just won't go.

1373. Yes. The council should start saving money by concentrating only on core services.

"1374. put charges on some of the largest shopping placesNOT small local shopping areas that are allready struggling

boarded up shops let Wirral down"

"1375. Restricting peoples access to areas of outside recreation seems to be a very regressive option with the current recognition of the benefits to general and particularly mental health.

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1376. Makes a big impact on small businesses as people won't want to pay for parking

1377. Wirral Council has to consider residents who have no choice in some of these areas. They also place further pressure on local businesses as it strengthens the argument to simply go to retail parks and supermarkets, bypassing local shopping.

1378. We need encourage visitor from near and far

"1379. I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed implementation of car parking charges in these areas. This plan appears to be poorly thought out and will likely have significant negative consequences for both the local environment and the community.

By introducing parking charges, you risk discouraging visitors from coming to the area altogether. Those who do still come will likely seek alternative parking in nearby residential areas, shifting traffic congestion and creating additional strain on the local environment. This increased pressure on residential areas will not only contribute to pollution and noise but also diminish the quality of life for local residents.

Furthermore, many local businesses, which rely on a steady flow of visitors, will undoubtedly suffer from the drop in foot traffic. The reduction in visitors will have a detrimental impact on the local economy, harming both small businesses and the overall vibrancy of the area.

If Wirral Council is in need of additional funding, I would urge you to reconsider your approach. Instead of burdening residents and visitors with parking fees, focus on addressing the inefficiencies in council spending. For instance, the wasteful and poorly conceived consultations that often lead to misguided decisions should be reassessed.

A recent example is the situation in New Brighton, where Wetherspoons was allowed to expand its business, only to abandon the location when it became too costly to maintain. Not only has this left an unsightly and hazardous empty space, but it also raises questions about why such poor planning was allowed to happen in the first place.

I urge you to reconsider these parking charges and focus on making improvements that will genuinely benefit the local community and environment."

1380. I support equality of charges in the short term and dynamic pricing in the medium to long term. Resident parking schemes should cover costs including enforcement costs. Is there a possibility of charging by vehicle weight/size/emissions? For residents parking, consider the pros and cons of reducing the permit cost for the first vehicle, but increasing it

for subsequent vehicles. We need to make applying for a disabled badge easier. Ideally any surplus spent on the local areas including improvements to public transport.

1381. Parking should remain free. We pay enough Council Tax!

"1382. My comments apply to residential streets and the residents thereof.

Each Council Tax property should include one parking permit for that street.

Special consideration should be given to those who do not wish to be classified as Blue Badge qualifiers but none the less have limited mobility adequate for reaching a car in their own street."

"1383. The proposed scheme will have an adverse effect through cost to local businesses and the local high street.

Additionally I would query how much it will cost the council to set up, implement and manage effectively all these remote sites."

1384. You are tuning the Wirral into a place which welcomes the rich. Retired residents like me will simply not be able to visit the sites we are used to as you will have priced us out.

1385. Parking charges will drastically affect businesses in West Kirby. Council will not make more money as motorists presently refuse to use carparks so block residential roads

1386. All schemes are highly unpopular with residents and businesses and should be abolished

1387. Not good for any business or for people having to pay for parking

1388. Yet again petty minded elected officials increasing charges to offset the local budget deficit when the real culprit is central govt either Tory or Labour its all the same.

1389. We should not have to pay parking to go to places of nature

1390. I think there is a danger that will reduce local use of facilities, and in doing so will reduce the active travel plans for people as they will travel to other places. If they come into force, secure bike storage must go in these places, at no charge to the user.

"1391. It would put people off getting out with their families for free exercise . Impact of health and obesity.

In urban carparks and shopping streets it would push trade away to retail parks."

1392. This is simply a money grab and will reduce footfall near shops.

1393. Local shops and businesses will suffer if parking charges are brought in. Visitors numbers will dwindle affecting all areas

1394. Obviously the councils main aim is to make as much money as they can, but imposing more costs upon what is a time that is very difficult for most, is and should be considered a very poor and greedy decision to even think about.

1395. We pay enough in council tax This will ruin small businesses and villages.
Outrageous.

1396. Same as above. However I don't think the council will take the slightest notice of what the community has to say x

"1397. I live near to Heswall centre and Tower Road South and surrounding roads are full of cars parked for those visiting/working in the local area. Current car parks are regularly empty as people refuse to pay for parking. Introducing these charges will only compound the current parking problems. Biffa refuse often have problems with parked cars to empty bins, especially in TRS area.

This will also impact local businesses and drive people put to Retail parks rather than supporting their local community. "

1398. People can't afford these charges

"1399. Money making scheme by the council rather than a benefit to the local community. Money collected won't necessarily be going to the council as tends to be tendered out to private companies who profiteer. There are no facilities ie. Toilets

Will generally increase parking in other places which inconveniences the local community. Local business loose trade which further impacts the local community "

1400. This will only deter people from using the local areas for exercise and their mental well being .These areas were so busy during lock down and proved that they are well loved and well used not just by local people but visitors to the area. It will affect the shops that are local to these areas as people will travel to free areas and will also attract the local villains who will target the cash machines as something else to vandalise. Really not a good idea and with the cost of council tax ever rising I am sure that us, the locals, cover the cost of a bin in a car park! Why does everything have to have a price?

1401. As above but please stop hammering the tax payer and pensioners time and time again, especially when offering nothing in return. Please don't charge the public to park on promenades, let us have something worth while for free!!

1402. Please stop trying to stop people driving by making it increasingly unaffordable.

1403. See above.

"1404. Would be a real shame as would lead to cafes and local businesses closing.

Wirral has some amazing outside spaces and beaches, I love to drive my friends from outside of the area around and park by the beach for a little walk or stop in one of the villages like bebington, or west kirby to goto the cafe. I would find somewhere else to take them.

Cost of living has gone up, prices in shops, cafes and restaurants have all had to go up, and this would just be another cost on top of it which would unfortunately be the last straw for many people and make the last little treats unaffordable.

It's great to be able to stop in moreton for the butcher. Would more than likely just get everything from the supermarket since I don't need to pay to park there."

1405. I never understand and why the council insist on doing this to people.

1406. The people of wirral do not want additional car parking fees or parking restrictions, as these unfairly impact the elderly, the infirm and those on lower incomes making , simple task and leisure activity's unfairly realistic for many. Also shopping area are struggling already and increased parking charges will make it worse

1407. There should be more enforcement to stop anti-social parking. People avoid car parks where there is a charge - but (to some people) why not park on a yellow line if they are never fined?

1408. Greedy

1409. Yes. Charging people to park would not be so bad if it was 10p per visit but you want to take an arm and a leg. You want to stop people going anywhere and soon life just wont be worth living especially if you are on a low income where visits to parks and the seafront are so good for mental health. A green world might be nice in your eyes but you are actually preventing people from enjoying it!

1410. Stop trying to fleece the motorist and drive tourists, day trippers and dog walkers away from our coastlines. You're supposed to encourage people to go out for a walk to stay fit and healthy. Charging them to park they simply won't bother

1411. The local residents need to be considered in the surrounding streets adjacent to any charging scheme.

1412. I know that the council need to raise money I would like to see reductions for charities and volunteer who keep our services going. Special pass could be issued for vulnerable groups. Sunday parking should be free.

1413. Why is wirral council doing their best to demonise drivers all of the time? It's not just locals who are being hit but also visitors to our peninsula. Before long the Wirral will be a No Drive zone, and a place nobody will want to come to because of 20mph roads, bike lanes, and now charges for parking anywhere.

1414. Making everyone pay to park on the Wirral will only reduce people spending money in local businesses, put people off visiting areas of beauty, such as thurstaston. Why would I want to take my family to enjoy the area and facilities if I have to pay to park in order to enjoy it?

1415. It all makes Wirral less accessible. Terrible idea !!

1416. I just think we pay so much in taxes for everything that is supposedly getting fixed on the Wirral and yet we're being asked for more money just to park I'd understand if it was to maintain but it's parking other than bins and pot holes what is there to pay for?

1417. Let people park in their own residential area without charge we pay enough council tax and road tax and shouldn't be charged to park outside your own property

1418. This is just yet another other money making scheme from Wirral Borough Council to fleece residents of Wirral.

"1419. The thousands of pounds meters cost

The thousands of pounds on installation costs

The thousands need for maintenance costs

More costs for updates and repairs

Cost of policing parking

Seems a total waste of time money would be better spent

on tidying the Wirral up"

1420. Cost of living crisis is hitting everyone hard. Everyone deserves to be able to get out and appreciate local outdoor spaces and parking costs will greatly impact peoples ability to get out and will result in poorer mental and physical health for local people

1421. All money making initiatives instead of managing the finances available more effectively....

1422. You will kill the number of people visiting and getting exercise, fresh air , mental wellbeing. Big up. Ditch the idea.....again 🙄🙄

1423. Parking charges is always a nuisance and a hindrance to the motorists. We pay enough tax on the fuel for our cars as well as road tax that we do not need to have to spend even more money on parking charges.

1424. Please encourage local businesses to thrive and let the local people have their fresh air along the beautiful coastline of the Wirral without having to pay for car parking wherever you go.

1425. Profiteering council , manage our taxes etc properly. Your still paying council employees double time at weekends get real with the real world .

1426. Disgrace , should never of even been considered

1427. Its unfortunate but necessary people are too selfish at the moment to think of others. So the 'permanent' and long term parkers (workers and motorhomes) are stopping genuine day visitors who maybe just want to go for a meal, or a walk on the prom and buy a snack ... things that will help local business, the long term ones wont pay for parking

because they are selfish to do what they do in the first place. Look how quick they all left when overnight parking was brought in on the prom ... PLEASE include the area by the pumping station. Thank you

1428. Greedy and unnecessary

"1429. I expect to pay to shop in Birkenhead but not at my local beach.

If Fort Perch Rock and the surrounding prom are to incur a charge, I can see Morrisons having a problem.

Overnight parking on Wallasey prom was a big problem which took a long time to sort out. I would suggest a bigger charge to stay overnight. £1 is not enough."

1430. A way to discourage visitors and local residents from using the amenities. A pass for locals who after all pay council tax would be welcome, not necessarily in car parks but definitely along the coastal area

"1431. This will decrease business in these areas, people won't drive to local businesses because they won't want the hassle of parking costs, they will simply go elsewhere.

Charging people to park in their own streets is also ridiculous.

This clearly isn't a plan to tackle a problem with parking because it doesn't address or resolve any.

There are better, less underhanded ways of making more cash if that is what is needed, and there are actual solutions out there to solve potential traffic issues if and where they exist, if that ever becomes your actual aim. (Listen to your lessers)"

1432. It will destroy local commerce. I realise that left wing politicians don't appear to understand how incredibly important that is to the local community because the public purse funds their lives but without our taxes, your lifestyle goes away.

1433. We are taxed enough as it is , this hurts local people who do not have money , the poor are constantly finding it harder and harder to live

1434. This will drive traffic into residential streets. It will also directly impact older people who are on limited budgets.

1435. We should be encouraging people to go out not discouraging. Dog walkers, friends meeting for coffee, the windsurfing school down by the old pitch & putt, businesses will be affected badly. I object strongly to the cost of parking but if you gave the option for local residents to buy a parking permit maybe £50-£100 pa

1436. I appreciate that Wirral Council needs to increase its revenue to cover costs however, these proposed parking charges will have a devastating effect on the residents, businesses and communities in the Borough not only financially but on their health & wellbeing too. Does the Council not have a duty of care to support its constituents in accessing local

services (eg. Libraries, community centres, health centres and local businesses)? Many voluntary run services could be faced with closure (eg. 3Ls based in Bebington Civic Centre) as they rely heavily on volunteers who use Council car parks. There will also be the knock on effect of people parking in residential areas close to Council Car parks if they are unable to afford the parking fees. The Borough's economic economy will also suffer as with less people using Council car parks and shopping elsewhere eg. retail parks where parking is free, less monies will be spent locally, resulting in business closures and a reduction in business tax to the Council and VAT to the Government. With regards to charges for Residential Parking Passes the Council are discriminating against those residents who do not have the luxury of being able to park on their own property and live in certain areas of the Borough. If residents concrete their front gardens for parking this will have a damaging effect on the environment increasing the risk of flooding and blockage of drains. The previous 2 consultations that were held in 2022 & 2023 I was unaware of as it would appear most of the Borough's residents were by the extremely low consultation feedback. Not everyone has access to the internet and social media and I only knew about this consultation when a sign was put up on a lamppost in my road. Would it not be a better idea for the Council to encourage people to use local facilities, eg. shops, libraries, leisure facilities thereby regenerating areas and increasing income to the Borough? These proposed schemes are going in the wrong direction resulting in the Council alienating itself from its constituents.

1437. There was uproar last time you tried to bring in these parking charges . People's feelings have not changed from just over a year ago not sure why you think they have , you need to listen to the local people who really should matter.

1438. I do not necessarily object to all schemes. I am not familiar with the details of all the schemes proposed. However, I suspect that the point I make in 4 (2) (above) might well apply equally to other schemes too. Each individual scheme ought to be considered on its own merits, according to the needs and character of the location, not to be subject to a uniform, over-riding policy to raise money.

1439. The proposed charges are not supporting the residents of Wirral and local businesses and amenities.

1440. Will drive parking into the side streets which are already crowded with no driveways. People who live there will have to pay to park outside their own house. Residents will be economically disadvantaged, particularly those younger families who live in smaller houses. may not necessarily have driveways.

1441. Very damaging anti social and hugely restricting on businesses and footfall to the local shops

1442. All the comments made above

1443. It is fair to charge for parking in tourist areas, but not where access to public amenities such as libraries, one stop shops, medical facilities and education would be affected, especially in disadvantaged areas.

"1444. This is unnecessary, anti tourism and a council money grab.

Council shouldn't be wasting money on 20mph zones, cycle lanes, undemocratic environment projects. Then you wouldn't need these charges

Sack Liz Gray"

1445. The Wirral has natural beauty spots that should be free access for all and is a necessary contribution to general well being. Motorists already pay alot without additional parking costs. The widening of the no parking zones will generate friction with residents who will find it difficult to park outside their own houses. The reduction in parking and visitors will have an adverse in as much as shops become empty and derelict

1446. As above

1447. Charges will drive people away from our area which in turn will in the long run affect businesses. Will councilors who we pay to work for us, the people do what we request if the answer is NO? Highly unlikely as they have not listened in the past so why would they listen now?

1448. As above

1449. Councillors are keen to strangle the golden goose for short term profits / covering staff wages.

1450. Very ill thought out.....comparable to the Bidston cycle path. Will have a negative impact on the whole of Wirral resulting in loss of jobs and ultimately loss of revenue to the Council, especially as a method of implementing the charges and policing them will need to be factored in to the costs. Overall a very bad idea!!

1451. Ridiculous

1452. The council need to scrap this idea. They have wasted valuable tax payers money on ridiculous schemes already such as 20 MPH, cycle lanes, new council buildings that lie empty with the lights on all day and night and this will just make our beautiful Wirral a very sad place to live. No one will want to come to visit or even think about living here. It will be a sad day.

1453. Could the charges be cheaper?

1454. The council is determined to take away free car access to every public outdoor space. Taking advantage of the income derived from parking fines. They have ruined Birkenhead as a shopping destination whilst spending millions of pounds on consultation drawing up plans

which only benefit the council. The redevelopment of the market turned into New Council Offices. By continually increasing the parking fees the few businesses that remain will wither away.

1455. So many great places to visit and when we do small businesses are supported. To be able to visit somewhere pleasant free of charge should not be a luxury!

1456. It's disgusting, all you're going to do is stop people going there and instead they'll visit the big retail parks instead. If you want to save money then cut the number of local councillors by two thirds and cut the wages of the council chief executives.

"1457. short sighted of the council to incur charges especially for the first hour. People are using the local businesses therefore supporting local businesses by pick up prescriptions, take aways and generally spending money etc Not all people are disabled but the elderly have difficulties in walking far and for their safety having off road parking is sensible. Some people are volunteering helping the community and in turn saving the council from employing people. They are giving up their time but charging for parking may mean they can't afford it. It is positive to think of the effects of cars on the environment but public transport is poor in some areas eg Irby evening a bus once an hour, no bus to get to Thurstaston so how when walking good for health are people suppose to get there? Charging will mean people will go to retail parks rather than using local businesses and also cause problems on local roads by parking in residential roads. Buses and emergency vehicles will struggle to get through. Instead of making a blanket decision across the borough the council should look at each parking on an individual basis.

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1458. Wirral council at its best not only do they make cycle lanes nobody uses they put 20 mile an hour signs up nobody can sustain now they want to charge to park in areas that are our only pretty places hate this place now used to love it actually loathe it now

1459. See above

1460. I hope the revenue generated by these schemes will be worthwhile, that is more than the cost of setting it up and running it

1461. These places are in small towns that rely on footfall for the businesses this will impact. Also I live directly round the corner from a car park when this at park is restricted they park in front of my house leaving me no where to park

1462. As it involves shops having to possibly close, people will then lose their jobs and Wirral Council will lose the Council Tax, then the schemes should also all be cancelled.

1463. I object to the charging schemes which would impact local small businesses and civic centres resulting in small businesses closing and the subsequent impact on authority revenues of rent and rates.

1464. It's a greedy money grab and will only be detrimental to the area, less people will visit and overall local businesses will be negatively impacted, therefore community negatively impacted. It is cruel when people are already struggling to pay bills.

"1465. I don't disagree with extending charging to additional carparks as it is unfair to charge at some and not at others.

However I would suggest that the charges are reduced to a level which do not encourage drivers to seek out alternative free parking which usually means residential streets. This will result in upsetting residents and creating congested on street parking.

The lower charges may in fact produce more income in that there becomes no point in trying to park elsewhere to avoid payment."

1466. We live here, parking to enjoy the environment around where we live and for others to come and enjoy should be free otherwise it will be lost as people won't come and it won't be cared for.

"1467. Why charge people to park in publicly owned areas when we are taxed to high heaven in this country as it is! You get council tax yet that's not enough is it?

The working person is taxed constantly, you'll kill every area and cause more financial problems for the area and country as a whole."

1468. Not needed, just anti business/anti car as usual and a way of punishing people who have a lifestyle that you don't like. Time for CHANGE in who runs the Wirral and how it is run. CHANGE is coming.

1469. Fully understand council car parks. Residential areas especially with no congestion issues should not be considered.

1470. Parking fees will only make people avoid the area like they have done in town centres and other charged areas which will result in even more business closing or moving. It will also deter out of area visitors to come to the peninsular. There is already enough damaged caused by existing charges without adding more damage. For your information as soon as I see parking charges I turn around and go to a place where there are no charges or shop on line and there are many more like myself.

"1471. This is a complete and utter joke.

The council are a scam and just want to line their own pockets or should I say back hand deals!!!

No doubt they will all get approved even though the majority of people will have objected but that's not in the council's best interest is it!

They are introducing an over night parking charge in the car park by my business - NO consultation just money grabbing ba****ds. "

1472. It seems like fleecing ordinary people to fund cash strapped Local Authority -WBC.

1473. All parking should be free.

1474. Public transport to these areas is not reliable or affordable for a family who already have to pay for the upkeep and running costs of a car. These places are spots of beauty for locals to enjoy and if you demand people pay for them, in an already crippling cost of living economy, then shame on you. I strongly oppose this proposal as a resident of Wirral and council tax paying working mum.

1475. Are car owners not charged enough? Road tax, high fuel prices, rising tunnel costs and everything else that comes with owning a car. I didn't have a car when I moved to the area and wasn't opposed to using public transport. However after 4 years of cancellations and trains skipping stops, delays, being squashed in like a sardine on the work commute I had no choice but to go broke to buy a car. It feels like either way we are being punished and now you want to charge people to park? Personally I think enough is enough and some of these areas have pubs is this not going to make people take more risk and attempt to drive home? Use the road tax to fix the mega potholes and stop squeezing more money from the people who can't afford houses with drives. All this is showing is how greedy the council is.

1476. Yes. Has the council not learnt the lesson from Birkenhead? It's a ghost town compared to its past. Especially since car park charges were introduced. Look at the Croft retail park. It's thriving with no car park charges.

1477. I give my time for free to run groups in our library and I will find the burden of paying car parking fees too much on an already stretched pension

1478. It will stop visitors coming to the area which then will have a negative impact on the businesses in the area

1479. The council is a disgrace. They are operating the fine system at a loss, so the only people profiting are the people they are outsourcing too and whoever in the council is profiting from giving them the contract. Local shops will continue to lose out to supermarkets due to charge. The council destroying the Wirral.

"1480. It'll put people off going and affect businesses

None business areas people just want to visit to get out will stop people going if they just want a nice free visit with families, children, dogs etc."

1481. Introducing charges could cause hardship to struggling families and be detriment to people's mental health who are unable to pay parking costs and would discourage families using the open spaces we have. It is shortsighted proposal by the council. People should be encouraged to use these open spaces and not discouraged by additional charges

1482. People will be discouraged from shopping locally and using local cafes and restaurants, damaging local businesses and causing more hardship to local businesses.

"1483.

I am strongly opposed to the proposal to introduce parking charges in our local areas. It is essential to recognise the current state of places like Birkenhead and Liscard, which are struggling to attract visitors. Many residents, including myself, prefer to travel to Bromborough or Cheshire Oaks, where free parking is available and accessibility is far more convenient.

The parking situation in Moreton is already challenging. As a resident of Saughall Massie, I often have to drive to access shops, and implementing paid parking in the limited council spaces will only deter myself and others from visiting, thus reducing local spending. Why should I pay additional fees when we are already burdened with high council tax rates?

It is evident that the council is demanding too much while failing to deliver adequate services. I believe an audit of council services is necessary to ensure that every position and expenditure truly benefits local residents. Furthermore, it is unacceptable to charge for land that is already owned and poorly maintained by the council.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal and prioritise the needs of the community over additional revenue generation"

1484. I think it is short sighted to charge for parking. This will negatively impact small businesses and the health of the Wirral population.

1485. Please read my previous comments I feel a much more effective approach would be to have a 90min or 2 hour free park and then a payment option if you do need to bring a charge in. This way people can access nature, exercise, shop, visit people but also not use the spaces available to park and ride into Liverpool or Chester

1486. The motorist is an easy target, and controls are necessary in some places, but these require very careful thought.

1487. This will greatly affect visitors to our area and just cause people to begin parking dangerously elsewhere in the area. It will also impact local residents and their parking as people will just park in nearby streets to avoid paying.

1488. The same as above. Parking charges in car parks should be minimal to encourage people to use them rather than parking on side streets. The charge should also be minimal to encourage people to shop local high streets, linger in a local cafe etc. These places have to compete with cheaper prices in supermarkets and chain stores, and free parking at such stores

1489. Why are you considering imposing car parking charges in any of these areas, given the impact it will have on local people, services and residents. This will lead to deteriorating services and shopping areas, potential job losses and ultimately further decline of the high street, which Wirral can ill afford. Wirral residents pay exorbitant council tax which should afford free parking across the region.

1490. You are supposed to support the people who live here. Don't penalise them again.

1491. Charging Wirral residents and locals for looking after their own mental and physical wellbeing whilst going for a walk, or engaging with community, is short sighted, and rather, should be encouraged. Therefore I disagree with charging for parking in all these schemes.

"1492. The first two hours should be free to allow people to visit this will stop people driving to a bus stop and leaving their car all day.

It will encourage visitors and stop places closing down.

People who live in the street should not have to pay"

1493. Local economy will suffer. Cars will be parked on roads instead of car parks. Really think very hard about what you are doing to the residents of Wirral who live & work here every day.

"1494. There is no place to park in Wirral so its becoming a ghost town. Have you ever been to Neston. They have free parking.

All you will do is encourage car owners to park in side roads and outside peoples homes, blocking access to emergency services and parking on pavements. I live in Pensby and on pavement parking is already hazardous , especially as many hedges overhang the pavements. Putting on parking fees will I fear only result in traffic chaos and more dangers to pedestrians."

1495. Taking away the joy of fresh air free walks for elderly people and killing shopping areas that rely on people who don't want big shopping centers

1496. Introducing charges will prevent people from visiting and will negatively impact local businesses

"1497. Wirral attracts many visitors and they make a huge contribution to the economy and the survival of small businesses so parking fees will affect visitor numbers. As well as this the residents of Wirral often depend on local services both charitable and government funded for their every day living needs. At present we hear a lot about what we can do to support our mental health and the wirral offers great opportunities for having good mental health. Why prevent people from achieving that because the introduction of paying for parking has made it preventative.

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1498. If the council spent money on useful projects other than vanity or ideology schemes Wirral would be a much nicer place.

1499. This scheme will definitely impact on many people especially elderly people including myself who don't want to, or can't, drive miles to do their weekly shopping or pick up a few bits and pieces and just want to use their local shopping facilities. I think this will impact on mental health issues too and will isolate people especially the elderly and infirm who have built up significant relationships with retailers who they visit frequently. Also there is the issue of the people who work in the retail and other facilities affected by this scheme who are already on low incomes who will have to pay these charges in order for them to retain their employment thus giving them extra financial burdens. I also use several of these facilities for many recreation purposes including the 3Ls who work out of the Bebington civic centre and rely on volunteers to do their administrative work for them. It is unfair for them to expect these volunteers to pay their own car parking fees and would therefore have to reimburse them and pass these onto the cost of the courses they run. The 3Ls is already running on very tight budgets and this could be the final straw thus putting at risk a very beneficial and much needed facility for many hundreds of people who use this. I know personally that this would adversely affect my mental health as I use this for 2 separate classes which I enjoy immensely. This applies to many more institutions which use these facilities and would be effected by these car parking fees. There is also the issue of drivers not willing or unable to pay for parking using nearby streets to park their cars thus making already congested streets even more dangerous for both drivers and pedestrians including young children. I can't understand why profit and greed always has to come before people

"1500. I live in the centre of Moreton and my road is already very difficult to park on, as there is no residents only parking, and people going to work in Moreton or to the shops park outside your house and elsewhere on the road. Introducing charges in the moreton car parks is going to exacerbate this problem further, as it will elsewhere.

Moreton also has a relatively healthy high street compared with some areas, with a decent mix of small to medium shops. It still has to compete with retail parks and supermarkets with large free car parks, but currently it is surviving. If you bring in car park charges, fewer people will bother going to Moreton, apart from the ones who know where the free parking is.

We are also in a cost of living crisis with wage stagnation that has lasted years, inflation, and the highest tax burden in years. These charges are just another thing that will squeeze people further. The council may argue it is to pay for services, but there has already been high taxes coupled with cuts to services.

Charges have already been brought in at beauty spots around the Wirral, when government and local government is supposed to be promoting exercise and healthy living, and outdoor exercise being one of the few free options. It is also good for mental health, but I already avoid the places now that have charges.

It appears that boosting revenue has been pretty much the only factor given serious consideration with regards to these proposed charges, much like the ever increasing new homes built in Wirral's green spaces, which don't offer much if any affordable housing generally, but boost revenue for the council.

I question what the cost of this revenue raising is though, as the costs seem to outweigh the benefits for quality of life on the Wirral in relation to all the issues I've mentioned. "

"1501. This is just to make money and not as a benefit to residents. All local residents should be given a free permit.

Passing trade is to be encouraged by the 2 hour free parking.

Any period over 2 hours should be charged."

1502. In the main I understand the need to raise revenue but I think you should consider the considerable impact charges will have on the surrounding streets in the likes of Hoylake and West Kirby which are already dangerously 'over parked'.

1503. Why are do we have to pay to park when we pay road tax? If the road tax was scrapped then we may be more amenable to pay to park.

1504. By putting this charge on car parking makes it less appealing to pop into the local shops or cafes/ restaurants and drives people to shop more on line

1505. I think Ive covered it. 

1506. See 10. above.

1507. Why,why why,is the council that hard up that the public have to suffer by paying again ,I thought the council tax was enough to pay and to cover the parking costs

1508. Totally discussing we on the Wirral are being screwed by this labour council. You are already getting over £2000 a year for the crap service we get. floods because the grids are not cleaned, weeds growing in the gutters because there not cleaned. I for one will not be paying at any of your car parks.

1509. just leave things as they are.... we have so many beautiful places and if this scheme happens it will reduce people visiting the area... affecting local business and people's lives who can't afford to pay for parking and also the machine are now usually contactless ... the wirral is mainly elderly how will they be able to use these machines.....

1510. Yes. Its hard enough for people to get by financially as it is! I am seething that you want t to charge people who want to get out of the house by car becaurs3 like me they struggle to walk! And pay the day to day rising cost of living! You by this insane charging of people who still manage to get around by car with a charging fee is only going to be detrimental , not only to people's mental and physical well being but the collapse of small local businesses and elderly people who go to regular day classes, such as at the civic centre in Bebington. My disgust at this ill thought out plan covers every free car park you want to charge drivers to pay for. You only seem to have £ signs in your site's. Is there one person dictating this folly of a decision? Can't you see how devastating this will be for businesses, shoppers, high streets and charity run organisation?

1511. I am totally against the Council's proposed parking charges as it will have a detrimental impact to the Borough. The Council should be encouraging people to use all the local facilities, business and attractions we have thus generating vital income the Borough needs. These charges will have the opposite effect of driving people to use large retail parks and go elsewhere to spend their hard earned money. With regards to Residential/Visitor Parking Permit charges, the Council are discriminating residents for where they live and dictating to residents as to the number of visitors they can have at certain times purely based on whether they can afford to pay for their permits and there is still no guarantee of a parking space. These charges are in addition to the 5% Council Tax increase we have seen this year. The process of informing constituents of these changes has not been transparent at all and I would imagine that a considerable number of people are still unaware of these proposals that will greatly affect them. The Council should be looking to recuperate some of the £15M that is outstanding re Council Tax to fill the shortfall. If the Council were able to recuperate even 2% of this figure this would generate £300K instead of targeting its constituents who are already feeling the financial pressures of everyday life which in turn affects their mental health and well-being.

1512. The council is delusional if it things slapping parking charges all over will have any positive impact on the area, if anything it will reduce the trade of already struggling businesses and increase the costs of WBC as it struggles to administer and "police" the ridiculous schemes

1513. No

1514. There will be a cost in setting up these charges, some of the car parks are in poor condition and are seldom cleaned and markings are poor.

1515. Money making schemes that do not consider what local residents actually want. Please listen to the local people.

1516. Charging for parking near shopping areas will reduce the footfall to shops further, leading to even more closures of high street shops, including valuable service such as pharmacies. Public transport is so poor and unreliable, the car is the only viable option for most people who don't live in walking distance. Closed shops mean less income for the

council so this proposed scheme, which is clearly a money-grab, seems extremely short-sighted.

1517. Introducing charges will simply push cars on to the streets surrounding the areas, making it difficult and dangerous for local residents and cyclists navigating parked cars.. Why is the council considering adding more charges on local residents following a cost of living crisis, high inflation and all other bills increasing (including council tax). The plans also seem to focus on introducing facilities for cyclists, e-bikes and scooters, but with an aging population, cycling isn't always an option for the elderly.

1518. No

"1519. We are paying enough in council taxes. To cover these necessities.

Sort out adult social services look into people who are claiming from you defrauding you for adult care services."

1520. As above. We are in an area of high deprivation and people need a way to stay healthy that has no cost. These parking charges will impact on those most vulnerable and cause congestion in other areas due to cars being parked unfairly, impacting on residents . It will also cause roads to be less safe, particularly around schools

1521. Please consider making the first hour free, this would not deter locals from popping to the shops - but would deter people from abandoning their cars whilst at work thereby blocking up the car parks during the day.

1522. Motorists are continually hounded and treated as cash cows, an absolute disgrace! Just for the record, i don't actually drive, but i care about the possibility of visitors being deterred from visiting our beautiful peninsula.

"1523. Parking charges will deter people from using the open spaces of Wirral which is detrimental to physical and mental health.

Local businesses will suffer. Surely you could at least allow up to an hour of free parking so that those people with limited mobility, or who just need to pop into their local shop, to support local businesses, can do so?"

"1524. Charges stop people from using their local shops. It will ruin local business's leading to empty shops - affect community and socialisation leading to isolation.

Have some foresight - think long term and not a quick fix.

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1525. As above. Charging for parking will have a huge impact on leisure and shops - surely in the long run this is not going to help as a whole for anyone.

1526. The probability is that parking charges will deter people from visiting thus having a detrimental knock on effect on local businesses

1527. Yes, your curtailing people's freedoms to enjoy these places to walking and enjoy spending time in, plus a financial strain on street parking fees. The public pay enough in taxes, road taxes, council taxes etc etc without the extra burden of another tax, because that's what it is in effect.

1528. This scheme and other schemes are just for money as you the council have messed up the budget with one bad decision after the other. Just look at Birkenhead it is worse off now and with all the money you have thrown at it. This is why you are broke and now you want to try and charge more money from local people. The council tax will rise, plus this it's like the sheriff of Nottingham council rob from the poor for you to give yourself as more money. Say it's about improving the area but you have no idea. Leave Wirral parking alone encourage people to use it and get bigger business back in to try and save Birkenhead at least.

1529. Generally any paid parking is going to have a detrimental effect on businesses.

1530. I strongly object to these proposals as a resident of the Wirral I want and expect to enjoy the leisure areas where I live and, when able wish, to support local business's. These parking restrictions will prevent me doing this as also the majority of residents in the Wirral. Surely like the the tunnel tolls there could be a way where residents of the Wirral would be exempt (especially leisure areas). When one considers the scale of illegal and dangerous parking that one see every day if fines were imposed it would surely cover any shortfall in parking administration. Basically Wirral residents should be exempt, visitors to the area should be made to pay.

1531. We pay enough in council tax. Rip off Britain.

1532. My concern is regarding the Church Road, Bebington Car Park. I am a member of the Wirral 3Ls and I am concerned that the introduction of car parking charges at Church Road Bebington car park could potentially have a serious impact on the 3Ls charity, which provides interesting day courses and social events. It would be a great pity if this organisation is seriously affected and I urge that these charges are not implemented.

1533. will have an effect on people's well being as they will stop parking at these resorts and using the facilities, going for walks etc.

"1534. Will reduce people's affordability to enjoy all these areas.

These areas are so so needed For our physical and mental well being.

Retailers will also suffer from reduced business."

"1535. Many older people – a demographic we have plenty of in Wirral as we are not a metropolitan city authority – cannot travel to retail areas without cars. Many will be witnessed taking in the delights of the promenades from their cars. A quick visit to any of the areas mentioned below will show this. Parking charges on our promenades are clearly going to cause displacement in, what are, some of the most congested areas due to the type

of housing. See West Kirby, were enormous, Victorian houses have been converted into multiple occupancy.

The reality is that many people will never pay and will park in side roads and they don't like being taxed by stealth. The people this will hit are the infirm and the elderly."

1536. It will be detrimental to local businesses and the area as people will think twice about going to the area

1537. This would stop so many people visiting for a free day out with kids!

1538. So many of these places are easily accessible for so much of the community to enjoy this beautiful part of the country. People come from all over to see the Wirral and charging people for the pleasure is disgraceful. Local residents use all of these amenities too for nice walks and to help with their mental and physical health. Again charging people for something that greatly benefits them in a time when people's money is tight anyway is horrendous and should be reconsidered

"1539. Coastal area is where people go to exercise through walking or running. Public transport to these areas is poor and unreliable from where I live the only option is to drive. Thurstaston used to be a good place to go for a walk but parking charges have been increased so puts off visitors. If you don't know how long you are going to be there is the extension option if you have paid via phone app however if in areas of poor signal such as coastal it doesn't work.

Small independent businesses in these areas will be damaged as people will be put off from paying for parking. Cost of living is already high. People from Wirral should have a subsidised parking if it can not be kept free. "

1540. As above

"1541. Everyone is financially struggling, not just the authority! Businesses in the local areas are struggling, e.g. the floral pavilion, etc, and charges will make accessing more expensive. Charges would be acceptable if you accessed these places now and again but a lot of people spend regular weekly time in places like New Brighton with their children or for walking and this will impact people's mental health.

Can charges be excluded in some way for local people?"

"1542. Wirral Council are extremely greedy doing this. There are bins overflowing, almost every drain blocked in surrounding areas, they're flying tipping bin bags every week on the side of the roads feeding the rats and yet they spent £30M on a restaurant and wall of which both have failed in their purpose and in turn they now want to charge for parking all along the coast which is predominantly used by local residents.

We are not a seaside holiday resort along our coasts.. we are local residents working, visiting family or friends or wanting to enjoy what little free freedom we have as you've closed most libraries , swimming pools and other public services staying lacking of funds!"

1543. It will reduce people visiting these areas causing an adverse affect on businesses.

1544. Accessibility is important so that residents who already pay rates and road tax can enjoy the local surroundings, especially those who are less mobile .

"1545. I take a dim view of charging £1 for all night parking, as I very often only visit various sights for an hour or two in the evening after charging finishes.

How many people park overnight ??"

"1546. I feel that charging for parking will adversely impact local businesses by driving people towards locations with no parking charges which tend to be out of town with large corporations.

The mental health and fitness of residents will also be impacted, people go to these locations for fresh air and exercise and will be discouraged from doing so if yet another charge is levied on car owners who seem to be an 'easy target' and treated as a cash cow. "

"1547. I stopped using Thurstaston Visitor Centre many years ago when charges were introduced and will stop using these spaces if charges introduced. As a parent of two children and dog owner I will just find somewhere else to park and walk to the area I wish to visit. Unfortunately, I expect these schemes will cause additional parking in residential areas and upset residents.

People are being squeezed in every area of life while obscene profits are being collected for shareholders. This is one area I can definitely vote with my feet."

1548. Charging people to park will discourage people from using these spaces and will inhibit the growth of small businesses in the area.

1549. Stop trying to think of ways to make money off your residents. You're trying to promote mental health and well being. Putting charges on (as you have done with Royden) discourages this.

1550. Parking should be free. We, the people of Wirral, pay enough in our council tax without being made to pay to park our car on top.

1551. Parking should be free. Many people are reliant on cars to get to doctors appointments etc especially older people who have mobility issues (which are not deemed bad enough to be awarded a blue badge) Residents should be encouraged to support local amenities and businesses, placing parking charges will have a detrimental effect.

1552. this is just greed on behalf of the council , and a way to make easy money especially when other parking options, for example parking in cycle lanes (eg outside calday school) are not enforced

1553. I think it's right and fair that all car parking is charged the same across the Wirral. At the minute it feels Birkenhead is discriminated against. I thought the old system where you placed a time card on your windscreen was good as it meant you had an hours free parking and so you could nip in and go. It's a pity these out of town retail parks can offer free parking when the town centre can't hope to compete.

1554. Charging to park is detrimental to the economy of the area.

1555. Charging for parking in these areas will result in less people visiting and giving business to our local community and small businesses

1556. Our parks and beaches should be free for everyone who lives in Wirral to enjoy. We have already paid our council tax . Charge a visitors fee to those who reside outside of Wirral to pay ?

"1557. The Council is pound catching because it is desperate to raise funds. There is no enforcement for the current parking schemes. I regularly go to the Dr's in West Kirby and see builders vans in the Pay and display who do not buy tickets.

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1558. Local parking charges will reduce the local traffic to small shops and businesses and a decline in the area when shops close and remain empty.

1559. I believe that this is bad for any local businesses that reside in the areas as less people are likely to park there. You also claim that it is to help the environment. However, this will just mean people travel further off the Wirral where they can park for free creating more environmental impact. I have read that this is to keep it fair (not sure what that means when surely the fairest way is where everyone can afford it which would be free.) Also, the explanation given as to why this is happening is very vague and even with the car parks where you have to pay now there are pot holes and faded lines. So, even when people are paying to park the car parks are still not maintained.

1560. See comments in 1

1561. People need to be able to go out and park their cars and walk for their health, mental health, and social interaction. There are plenty of car parks that charge at present and by adding this list of car parks will be detrimental to a lot of people. Maybe the council need to get did of some of the fat cat wages they pay the chiefs that sit in offices and come up with these ridiculous ideas

"1562. Having read the FAQ it is almost unbelievable that the following has been written about displaced parking and introducing residents permits. ""It's not possible to say exactly what might happen following the introduction of parking charges so each location will be

monitored..."" Might I suggest that a single visit to, say, South Parade West Kirby prior to any introduction will convince you that even if only 10% -20% of visitors try to avoid parking charges then it will be disastrous for residents. Is there really not a single study anywhere in the country that confirms that when parking charges are introduced then drivers will seek to park for free in a nearby street? I find it beyond belief that a Senior Network Operations Manager or a Parking Engineer would not be able to access any information on such a subject.

I am dismayed at the idea that before the council must introduce the parking schemes before it can start to think about any possible consequences. This appears to be lazy, unprofessional and uncaring. "

1563. Not familiar on some areas but I object to any that make peoples lives easier and less stressful in what is already tough times to live in and afford the simplest of things.

1564. Parking shouldn't be free. It will allow more visitors as places like West Kirby and Irby are permanently full

1565. Need excellent public transport and active travel to precede charges. Need cargo bikes to become the norm in advance of restrictions to cars and parking

1566. I'd be very unlikely to use any of these car parks if paying. It's just adding to the constant price increase and costs of days out for everyone. Going forward it will then affect businesses as less people will visit, there's no need for these charges!!

1567. no

1568. disgusting keep it free

1569. You will put small businesses out of business . Stop families visiting new brighyon west kirby etc x Leave out lovely Wirral free for residents to visit !

1570. I avoid shopping where you have to pay for parking, if at all possible. I'd rather drive 15 miles up the motorway to Cheshire Oaks than feed a parking meter 3 miles away. The motorist is an easy target and I push back against this whenever and wherever possible.

"1571. I think its outrageous. People visit these places to park and shop in small independent local shops.

Also in areas where people go to park and have a walk with their families especially people on a budget trying to enjoy some fresh air are now going to have to pay to do so. Not to mention businesses effected again in this busy areas with less people visiting spending money in cafes and shops etc."

1572. Stop penalising local people! Come up with some smart out of the box ideas instead of coming back to the same rejected ideas on a different day. You're better than that!

1573. See number 10, thank you for reading my responses

1574. We already pay enough, I'm not willing to pay just to walk my dog at these places. A place where they exercise and us humans who go on walks. I just won't park there anymore

1575. Yes the council has been proven to lie time and time again and due to the amount of issues the council has caused they have lost the confidence of the residents of Wirral. I know this does not bother the local MPs considering they don't even live in the Wirral however you are causing damage to a local community for your own greed.

1576. I am objecting to parking charges

1577. Council being greedy!!

1578. Stop putting up parking meters, we pay enough in Council Tax without being robbed for going for walks too

1579. Just another way to take money, there is hardly any parking as it is, make bigger car parks before trying to charge so we can go up the local town and shop to support our communities.

1580. As a resident, parking charges in these areas will result in myself and my family not using these areas. Some of these areas will lose out as we will not be stopping to spend money, others like the gun site which has no facilities will become unused.

1581. I do not agree with any of them

"1582. By introducing these charges you are going to impact on people's ability to support local

businesses and enjoy our coastline and other local attractions. We should be encouraging people to come into our towns and visit our local amenities not making it more difficult and costly."

1583. Look at getting value for money and not wasting money on cycle tracks that have failed!

1584. Money grabbing evil individuals

1585. Car users are being targeted and this is yet another way to persecute them. Useless 20mph zones, cycle lanes and again implementation of parking charges. You have been told from previous consultations, these charges are unwelcome. Where exactly would the money be going? Try repairing our roads and pavements properly!!!

1586. It's immoral to raise funds in a way that will damage local businesses and make open spaces inaccessible to many

1587. I disagree with the implementation of car parking charges as it will deter people from visiting the site and have a negative effect on the local economy.

1588. Shameful money-grabbing from the council that adds no benefit to residents at all. It inconveniences and adds unnecessary costs to ordinary people enjoying the best parts of the Wirral and they will not benefit in any realistic way.

1589. Only to repeat businesses will suffer, peoples mental and physical health will suffer. The river toads in New Brighton that are not residents parking will be gridlocked. I remember the sign when entering Wirral- ' Wirral- the pleasant place to grow ' , No wonder that has been removed , please reconsider.

1590. Town is already dead, this isn't going to help.

1591. Pleasure parking by the sea should be free . City centre parking is rather different,

1592. Small business are struggling enough without these charges and it will send people to big free shopping parks such as Bromborough or shopping online putting an end to our high streets and seaside resorts

1593. Its not the publics fault that the council spend money on useless schemes which fail why should the public be the ones to be penalised for council misspending

"1594. Generally this will make people park on roads nearby. This is not good for local people or traffic passing through.

Some car parks eg where I live Eastham and Bromborough in particular will suffer as people will just not use them they will just shop where parking is free on the other side of the A41 Croft. Bromborough shops will suffer greatly they already struggling along with many other sites around the Wirral. Whilst you have to meet your budgets you are just going to put more local shops out of business this is not good for the peninsular as a whole.

Eastham in particular people using this car park are often just popping in and out they do not stay long there are not many shops - it could also affect your library."

"1595. All of these schemes will have detrimental affects to the mental health, physical health, businesses of wirral citizens.

My octagonarian in laws who aren't in the best of physical health drive to hoylake most days to have a walk, might only be less than 5 minutes, might be 15 minutes and this will cause them to not go for this walk. They have said they will be fearful of doing something wrong and being issued with a fine.

I don't know why you've put this consultation out as you never listen to your residents anyway, you just go ahead and do what you please!!"

1596. Enforcing parking charges in these locations will undoubtedly financially impact local businesses. We need to support these businesses to continue trading for the benefit of the community.

"1597. Parking charges will Deter people from enjoying what's good about the Wirral, and result in decline in local business

It will create a loss In people visiting areas"

1598. Typical easy target.... The motorist. Remember it is council elections next May and seats will be lost and gained over situations like this

1599. How much is this going to cost the council to implement?

1600. I want to particularly draw attention to Irby, although my comments would, I'm sure be relevant to so many other named sites. I am a resident of Irby and strongly object to this VILLAGE whose residents respect the parking being so restricted by imposing such parking costs. They are dependent on the essential services of the Post Office, the chemist, the Vets, the Chiropractor/ Physiotherapist, the hairdressers, the Barber. Lots of these services are used by us at the same time, which would make it necessary to pay for parking. The local Dancing school for all age groups certainly require longer parking to attend. It will have an effect on us all, both residents and the Traders. Please reconsider.

1601. Charging to pay for parking without any benefits is ridiculous. It isn't a secure car park, there are no services provided this is a disgusting attempt to squeeze more money out of people during a cost of living crisis.

1602. We need to encourage people to the area not put them off. They bring money into local facilities so we don't end up everywhere being a ghost town as many places already are. If people are encouraged then less shops will be empty and you would benefit more from the business rates than any parking fees you hope to get.

1603. yes ... free freedom to all or at least locals in wirral who pay council tax

1604. They'll just keep visitors/shoppers away&cause hassle for householders nearby

1605. The total impact of the schemes is disproportionate. The bureaucracy involved in implementing the schemes (including the involvement of faceless contractors in revenue collection and administration) is excessive compared with the claimed benefits of fairness in parking outcomes. Further, the impact on the local economy is not considered in the schemes and this is likely to lead to job losses in local enterprises.

1606. Implementing charges will have a detrimental effect on the area specifically local small businesses

1607. Charging for car parking can only damage local businesses with the result that many businesses will fold thus reducing business rates collected the council. I understand that the cost of policing the car parks exceeds the takings so why not make car parking free and thus encourage people to use local shops and amenities.

"1608. All the schemes have to be considered for the local

Impact on residents and business. It is beneficial for people to have free parking in areas people can walk particularly for families where there is little if any public transport like Thurstaston Common."

1609. It will be seen as a tax and a disincentive to get out of the house and get exercise and fresh air. It will inconvenience local residents. It will damage local businesses and any

revenue raised after overheads will be lost by damage to local business rate payers and unseen societal costs to public psychological and mental health.

1610. I understand the need to raise extra money in the light of reduced budgets but wouldn't it be better to offer a parking charge for the whole of the Wirral, say a badge scheme with a minimal charge (£50) or thereabouts? Also consider a residents parking scheme.

1611. Car parking charges has an impact on business which in turn can impact on Councils revenues. Residents parking permits were a charge is levied should be abolished if they apply.

1612. Very unfair why target road users constantly it is not our fault the council can't manage the budget I would like to know the amount spent on consultants

1613. However if you start/increase charging near local shops then people will drive elsewhere such as supermarkets and shopping centres. Local business closures will increase until the area becomes dead.

"1614. In relation to coastal recreational areas, the price must be kept simple and low to not discourage outdoor activities.

Your document states that 2019 data was analysed but "motorised modes (of travel patterns and parking demand) have not yet bounced back to pre-pandemic levels" implying the data is more recent? Latest data must be used for a fair result, especially with regard to under-utilised car parks to avoid errors such as nearly happened with Heswall Hall - which is now heavily used for local activities and is closest to the bus station for onward travel in public transport."

1615. We already pay council and road tax and shouldn't be expected to pay again. You wouldn't pay for your shopping twice or any other service

1616. Tourist areas should be free to park to encourage people to visit.

1617. Appalling decision. Lazy option from Council that needs to review savings elsewhere. Beaches are open spaces are public resources that should not charge visitors. Supports community wellbeing and why people want to live in Wirral.

1618. New Brighton/Wallasey is already run down enough without deterring visitors, especially during winter. Just an other excuse for a badly run council to milk money from drivers who already pay road tax.

1619. Where there is a proposal to charge people to park near their own residence, council members could be accused of victimisation. People who can afford to live in places that have their own drives are not charged to park, so why should people in residential areas without drives be charged.

1620. Please read the comments I have already made.

1621. This will discourage local residents from visiting these areas, especially local shops eg when picking up medication. Most of these areas are short visits. The others are cheap excursions with elderly relatives or children which now becomes more expensive., reducing the amount of exercise being taken.

1622. This will cause a fortune to implement and maintain, will drive people away from local beauty spots and shopping areas, negative impact upon local businesses and people's health. Short sighted money making scheme

1623. No need to tax people

1624. Leisure facilities had been badly affected by the Council cutbacks with leisure centres & golf courses closing . Walking has become a big part of people's healthier lifestyles & introducing parking charges will affect the health of many.

1625. Specifically the proposal to charge for the residents only parking scheme, Zone T adjacent to Tranmere Rovers. This scheme is to mitigate the effect of match day parking and should be free to those residents affected. If financial support is needed, this should be sought from Tranmere Rovers FC.

"1626. All car parks should be subject to parking charges to ensure consistency across the borough and across the city region. 3ls is unique and some allowance should be made for this.

On road coastal parking charges will be consistent with neighbouring coastal roads, ie in north Wales and Lancashire."

"1627. Everyone is struggling with prices escalating. Charging for parking will affect business's. Also , we are being encouraged to exercise more and walking around our lovely beaches and country walks will affect mental health. People can't afford the charges that are proposed

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1628. See above

"1629. Just as in lockdown people are encouraged to take exercise and many of the areas rely on tourism which is dissuaded by parking charges. This will also be detrimental to all local businesses.

Ability to park for unknown length of time is essential for stress free use of our coastal parks.

Don't get greedy and use this as an excuse to squeeze more money out of people who have little to start with."

"1630. I am concerned about the impact on small local

Businesses "

1631. WBC . please stop taking us motorists for a ride. What a petty money-grubbing scheme.

"1632. Many of the car parks are close to services, such as libraries , GP surgeries, Post Offices and the beautiful Wirral coastline.

The introduction of charges would greatly impact on people who use these services regularly. In particular, the Church Road car park is used by visitors to the Civic Centre, Bebington library and medical centre. Those attending classes with the 3LS, would have to be paying a weekly fee of £3.60 in addition to the course fees. The volunteers would invariably have to pay more, depending on how much time they spend there."

"1633. Hoylake Vision (the designated Neighbourhood Planning Forum) is concerned about the impact of the proposals on the vitality and viability of town and district centres such as Hoylake. The Council should ensure the vitality of centres and support the role they play in the heart of local communities. We are concerned that the result of parking charges is that footfall would drop as members of the public would choose to drive to places with free parking such as out of town retail parks and stand-alone large format supermarkets. This conflicts with the Hoylake Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) which seeks to improve Hoylake centre, strengthen its role as a place for shopping, services and community facilities and to assist in increasing footfall in order to retain and attract businesses and jobs.

Centres such as Hoylake are particularly vulnerable to increased barriers for users as they have a large number of small and independent units without the dedicated private parking provided by large format stores. These businesses often operate at very tight profitability margins that cannot withstand shocks to their turnover.

Of significant concern is that the scheme is being considered for implementation without any Impact Assessment. Every town and district centre is unique, with different strengths and weaknesses including spatial considerations. An Impact Assessment would necessarily require consideration of these at a local level. In the absence of a dedicated local Impact Assessment we are presented with a Borough-wide, 'one size fits all' proposal. Of particular local concern is the potential for an increase in the numbers of shoppers driving to shop in West Kirby, where there is free parking in supermarket car parks. Most notably this would affect lower value top-up convenience shopping where a parking charge would become a material consideration for price-conscious shoppers.

Parking strategies should be a means by which an authority can effectively deliver wider transport strategies and objectives and not be viewed as a way of raising revenue, We do not believe that the proposals have been formulated to contribute to the Council's transport objectives because town and district centres are the most accessible locations by different modes of travel; discouraging car drivers will weaken the most sustainable locations for

local shops and facilities in favour of less sustainable locations which are less walkable and with a choice of public transport modes.

We are also concerned that displaced traffic would likely use surrounding residential streets and park inconsiderately/ illegally, making these streets more congested and difficult to access for residents. Around schools there is a particular concern that parents would choose to park on neighbouring residential streets during school drop off/ pick up times, exacerbating existing parking issues and potentially compromising the safety of children walking between cars and schools.

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1634. Many of these schemes will increase parking in areas of natural beauty which I feel that the whole local community should be able to visit without charges. I have given specific reasons above for the Church Road proposed car parking charges.

1635. We need to reduce traffic. Charging for parking is an important part of that. I think people will get used to it

"1636. The schemes involving seaside areas are detrimental to the wellbeing of Wirral residents. People drive to New Brighton, West Kirby, Meols and Hoylake from across the borough to enjoy the sea air and beach area. This will make them reconsider their visit due to the added expense of unnecessary car parking charges. Where a family may have spent several hours using the local facilities (especially in New Brighton) they will now think twice about staying too long to avoid incurring expensive parking charges.

If this scheme was to go ahead maybe a flat rate of £1 per stay would be pertinent? "

1637. All the above. It is ridiculous to impose these charges or increased levies. The cost of imposing all this on local drivers and visiting drivers will severely decrease the use of a beautiful coast line which will have ugly and expensive street furniture.

"1638. Totally unfair and shortsighted proposal. Total disregard for the health and well being of all those who either live on the Wirral or visit.

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1639. I feel all schemes will have a detrimental impact on local communities in many ways.

1640. Taking away free parking around the coastline you will be contributing to the rising obesity crisis in Wirral plus people's mental health will suffer greatly as many of us cannot

afford to pay parking charges. The leisure peninsula is no more. And what about the local businesses that will suffer?

1641. Why can't car parks be free to Wirral residents?

1642. As above

"1643. These schemes stop people from using local areas

Council tax is at an all time high and maybe the councils budget should be managed more effectively."

1644. we pay increased council tax and garden waste tax, I have not had a salary increase in 5yrs, simply put I can't afford to give you an extra pound towards anything

1645. It will displace vehicles into residential roads and exacerbate access issues, particularly during summer months.

1646. I think these charges are going to have a bad effect on the smaller, local shops, businesses and hospitality, who are still recovering following Brexit. I think that the fact that New Ferry isn't mentioned perhaps shows an awareness on your part of these facts.

1647. This would be harmful to the local economies. Out of town shopping centres with free parking will dominate eroding our local communities and local businesses will suffer. This in term will lead to significantly negative multiplier effect with a further decline of local areas, higher of unemployment, declining health and prospects for local citizens leading to increased costs elsewhere within the local infrastructure.

1648. Typical narrow minded Wirral council money making and penalising Wirral residents so that the council can waste more money on schemes that don't work and looking after themselves.

1649. It's madness. Hugely unpopular with everyone. It will kill small business which in turn will lead to empty shops and dramatically less council tax being paid. Older people who don't drive will be penalised as they will have to travel on sub-standard public transport to go out-of-town to use services they could previously walk to in their local area. The death of local small businesses should be your primary concern. I don't know what the numbers are but I'm sure the numbers employed by small businesses must be considerable. More small businesses closed = more unemployment. Madness all round!

1650. No

1651. I am particularly concerned about the impact of car parking charges at Allport Lane Carpar and off street parking on the small businesses in Bromborough Village as visitors will be tempted to take advantage of the free parking at the nearby Croft Retail Park to the disadvantage of the Bromborough Village traders not to mention the cost to the shop workers involved and the possible adverse affect on their employment opportunities. Bromborough Village shops offer an essential amenity to local residents who may not have transport and live within walking distance of the village

1652. Yes the schemes should no go ahead

"1653. It will have a detrimental impact to local businesses and mental health and wellbeing of the people that come into New Brighton. There's not enough places where people with low incomes can visit. If you start charging for every place there is to park people will start staying home and mental health will become a problem.

I used to enjoy going for a stroll round Royden Park and Thurstaston but can't afford to go anymore due to the parking charges. And now you're going to take more places away from people like me. "

1654. Charges will be detrimental to all small local businesses driving people away from parking charges to supermarkets with free parking.

"1655. Cost of installing infrastructure and policing the car parks will make the proposal a burden, whilst worsening the financial position of the council... the scheme will see more people parking on adjacent roads, inconveniencing local residents and potentially creating more dangerous conditions for people using local amenities due to poor driving and parking behaviours. Rather than being a financial benefit you will be creating unsafe village centres with frustrated residents. Finally, this could have an impact on local businesses if people decide the new parking arrangements are too much hassle, at which point they may choose to take their business elsewhere... this could reduce occupancy of commercial spaces and see further revenue loss for the council as businesses choose to vacate premises and are no longer paying rates.

This is not the quick buck you think it is. Don't cause more frustration and challenges for those who are living through the cost of living crisis."

"1656. People pay car tax so why are the Council allowed to charge for parking!

Also these charges put people off going to certain areas and in turn business's close as a result of this and then the knock on effect is more unemployment!

If charging is being considered for residential areas, as in charging to park outside one's own home; well think again, in all of the avenues where I live no one can park outside their own home anymore! We have 3 car families and in the past 18 months we have many work vans parking , taking up half of the pavements also! There are disabled bays outside a number of houses which were for the previous residents but some residents in these houses think that they have the right to that parking bay; one has to be barely unable to walk and I can assure you these people do not have any problems walking! these bays need to be erased!"

1657. The same as those referred to above. The situation will also have consequences for and a knock on effect, where the proposed schemes are close to residential areas, where parking is already extremely difficult.

1658. This will discourage people visiting and affect tourism. It is also normalises charges and allows further charges on other roads to happen

1659. We pay enough now more charges . Wants you start charging this will just increase yearly

1660. What will they achieve? Revenue is inconsequential and dis benefits local residents by driving parking to residential areas. Local businesses will suffer

1661. I believe the introduction of parking charges will negatively affect most areas because of the reasons given above and to the beauty spots frequented by visitors to the area. Again, perhaps a short free period could be considered.

1662. This community has been neglected for so many years with next to no investment from a council that has gravely mismanaged the funds set aside to improve our community. The idea of charging locals to visit the only places worth visiting in this, quite frankly, abandoned peninsula is insulting!

1663. Do you not think that this Council has penalized motorists enough? Do you honestly consider that the people of this Borough (who voted for you) have the surplus cash to pay for extra charges for parking? The usual way to deal with situations is carrot and stick but this Council seems to be all about beating people up rarely about giving help to those who are struggling. Closing libraries but throwing silly amounts of 'ear-marked' money at 20 mph schemes etc. (which could result in fines). When will you guys be coming up with something that will bless the people of the Wirral rather than always adding a burden to them? This Council moves so quickly to enact schemes for the possible benefit of a handful of people (for example cyclists) to the detriment of other ordinary hard working people. The more localized parking charges there are, then the more people will drive out of this area to shopping centres adding to the number of cars on the road etc. In my opinion these schemes are very short-sighted. Finally, how soon can we expect the Council to make a decision on those roads that are to be removed from the 20mph scheme? This Council seems to be able to act very quickly to bring in certain measures but really drags its feet on other often more important matters.

1664. So many people use these spaces to get outside to enjoy the fresh air and help improve their mental health. Small businesses use these spaces and create jobs. These charges will stop a lot of people doing that. It's unfair and greedy of the local council to do this. Shortsighted to say the least.

1665. Mental health is important and being able to visit huge area of parking and having to pay seems not conducive for local residents who pay council tax to live In such a beautiful place. I also fear this will effect local business as people will stop visiting these areas which will mean less revenue for local people and potential business closures in an already difficult climate.

"1666. These car parks are used by many dog walkers and people who want to enjoy the wonderful open spaces around Wirral. I regularly swim at Leasowe as a group and I know it has helped people with fitness and mental health. Ive also llied in West Kirby and parking is already difficult for home owners between Prom and Westbourne Road and this would make it qorse.

We live in such a wonderful location with lots of free outdoor space to enjoy making it available to all and this will remove this facility to some. We should be encouraging people to get out into nature, take exercise and improve their mental health, this is a blocker to that.

Permit parking or time limited free parking would be a better option in some of these areas eg 2hrs free parking with a charge over that time."

1667. This is going to have a hugely negative impact on our local businesses and the people who enjoy these areas and it is going to severely limit people's enjoyment of our beautiful outdoor spaces.

1668. The charges could have a significant impact on local businesses and visitors to the area, the availability of free parking is one of the key factors for us in visiting the area compared to other local attractions

1669. We are living in a financial crisis as well as a mental health crisis. I am a single mum to two kids and I rely on our natural spaces (our beaches in particular) to provide entertainment for them and to keep myself healthy mentally and emotionally. It's bad enough that you've charged Royden. Life is expensive enough without having to factor in parking charges everywhere we go, I simply can't afford it. We're supposed to be taking strain OFF of the NHS, not contributing to it by making it more difficult for people to get outside and get active. PLEASE FOR THE LOVE OF ALL THINGS HOLY, DO NOT CHARGE THE BEACHES.

"1670. Overall you just hit small businesses and it's another nail in their coffin should you implement this

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1671. Wirral council do not seem to be making decisions with it's residents in mind. Money seems to be wasted with little overall sight of departmental budgets and a strategy for prioritising programmes and costs. Car parking charges is an easy way out for the council but it will have longer, more detrimental impact on residents and businesses. Think bigger!!!

1672. Adding parking charges will impact the whole of the Wirral. Local shops will be impacted by charges and local people therefore cars will park in residential areas or in dangerous locations to avoid charges. As Wirral council you should be encouraging people to visit Wirral and park in safe, free designated areas in order for shops, schools and

businesses to flourish. Parking charges will not work, will cost the council more in pay and display machines than the payment they will receive. It's a disgrace to add additional charges when you should be supporting local!

1673. I don't have specific knowledge of all the schemes, but I imagine that many of the comments I have made above with regard to Bebington would apply to those other areas. Where parking fees discourage people supporting local businesses, attending community events or participating in health-giving activities, it simply doesn't make sense to implement these proposals.

"1674. • Parking Strategy not informed by findings from previous consultation: There is no reference in the Strategy to results from the original consultation when there was an overwhelmingly negative response to the proposed extension of parking charges. The proposed introduction of charges in smaller car parks is not even mentioned in any of the 10 Parking Policy areas. This gives an impression that the Council has already determined that it will introduce charges regardless of significant local opposition.

There are also some significant limitations to the research used to underpin the Strategy

- Gaps in research: Virtually all studies cited focus solely on existing car parking charges and related strategies. There is only anecdotal data on the effect of free parking on footfall and trade in small local centres and the impact of introducing charges. The MRUK 2015 report commissioned by the Welsh Government found issues that impact on the health of a town centre are various, multi-faceted, overlapping and ultimately complex. Size of centre, public transport alternatives, consumer demographics, composition and quality of retail and leisure offer, proximity of competing destinations and many more issues, all play a part in the decision-making process for consumers. It is not clear from the Parking Strategy to what extent, if any, these factors were considered, particularly in relation to smaller, local centres.

- Out of date research: Research used to underpin the Parking Strategy draws on data from 2011 and none of the external research cited is less than 7 years old. The world has changed significantly in the last few years due to Covid, the cost of living crisis and other events. The Council's own parking study in 2021 at the height of the Covid-19 lockdown period utilised pre-Covid parking data from 2019 which presumably did not include data relating to free of charge car parks as none is recorded. For smaller centres the survey involved a single site visit that led to Church Road car park being described as "under-utilised" – hardly surprising during a lockdown period when no local amenities were open. The car park has since returned to normal capacity.

- Focus on large, urban centres: The Strategy dismisses any fear that the introduction of parking charges could lead to a decline in retail and tourist centres and notes that a "large

body of research” demonstrates the benefits of their introduction. Two research studies are cited to support this, from the Sustrans report and from the consortium that included the British Parking Association (BPA). However, both studies focus on large urban centres, including cities. Sustrans itself notes: “A limitation of the evidence is that it is largely focused on the high street context” - high streets in this case being Toronto, Graz and Bristol. Factors affecting demand for these car parks and the effects of charging will clearly be very different to those affecting car parks in small local centres.

- Lack of objective research.: In addition to the local authority’s own interest in generating revenue from its car parks, the Strategy relies on research undertaken by organisations such as the British Parking Association (BPA) for whom car parks need to make a profit and those whose aim is to reduce car usage and thus demand for car park space, i.e. Sustrans “the charity making it easier for people to walk and cycle”. No research source cited appeared to have the interests of car park users as a priority.
- Lack of evidence that parking fees in small local car parks benefits these areas: The Strategy suggests that introducing parking fees might be a positive move to increase footfall in small local areas but the research does not appear to support this. None of the surveys cited was able to establish the extent of the relationship between car parking and town centre performance with any confidence, and although a number of arguments against free parking were identified across research sources, all related to large town centres where traffic congestion/traffic flow is a problem and demand needs to be managed, using parking charges as a key lever.

On the other hand the Welsh Government review (the only research that included smaller centres) found free car parking to have numerous benefits such as attracting visitors and increasing footfall, encouraging longer stays for visitors, reducing costs, reducing on-street parking and supporting local businesses and workers. The MRUK15 research noted that at least one Welsh local authority felt that free car parking schemes had the potential to reduce costs through removal of the need for enforcement and cash collection. In summary, there is no substantive and objective evidence to support the view that the introduction of parking charges is beneficial and what little evidence there is relates mainly to large towns/cities.

- No data on the effect of charges on users of car parks for reasons other than shopping or tourism: Studies on which the Strategy is based only consider the economic effects of parking charges through reduced footfall and to a more limited extent environmental effects and the Strategy reflects this. Other motivations for using car parks are barely considered but are central to understanding usage in small, local car parks and the potential effects of introducing charging. The range of outcomes is likely to include negative effects on the health and wellbeing of users accessing educational, social, medical (doctors, dentists, opticians etc) and leisure facilities. Many of these users have no

alternative to driving due to poor mobility and/or lack of appropriate public transport. Objective data is needed on the views of a wide range of users of small, local car parks to determine the full range of effects introduction of parking charges, or increasing them, could have on users and on the local area, to inform decisions on charging. The current consultation process will not fill this knowledge gap.

- Lack of consideration of accessibility issues: the Strategy appears to be based on an assumption that all car users are able bodied and can therefore change from driving to using public transport with ease. In addition to poor public transport alternatives in many cases this ignores the number of disabled people who are able to drive but would find it difficult to travel by public transport as seats are not always available and buses in particular are a difficult mode of transport for anyone unsteady on their feet. Public transport across the Wirral will need to improve dramatically, particularly in the many areas which are not currently well-served to instigate real change. Spiralling costs of parking may also mean disabled residents and carers struggle to access health and social care services.

In summary, if the introduction of parking fees is viewed as simply another revenue stream for the Council, the report for Welsh Government notes that it: “risks, ignoring or de-emphasising the complex range of effects charges can have on local centres, not just in terms of footfall”. It also leaves the door open for competition from locations more attractive to car users, changing shopping habits. More up to date and more in-depth research is required in local centres before decisions that will affect the lives of many local residents as well as businesses are made. The Council recognised this in the Strategy as follows: “Any future operational changes or new parking interventions emerging from the strategy should be subject to further analysis using updated and extended data collection”.

This suggests that the Council understands that a ‘one size fits all’ approach to parking strategy is not appropriate across all centres in the borough. This will require further research in a representative sample of local centres as a minimum, to build a stronger evidence base that includes collecting more robust data on the potential impacts of introducing charges, covering a wide range of users. If possible the data should be cross-referenced with data from other parts of the country which have introduced charging in small local car parks that had previously been free to use

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"1675. Whilst I acknowledge that WBC is in financial trouble, the proposed car park charges would greatly effect the physical, mental and social well being of people.

This proposal is shortsighted."

"1676. According to Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489), and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA), particularly Section 122, a 'Statement of Reasons' must be provided to explain

the purpose of the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) in question. The 'Statement of Reasons' is a key part of ensuring that stakeholders can make informed responses to any proposed changes.

In the current consultation, this critical document has not been made available for public viewing through this consultation portal. With the consultation deadline of 23/10/24 fast approaching, it is clear that this essential document will not be made available in sufficient time for meaningful public engagement.

The omission of the 'Statement of Reasons' renders the consultation non-compliant with the statutory requirements of transparency and public participation. This failure prevents stakeholders from understanding the rationale behind each TRO, and as such, the consultation cannot be considered legally valid.

I strongly object to the scheme on these grounds and request that the consultation be voided or extended until such time as the 'Statement of Reasons' is properly published, allowing for a full and informed public response."

1677. The majority of the suggested locations especially in pensby, Heswall, Irby are small car parks mainly used for people popping in to get a loaf of bread or milk from there small local shops. One the ones with no local shops near by they are simply being used to people travelling to go for a walk on the Wirral Way. The charges are unreasonable and frankly unnecessary. All that will happen is people will not go to the local shop, and end up going to the supermarket instead of the local florist, stop walking as much or avoid those places with charges. The pensby fishers lane car park is ridiculous- have you looked into how these car parks are being used? Apart from the people that park there to work in those small local shops, the average person is parked for 5 minutes - they will not feel the need to pay for an hour parking at over £1. The same in lots of these places. If you are in need of sourcing more income I suggest reviewing your wages of the top earners- how much above minimum wage are they on? Look at how you spend money. You spent a fortune painting 20 signs all over the road to pull it all up a month later to resurface that same road. Surely someone could have looked ahead and said actually let's paint the signs after the work has been done?? Same for planned gas work. Please don't make your constituents pay for your bad management of our funds .

"1678. Wirral is a hidden gem and asset, We are encouraged to get out, enjoy the countryside, seaside and exercise to keep healthy/. We have wonderful and easy circular walks here using the Wirral Way but charging to park cars particularly where public transport isn't available seems contrary to the official advice on exercise.

In addition the charging for parking eg in Bebington and Bromborough will affect the small businesses who hang on in these areas. West Kirby and Heswall for example have large stores albeit with limited time parking but these sort of towns will not suffer. But other shoppers will use Cheshire Oaks and the the Croft shopping area with free parking , I realise the Council feels it necessary to discourage vehicles for environmental reasons and also to increase their revenue but they should also consider the consequences of charging to park nearly everywhere in Wirral. I retired here and have no regrets. There is nowhere quite like the peninsula, I belong to walking groups where we aim to car share and when I use my car for other reasons I try to incorporate a number of 'errands' rather than take the car out frequently. So people do try to minimise the use of their cars when they care about the environment."

1679. The council are looking for easy targets to cover the shortfall in funding but charging to park anywhere on Wirral is targeting the people who can least afford it.

1680. I do not object to paying to park, however I believe that Wirral Council should encourage visitors to our Borough by permitting campervans and motorhomes to park in all areas where other vehicles are permitted to park. As a campervan owner I travel to other parts of the UK and feel welcomed as a visitor when the Local Authority has considered that the majority of campervan and motorhome drivers are responsible adults and respectful towards the areas they choose to visit. Whilst in these areas, campervan and motorhome drivers put money into the local economy, whether that be daytime activities on offer (e.g. minigolf, arcades, funfair, museums, etc), or hospitality businesses which desperately need more support to survive, let alone thrive. I recognise that a very small minority of campervan and motorhome drivers 'may' not treat all areas with the respect they should, however this is just the same as any car driver who doesn't respect an area they are visiting i.e. litter is litter, mess is mess. I think it is a shame that the message from Wirral Council is basically, "You're not welcome here". Introduction of an overnight charge should be levelled at all vehicles based upon the size of the space they take up, and I believe this would increase the number of visitors to Wirral, which in turn would increase the revenue from parking charges.

1681. It'll also hit those who are temporarily disabled or "not disabled enough for a blue badge" but still rely on their car. I've got a health condition that means parking charges would hit me highly both financially and psychologically, but I do not tick the box for a blue badge. Travel is already very stressful for me and this will add to the effect on my mental health.

1682. Schemes which support local retail businesses which are already struggling should remain free , we do not want to see empty retail spaces as a direct consequence or congestion around the area

1683. Don't agree with adding parking charges. It is not going to stop cars being on the road, it is just going to cause frustration and anger for residents and shut small local businesses down

"1684. I am most unhappy that residents parking scheme permit costs should increase. Why should certain residents be penalised further simply to park in their own road. Times are hard enough for the less wealthy residents. If the scheme is too costly for WBC then do away with it.

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1685. It doesn't make sense. All this is likely to do is deter people from visiting the area. Money generated by the scheme would likely just end up having to be spent on the installation and maintenance of the infrastructure required to be able to operate the scheme.

1686. I recognise the Council's need to raise money and providing it is done reasonably and fairly do not have any major objections. I would however like to suggest the following which may be applicable in certain applications. Having just returned from an extended holiday in the USA we found virtually every city/town operated a similar system which is as follows. Paid parking can be paid online, otherwise machines taking cash or card required the vehicle registration to be entered. Options on the amount of parking time required were possible in hourly increments. The first half hour of parking was free. It was sometimes possible to add extra time at a later stage obviously by extra payment. In some cases the total amount of allowable parking time was restricted. With regard to my local car park in Roslin Road Irby if there is an objective to restrict park and ride car owners parking all day the maximum time could be 3 hours. This would enable customers of e.g. hairdressers and restaurants to complete any business, the free half hour would allow any shoppers to "pop in" for small items, one two or three hours could be paid for accordingly. I believe that this would be a reasonable system to adopt. Obviously it will require investment but it appeared to be common practice in many places in the USA .

"1687. If you allow this to go ahead your supposed way to gain much needed finance will back fire you will be responsible for independent traders to lose business & also some of the larger stores

Look at other areas to make savings & create revenue "

1688. Piling on more cost to residents during a cost of living crisis.

1689. All should be left alone and free parking

1690. It is a place for Wirral residents to enjoy and relax in our beautiful outdoors, and local businesses will suffer. the shops around Birkenhead, Heswall and other areas are closing down, due to parking charges, why go there when you can go to Bromborough Croft, the Rock, any supermarket for free. we can't even go to most public parks now without paying, I

used to go to Roydon park and Wirral country park often, but go elsewhere now. we need to be able to go to our public spaces without paying,

1691. Think of the bigger picture, you should be encouraging people to exercise . All that will happen is that people will park in nearby residential streets and cause problems for residents

1692. We want to encourage people to visit Wirral and all it has to offer and these new charges will discourage visitors and reduce income to local businesses.

1693. Paying to park at local seaside/country park attractions would have a negative impact on these attractions and have a negative impact on the businesses associated with the areas. Having to pay will also mean people will park in residential areas close to the attractions e.g. in New Brighton and this will cause frustration to local residents.

1694. I just think we should be regenerating areas by giving free parking and very cheap business rents to get shops and customers back and a sense of community in Wirral.

1695. We already pay enough in our council tax, and people are extremely short of money at the moment secondary to repercussions from the government. It really isn't fair to charge people to simply travel around the Wirral. We already have to pay a ridiculous amount per year on the tunnel, which was promised would be free to people after the cost of making it was made up.

1696. It will prevent people visiting and affect local businesses. We already pay road tax and parking on roads means we have to pay twice. Many parking charges signs and meters along the coast will totally spoil the scenic areas. Charges will also encourage people to park in side roads which are already congested and push the problem further. Also will encourage people to use residents private car parks, creating more cost in putting up barriers to prevent this. Paying for permits? again, we pay road tax and council tax, a third charge is unreasonable.

"1697. I would prefer not to see charges at any of the locations as they are deter visitors from what are supposed to be tourist attractions. WBC does very little to attract visitors as it is. Wirral despite its council does attract more than is fair share of natural tourists ,walkers, runners, cyclists, dinghy sailors , wind surfers ,bird watchers ,paddle boarders and wild swimmers. WBC should do more to encourage this embryonic growth leisure industry, We should endeavour to make this truly the LEISURE PENINSULAR, Charging for parking in leisure locations will not bring in a great revenue but will deter loads of visitors spending loads in the local economy .

Lets get our heads out of the sand and see the bigger picture for once!"

1698. Whilst I have not objected to all the proposed schemes I do have concerns about the council's responsibility in car parks where charges are levelled. I regularly pay to use the car park behind Heswall Hall, but have experienced going there in the winter when there was

ice and snow. The surface of the car park was not safe to walk on. If charging for the use of car parks the council is responsible for the safety of those using them.

1699. This is Madness starting parking wars with residents and debt recovery companies is a crazy whell to start in motion

"1700. If parking is 'pay by card only', it will prevent many cash-only users from using it.

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1701. Our Labour Government want to encourage economic growth and development and yet our Labour Council seem hell bent on putting obstacles in the way of achieving this. Parking charges will definitely make it extremely for many local business to survive.

1702. Please read my comments above, families need to have places on our beautiful Wirral to visit without parking charges whether it be car parks or off road parking, please please rethink!

1703. As detailed in 10 above, I think these proposals will have the opposite effect to the one intended, discouraging residents from using local shops, and leisure facilities. It will lead to underuse of the existing car parks, and the revenue generated is therefore unlikely to make a significant contribution to the financial difficulties of the Council. Especially in relation to local businesses, the disadvantages completely outweigh any likely benefits.

1704. This is a crazy idea. The amount of revenue raised will probably not cover the costs of implementing it!

1705. Cancel your contract for over £700,000 for enforcement. Employ a small number of enforcement officers. This will lead to cost reductions and will negate the need for these parking schemes.

1706. This is going to ruin businesses. It also discriminates against pensioners and others who cannot afford such high prices. Pensioners have already lost their winter fuel allowance.

1707. As above

1708. By removing what limited free parking which is not outside residential homes, it means it is going to lead to more congested side streets and residents struggling for parking. Fewer parking places means fewer visitors and more empty shops. It is as if the Council are trying to destroy the towns of Wirral. It should be encouraging by allowing free parking.

1709. I also strongly object to the astronomical rise in the cost of resident parking schemes. In your FAQs you state 'The council's roads and streets are a public highway and available for all legal road users to access.' How can you then operate a system in which you hold the public highways in proximity to our house to ransom, proposing a 500% price rise for us to park, and a 300% rise for a visitor pass to enable family to visit us? In my own

circumstances, we only got a car last year in readiness for the arrival of our baby, and have no option but to park close to the house as it's not practical to carry a baby and everything that's required to travel with him across several streets to our car. Myself and my partner also have elderly parents, in their 70s and 80s, who need to park in proximity to the house when they visit. Under the new proposal we will next year have no choice then but to pay £100 rather than £20 for this - an extortionate cost. It is also important to note that this cost will undoubtedly be borne by lower-income residents, without the luxury of garages and driveways that come with larger, more expensive properties, which is deeply unfair.

1710. Get a grip. Stop trying to ruin the Wirral and make everyone more miserable.

"1711. I support the Parking Strategy.

We need more enforcement of the on-street parking provided.

Many of Wirral's car parks are in need of attention, surface improvements, health and safety improvements signage etc.

It does need to be easier to apply for a Blue Badge."

"1712. The parking by the Tap in Bromborough is ridiculous the residents struggle to park outside their own houses.

Most of the car parks who charge will kill off small businesses "

1713. People's leisure time is precious and any charges which can affect it will be wrong car owners already pay fuel duty road tax and other taxes involved with driving and car maintenance. Have been resident in present home for over 45 years and to introduce or even think of introducing RESIDENT PARKING CHARGES is absolutely ridiculous. You are elected to work for the people not against them if you vote this through you should be ashamed

1714. We should be celebrating the fact that we have free parking and not looking to monetise it during a cost of living crisis

1715. There should be a reasonable charge for all council on and off-road car parking. Otherwise, the cost to the council for maintaining and enforcing parking, as well as the cost of introducing new schemes, has to be subsidised by council taxpayers who do not own cars. This is unfair. Schemes with a limited scope, for example, the Tranmere Rovers scheme which operates only a few days a year for home matches, should be charged at a proportionately lower rate.

1716. Detrimental to our area And Economy!!

1717. See above

1718. For various reasons, see above

"1719. Your trying to kill off all the nice areas of the wirral and take away visitors all these areas should be free to use and enjoy

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"1720. I wish to make comment on the residents parking fee that the council wants to impose. I have emailed to ask questions to the parking engineer (06/10/24) and to Steve Atkins (13/10/24). I have received no response from either of them. (Rullerton Road)

- I already have a residents permit issued in 2018 which is valid until 2028 – Will this be honoured?
- Will the existing visitor permits be valid until the date indicated on them?
- How often will these charges need to be paid for a permit?
- Can a resident pay for more than one visitor permit?
- Will visitor permit renewals be on the same time line as resident permits?
- If you are charging for permits to park in these areas does that mean that anyone parking in the areas without a permit will be fined?
- If charging residents and visitors to park - How will you police anyone else parking? – why should I pay for parking where I live when someone else will park here and go in to Liscard to shop.
- We already experience parking issues, people parking across drives and parking in residents areas or parking for longer than they should and we rarely see anyone enforcing the parking rules.
- What date are you expecting to start enforcing these new permits?
- Will residents be informed via a postal drop to ensure all affected are aware?

Will you be making residents parking areas just for residents who have paid for the 'privilege' of parking near their home or still allow people to park for a max 1.5hrs. Why should I pay when someone will park in my road just so they don't pay to park in council car parks which already happens and will only get worse if parking charges increase."

1721. By introducing these ridiculous plans the Council will put people off visiting.

"1722. People will take up parking out of the way of it and fill side roads and uncharged places even more

, it's unfair to residents who would not be paying for a street near them to park there as they may not be able to afford it ,

some people have a car or van as a mode of work rather than as a luxury people are working to survive not to thrive at the moment so even a small charge would be salt in the wounds of people trying to get by on a shoestring

The costal towns mainly rely on 7/8 months tops a year to bring money in to the area. A charge would be unfair as it would make people want to go to retail parks more than they are doing ,

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"1723. It would be good if the council could promote the alternatives to driving too. Many of these locations are on bus and train routes. We need to speed up the delivery of active travel infrastructure and also provide secure bike storage. Promoting a comparison of journey times for short distances by car and bike may surprise people (especially e-bikes, but all bikes too). We need to promote car sharing as a way of reducing costs (and carbon) for people travelling for a course at a library for example. We also need a massive 'shop local' campaign to advertise local shops and show how the range of shops and activities there is unique and not the same as that offered at out of town retail centres. We need to speed up imposing a parking levy on places like the Croft. Even if they don't put the cost onto their customers, it would at least raise the council revenue to invest in more sustainable travel.

I am concerned about people who don't have a drive and live on double yellow lines. They sometimes use car parks e.g Barlow Avenue for their own car. A reduced or free residents permit seems appropriate in this scenario."

1724. I think it was a negativity effect on local businesses. People won't want to pay for a stroll and then pay for a coffee or a bite to eat. It will also push people to park in nearby residential areas, where it's already hard to park, particularly in good weather, and then with the introduction of resident parking permits, they will need to pay for the privilege to do so.

"1725. We should be proud of the fact that Wirral is one of the few areas in the country that allows people free access to open, natural spaces. We should be encouraging people to get out in nature, not putting obstacles in their way.

Additionally, adding parking charges will (as has often been the case) push people into the densely populated side streets, exacerbating the congestion already there.

I have lived here for over 30 years quite frankly, I am tired of having this debate every few years. "

1726. Already comments made above.

1727. Again, this is mostly against locals, the 15 minute cities are going to be bad enough. How depressing to not be able to go anywhere at all with charges for going out of your area, charges for being at home, charges to go to your local area. Where does it stop? We pay road tax, we pay council tax, we pay tax on when we are dead. Why pay such a maddening thing to even be at home. This smacks of greed and money grubbing and life is already tough enough without being locked in your house. Residents shouldn't be charged. We already pay council tax and road tax. We are already a struggling area and it is hard to go anywhere where there isn't antisocial behaviour and going to someplace where public transport doesn't go to is fabulous for us with elderly disabled parents and young children. Charging here will remove this valuable safe area from not just us but the Wirral and visitors as a whole. Additionally charging to go shopping forces us to travel further to find somewhere where we can park. What is even the point of living if this is what it is. There is no point. Thanks. Another reason to not bother.

1728. If you need to generate more revenue give EVERY MP a 50% pay cut and generate money that way. Not penalise drivers!!!

1729. You will massively deter visitors, locals from enjoying the wonderful scenery / facilities / shopping outlets that Wirral has to offer. Quoting distant, irrelevant studies that have no bearing on Wirral will not suffice. Your actions are ill thought out and destructive. Please set up this madness now. Thank you.

1730. As above, these schemes are short-sighted, ill-thought out and not wanted by the vast majority of the electorate. Is the Council actively trying to kill off local businesses? The vast majority of the public reject these short-sighted schemes, and as councillors work for the people they are supposed to represent, I hope they take notice and scrap these proposals immediately, as they are not wanted, and were not voted for by the electorate. One only has to look at the decline of Liscard and Birkenhead since parking charges were introduced there, to see what will happen to other towns in Wirral if the council goes ahead with these schemes. Businesses will have to close. People will stop coming and will instead go to out-of-town centres where parking is free. These schemes are madness. Please listen to feedback and scrap the plans - you will be thanked for it, and local economies will have more chance to thrive.

1731. We are in a unique stunning environment and whilst I understand that some parking must be charged for...in natural environments such as our coast this just makes no sense....along side that is that some areas are already deprived you are asking people to park outside their homes...some people who rely heavily on visitors will suffer as people will not want to park outside friends and relatives houses. Small businesses will suffer as footfall will diminish. Our peninsula is so special and the council appear to want to stop people from enjoying its beauty and culture.

1732. This is a tax too far! Tax on wages, tax on death, tax on car, tax on fuel for car, tax on food, tax on clothes are you really in all honesty feeling that this is fair when pensioners can't eat and families can't feed their children

1733. I object to the increase in charges for residents parking in Liscard and other areas within the Borough. This is a flagrant attempt by the LA to raise revenue due to government cuts. This will disproportionately affect those on lower incomes who live in terraced town centre roads. It is not wanted or supported by the overwhelming majority of the residents. This is undemocratic and a stealth tax on residents to plug shortfalls in the council budget.

1734. By all means impose overnight parking charges to discourage overnight parking and set the tariff at a level that would do so, such as £5 for cars and £15 for motor homes and caravans

"1735. It will have an affect on local business as it will deter customers coming to the business.

It will also have an impact on residential streets as people will park there causing problems for local residents"

1736. Generally agree with the principal of paying for parking for the reasons stated in the strategy. In the medium term we need to reduce car dependency. The short term impacts for local high streets might be hard to take, but I think in the longer run it will help us create local spaces that are built for the large amount of people that live within walking distance. That's how you create healthy places that people want to visit and hang around in. Our climate targets are extremely serious so we should be doing sensible things like charging a small amount for parking in public places.

1737. This needs to be thought through by people that know the area not just 'experts' - looking at the people that use car parks - as mentioned above - volunteers litter picking, local people getting exercise, trades people etc etc Charging people to park to try and get people on bikes and walking is just unrealistic - families can't travel by bike carrying all that they need for a day out. The buses and trains are not a joined up system and do not take people door to door where they want to go so a car is the best option. If Councils want to encourage cycling proper secure cages are needed (as a rail stations). Visitors if paying for parking need toilets - all these points need more discussion

1738. New Brighton in particular is a seaside resort. You should be encouraging visitors out of town to bring revenue to a once thriving area. We have many independent shops and cafés for these visitors so they help with revenue. If you were to charge for overnight parking, the place would go further downhill. Fair enough if you offered toilet facilities and hook ups but there's nothing to encourage campers to come here and pay for parking on a road. They will spend their money elsewhere.

1739. Ridiculous to expect people in such tough economic times to pay for parking to access local spaces. Most of the charges are along prom fronts, close to beaches or local parks, or

near local shops. The impact of this will be astronomically negative. Outdoor spaces, fresh air and exercise are vital to people's mental and physical health. Charging people to park up and walk on a beach or along a prom is downright disgusting. Especially when many people can't afford expensive family days out anymore and trips to the park or the beach are important parts of our children's upbringing and our own safe spaces when life gets tough. Not to mention the economical effect it will have on small businesses and shopping areas. If people can't park nearby they won't visit. People's livelihoods and incomes are at risk. Completely oppose all planned payable parking.

1740. Leave well alone what are people going to do when they can't park their cars without a cost

1741. More Labour nonsense tax tax tax tax STOP wasting money on housing illegals in hotels then you will have more money to improve the Wirral

1742. Stop hurting local businesses, please

1743. Stop making Wirral a worse place to live. You have already unnecessarily shut two excellent golf courses much against the wishes of the people, wasted money on cycle lanes no one uses, installed a stupid amount of street furniture around the dips. You are not fit for purpose!

1744. Bearing in mind that Wirral is seen as an area of health and well-being, where people can get out in the fresh air and exercise with families and friends, I feel that charging for parking will have a detrimental effect on this natural facility.

1745. As an avid sailor and beach user I'm constantly around our peninsula's beaches, I walk my dog around the area and spend most of my time on the beach's during the summer period, this scheme will damage the area's popularity, affect the local businesses, moreover the locals whom already pay enough through PAYE and Council tax.

1746. Parking charges will deeply affect our community

1747. Stop wasting money on useless consultants and consultation

1748. WBC and any associated corporations, All public highways are owned by the public and tax payers... authority and consent is not given to any corporation for charges to land and highways.. additionally this is unlawful and detrimental for the area...

1749. These areas are used by families escaping the treadmill for mental health and wellbeing. It is so important that we indulge in nature and WBC are trying to deprive people of this with their greed.

1750. No issues with people being able to park free on this premises

1751. It's going to destroy tourism, leisure activities and severely impact local businesses

1752. All these schemes are very unfair to residents, visitors and businesses who already struggle with cost of living.

1753. Money grabbing of the highest order.

1754. This scheme has been carried out at estam woods by the ferry pub...it apoea4s to have back fired as the car park used to be full at weekends and is now empty having an effect on the local buisnesses

1755. Yes and no one should be liable to pay outside their home for a permit in a permit zone that they didn't want in the first

1756. Charging people to park in these areas will take business away from the areas. Also people that want to walk along the prom, visit new Brighton, will not bother. Having free parking in these areas makes sense as most of them are in a deprived area

1757. We need controlled parking to ensure visitors can find a space to park. It's insane it is all free everywhere. In summer people park all day and then overflow is in resident parking areas

1758. It seems that the council are only looking to gain funds from making people pay for parking at any cost. These funds from parking charges can only be used for parking outlined schemes which impact on the community and independent business within them areas. I strongly disagree with any parking charges along or coastal area as these areas should be open to all for free, which they have been for over 50+ year's. In fact I believe that in some places a covenant covers land to be open and free of costs to access for general public and could be an illegal act if implemented. The general consensus is that we don't want parking charges but the consultation process only allows those with IT knowledge to put their point forward. If this consultation was in the site of the general public ie face to face with an easy petition to sign with your relevant postcode etc etc you would have 1000s signing against. But you'll pay our budget of 1000s to agency to develop a process that intentionally puts part of our community at a loss to participate.

"1759. Since moving to this special area to escape the 20 mile an hour ridiculous scheme in Wales, I have woken up to a giant 20 painted on my road with a sign to remind drivers not to drive over 20 down a road consisting of only 11 houses before you end up in the Mersey! . Complete & utter waste of money. Similar to painting 20 on roads that you since resurfaced & then had to replace the 20. Similar to the waste of money spent on cycle lanes which no one uses to my knowledge and that's before we reflect on the sea defence at West Kirby! Please stop wasting our money, speak to constituents who you represent and find out what is it they need to enhance their lives.

I certainly am against the 15 minute cities as I have a 70 commute to work 2 weeks of a month.

Charging to park anywhere when the businesses & residents are struggling would appear cruel & unnecessary. And this before a budget.

Keep Wirral happy 🙏 "

1760. I feel the council needs to encourage more visitors and tourism to this area. The free parking is one of the main reasons alot visit and add substantially to the local economy. Please don't price out day visitors as has happened in Wales with greedy parking charges.

1761. Will keep many people away and have a negative effect on local businesses. Seems like council greed with lack of care for effects.

1762. Its unfair to apply an annual charge for a resident parking permit in Liscard. We already ready pay enough council tax for a seemingly diminishing service and this charge would be another tax that would increase year on year. I have lived at my current address for over thirty years and no resident parking was in place then. Its unfair for me to be financially punished for living in an area that is now under such restrictions. Regards Jason.

"1763. Yeah I do.

This council is pathetic and lacks vision. Want to make money for services? Invest to grow. The whole of the new Brighton promenade should have chalets on council land. You could fit them with WiFi and hire them out for a fortune. I've even seen them being sold for over a hundred thousand pounds on the south coast of England. That's just ONE alternative income stream. The council pitch and put could be a campervan holiday pitch for minimal outlay. Could charge a bloody fortune AND solve your problems of campers parking up on the kings parade.

You just lack vision to be honest. I wish you didn't exist and were swallowed up by a proper city region assembly."

"1764. We pay enough in council tax as residents of the Wirral without having to pay increased car parking charges"

"1765. I'd much rather council tax just went up. This is just going to deter people from coming to the area or push them onto other streets, which will then mean they need resident parking permits, which then needs enforcing. The only people who win in this are people providing the enforcement. Also as a resident who regularly visits the beaches (they're a big part of why I moved here) during the quieter times as well as the busier ones, I want to be able to go there and not be worried about the time or risk being fined.

I have no doubt that businesses will see a drop in trade if people feel time-constrained and this would be a shame for places like New Brighton which is starting to recover."

"1766. Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the continuous removal of free parking spaces for residents, which adds to the financial burdens we already face. This seems to

stem from ongoing mismanagement of funds, particularly in overpaying for social care and educational needs programs that appear to be inefficiently run.

It is time for the council to reconsider approving projects and expenditures that are beyond our financial means. Rather than imposing unnecessary costs on residents, I urge you to focus on more sustainable and realistic budgeting strategies.

The increasing costs of living on the Wirral are becoming untenable, and it is disappointing that the council would even contemplate further financial pressures on the community. I strongly encourage you to reconsider your approach—prioritize reducing excessive spending in areas such as SEND programs, instead of raising taxes.

Residents deserve better management of public funds, not additional financial burdens.

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1767. There has been no thought for local businesses

"1768. Parking charges should not be introduced adjacent to vital local services such as libraries, health centres, community centres as they are creating barriers to their continued use.

Parking charges should not be introduced in areas with limited facilities that are used for outdoor recreation as this will have an impact on the health and wellbeing of local residents.

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1769. It is too much to ask residents to pay for parking when we have always lived in a place where walking and using facilities is a given right. You are again hitting pensioners who are the biggest users of local places

1770. No parking charges at all! None!!

1771. Fees in highly congested areas is understandable but this is just plain stupid and harmful to people's jobs

1772. As per all my comments above

1773. The proposed resident parking outside their own properties I object to. Resident parking they should not pay for parking outside their own properties.

1774. This will prevent people wanting to visit these places It is purely a council/government money making scheme and is benefitting no one except the council. The worst decision to ever be made. Such a disappointment that this has even been mentioned to happen. I hope

these car parks remain free and allow people to be able to enjoy these spaces without an added cost!

"1775. People should have a right of free access to the beach and ocean.

Making a charge for ordinary people to access the ocean is unfair and discriminates against people from lower economic groups.

Numerous studies have proved access to waterfront is good for people's mental health.

It has also been demonstrated in various studies that people who can visit the ocean regularly are likely to be healthier and live longer. This in itself is a massive economic boost to the local NHS trust.

As a director of a local CIC that has grown recently i can tangibly see the benefits of an ocean side community. These proposed charges are punitive and discriminate against social economic groups with mental and physical health care needs "

1776. They are just a money making scheme put forward by people who have no concept of what austerity means to most members of the council tax paying community.

1777. To reiterate, all of these schemes will see a further decline of visitors to the Wirral, you are making it very hard for people to enjoy a day out. Maybe, just maybe if you created more actual activities that would draw people in to the areas, there might be a point to restricting time but it's all going to be counter productive.

"1778. Bringing in these schemes will not help support local businesses, because why would people pay to visit these shops when you can just go to a retail park or supermarket with free parking or buy the goods online for cheaper and more convenience.

Removing the free parking all over Bebington is ridiculous, the car parks are never full. All this does is discourage people from visiting local shops and will result in more people driving over to liverpool for work rather than take the train as it will be too expensive paying for parking and the train.

This scheme seems like nothing other than a pathetic cash grab by the council, and is blatantly against the public interest.

If the council were genuinely concerned about the availability of parking then they would invest in decent, affordable and reliable public transport as a way to discourage driving. Or they would make more parking spaces/areas.

Trying to force the public into paying to see the area that they live in or to visit their local shops is truly abhorrent.

At the moment the ability to park a car overnight for free and collect it the next day allows you to go out and enjoy the local nightlife. Removing these options will discourage people from going out in the first place, or encourage them to drive after drinking. "

"1779. This is very prohibitive for people from outside the immediate vicinity. This country already suffers from people not spending time outside and this directly affects the ability to do so in the area. Shame on this effort honestly.

If you are suffering from insufficient local area budget, try thinking at least a bit harder how to patch this hole. "

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1781. This is just a money grabbing scheme for the council. This is not based on what is good or right for the people who live in these impacted communities or use these facilities

"1782. I think you shouldn't charge for parking but instead put a 2 hour limit on parking. That way there will always be spaces for people.

I think to be honest your being greedy asking for money of people.

You really don't understand the effect this is going to have on lots of small businesses. People livelihoods....

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1783. Access to public nature spaces such as Wirral Country Park and beaches, should be kept free and accessible to all. How are we to encourage people to keep coming out and exercising and enjoying nature for their mental health and wellbeing if you start introducing barriers like paying for parking. It's counterproductive to the wellbeing of Wirral residents.

"1784. At a time when a lot of residents are struggling with the cost of living, this is just another thing that could seriously impact their health. Apart from the added stress on mental health, of the financial aspect of this, and the affordability to individuals. Not to mention the ones who will have to pay to go to work. In areas of natural beauty such as New Brighton, West Kirby, Thurstaston many people go to walk dogs, take children as a free outing, for families on low incomes. This impacts on mental and physical health, people will not be able to afford that extra few pounds for parking. We should be encouraging anything that is positive for health, given the obesity and mental health crisis.

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1785. Introducing parking charges to these offroad parking may lead to displaced parking issues with residential areas being affected. The charges will ofcourse disproportionately affect poorer people who will be less able to make use of these facilities. Perhaps investment in alternative transport options should be considered before charging people who will have no other option than to avoid visiting these areas now. I travel from further afield for wateractivities and normally have lunch at local cafes during my visit. I will be inclined to look at other areas to visit regularly to avoid parking charges.

"1786. This scheme will have such a negative impact on small, local businesses which have already suffered enough after covid. It's difficult enough running a business in these times with energy bills through the roof, minimum wage increasing, and all other costs constantly rising. The government have done nothing to help small businesses and this scheme will no doubt cause the closure of more.

You should be encouraging people to enjoy our beautiful peninsula, going on walks, and taking part in other sports that they use the carparks to do. People use these carparks daily

to walk their dogs when they don't have access to a field or footpaths within walking distance of their homes. Parking charges will no doubt put them off visiting daily as they won't be able to afford it. The extra money spent on parking will prevent them spending it on getting a coffee or a snack from a local business. People's pockets are already tight, please don't make it any harder for them to simply live.

Wirral council has already lost the respect of a lot of locals after wasting so much money on the West Kirkby flood defence wall, in addition to the Sail Loft Cafe in West Kirby. Have taxpayers had to fund the tens of thousands lost on the council's incompetence to run a hospitality business? Why has nobody had to answer for this failure? Perhaps instead of punishing the local community you should have a look at who is making these awful decisions and get the public back on side."

1787. In areas such as Meols Parade parking will be driven to residential streets and in areas where local businesses are trying to prosper it will kill them

1788. How much is it going to cost to set up with all the double yellow lines, all the additional signs warning of parking charges and penalties, who is going to 'police' this scheme. Think again PLEASE !!!!!!!

1789. Seems needless given the other possible income streams that could and should be explored. The reasons given for introducing the charges do not seem applicable in lots of the locations.

1790. As a Personal Trainer I am always encouraging my clients and others to be active outdoors as much as they can due to the physiological and psychological benefits exercise and fresh air can have on us as individuals. I fear these schemes will have a considerable impact on the health of our population here on Wirral.

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1794. The beach and surrounding areas should be free for everyone to enjoy.

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1796. I feel this will push Wirral residents too far. They have already shouted loud enough and feel like they're never listened to. Making a difference would be to work with all individual local communities closer to see how they each can generate money in a more local community based way to stop this from happening. Road tolls will be next!! People feel like they're not being listened to and you're taking from the poor to feed the fat cats.

1797. As has been found in the past, introducing charges will reduce usage of the car parks, which will have a knock-on affect on businesses being visited.

1798. Wirral Council have keep pursuing these projects against the will of the people. Acknowledging financial difficulties, targeting, motorists, visitors, tourists and residents is counter-productive and damaging. The vast array of attractions on the Wirral should be invested in to bring people to what used to be known as the leisure peninsular.

1799. The Council have no sense about parking schemes, it will be the death knell for many business in New Brighton and Wirral!

"1800. This limits so many peoples rights to what should be public access of beautiful spaces, wonderful natural facilities and makes so many activities exclusive instead of inclusive.

When the cost of living crisis is impacting so many people, why further the impact on mental health by reducing access to the free spaces that actually help people cope?!!"

1801. Greed and nothing more.

1802. Simply trying to raise funds, causing hardships without any benefits for residents or visitors.

1803. Parking charges and resident parking fees do not consider the needs of local residents who are already weighed down with increased utility fees, nor does it help the many small businesses who are on our high streets. These proposed charges would impose an unnecessary financial burden and cause a great disadvantage to the locals and businesses alike.

1804. It will affect local businesses and cause parking issues in residential streets for wirral residents

"1805. Parking charges are detrimental to local areas and drive visitors away.

Leave all local villages and beauty spots alone "

1806. We pay enough Taxes this is are local area we should not pay to park around are buitifull area we pay enough taxes 😞

1807. Parking charges will cause local streets to be used instead. They will impact on visitors and locals a like. New Brighton is slowly recovering from years of being run down. Why try and destroy this before it is properly established.

1808. Will harm the economy

1809. If this were to go ahead the impact on local communities would be devastating

1810. Should be free so all elderly and young can enjoy the beach without being charged...it would be devastating 😡 if charges are applied for example dog walkers....people exercising all sorts of people enjoying themselves..What about people just sitting in cars enjoying the waves etc it's outrageous please don't follow others be a leader don't charge

1811. Ridiculous money grasping project that will disrupt everyday life

"1812. This disproportionately impacts on the lowest paid in society- which are often, disproportionately disabled people.

Have you completed a DPIA in line with the Public Sector Equality Duty?

This will impact on local businesses too. I'm completely What could be a cheap day out for people on lower incomes will essentially be ruined by you! The council!

Impact on local businesses will be severe. The parking is ludicrously expensive.

Speaking of my local area specifically you will destroy the businesses at Fort Perch Rock and Derby Pool.

New Brighton has tried getting itself back on its feet. Wirral council does everything in its power to knock it back down and this is yet another example.

If you haven't completed a DPIA I would suggest it is your legal obligation to do so.

Putting this in place disproportionately impacts on disabled people and those from a lower socio-economic background - shame on you! "

1813. As above. If the council need to raise revenue they should look at their salaries. Open spaces should be accessible to everyone.

1814. Yes it discourages people to shop locally and encourages people to drive more to Liverpool rather than using the trains

1815. In busy town centre areas I can see the need for traffic management in order to keep traffic flowing

1816. As above, it would be cheaper just to go over to on the train to Liverpool for social recreational pastimes.

"1817. This comment applies to all seaside locations and parks:

The removal of free parking in all seaside locations and parks will act as a deterrent (which I realise is the intention) to all people, not just day trippers. That means local people who rely heavily on these locations for outdoor recreation of all kinds, and go there weekly, daily or more than once per day, and need to get there by car even though they're not blue badge holders. I'm thinking of people with young families, dog walkers, cold water swimmers with their bulky equipment, paddle boarders, surfers etc.

These people all rely on these recreational spaces for their health and well-being.

Ultimately, a decreased use of our beautiful spaces would bring about an increase in mental health problems, physical health problems, and possibly antisocial behaviours.

Which would cost more money to society.

It is also morally and from an accountancy point of view wrong to introduce a parking charge to plug holes elsewhere in the Wirral budget. Be upfront and increase Council Tax if you must. Or levy a yearly parking charge, much cheaper. If the idea is to raise funds through car ownership, then why spend so much money on machines? Why not introduce an annual parking fee and save hassle and waste?

150000 car owners paying £2 each would raise £300000.

Car parking charges anywhere close to businesses have a detrimental effect on those businesses. See what happened to Liscard. The staff at WHSmith telling me their shop was like a ghost shop. It soon closed, followed by many more.

All round a terrible idea that could have dire consequences. People will not give up their cars until public transport becomes just as efficient and bulky loads-friendly.

They will simply not come, and we'll all suffer."

1818. learn from other areas and mistakes, this this will not help locals or local business.

1819. Free parking please

"1820. Charges will reduce the amount of people getting out to the coast to enjoy the fresh air and the scenery.

Charges will impact mental health, physical health and local business"

1821. Wirral has many beaches and areas where people can take exercise and get away from it all. This is what makes Wirral a great place to live. However the lack of public

transport makes car use essential. Introducing parking charges really puts people off from regular visits whether to walk dogs or to get children away from smartphones etc.

"1822. As a local resident I visit these areas, especially Wallasey Beach Club a few times daily. Parking charges will prevent our community from accessing our parks and green spaces and have a impact on people's physical and mental wellbeing, not to mention the impact on small businesses in the area.

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1823. It's disgusting to think that we have to pay extra on top of road tax because the council can't manage their finances.

1824. Same reasons as above. Please I urge you do not take this away from me. I totally rely on going there for my mental health. I'm so terrified of dogs so sometimes just sit in my car with windows open.

1825. These will be the final nail in the coffin for small businesses already struggling and lead to more empty shop units and deserted small towns and villages with no 'heart' left in them. It will reduce access to parks and beaches which are vital for locals mental and physical health.

"1826. Invest in services provided to visitors to the area please. Create public service income streams, not car parking charges that require enforcement.

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1827. Do not rob the future prosperity of Wirral businesses which will feed the future council coffers for many years for the sake of plugging an operational expenditure gap. Demonstrate some vision and long-term thinking

1828. The parking charges are illegal as they are principally designed to raise revenue. There is legal precedent for this and the council WILL be challenged. Law is clear under the RTRA 1984. The proposal is short sighted, will impact small local businesses and individuals using the carpark for voluntary work (litter picking etc). Coming to enjoy Wirrals wonderful coastline should not be taxed.

1829. I am disgusted and parking should be free. We already pay tax

"1830. 1) This scheme will increase congestion on the roads around the areas mentioned making them less safe for pedestrians and local residents. There will be increased pressure on the side streets which will impact local residents and businesses. We should be encouraging people to come and use the carparks and to patronise local businesses, not drive them away!

2)Businesses in Wirral were badly affected by Covid etc and putting all these parking charges in place will affect them again!

3) Even if local residents only park their cars on the proms or car parks at night, this will be in effect a Council Tax increase of £365/366 a year - surely not allowable!

4) All the recent flat building without appropriate car parking spaces is already going to affect resident parking. This proposal will add to that.

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1831. Mainly New Brighton area.

"1832. Parking in areas where people go for recreational purposes and shopping should be free to encourage involvement in the area.

If however the schemes do come in I would favour a yearly Parking Pass for residents at a reasonable cost that would allow Parking at Kings Parade, Fort Perch Rock etc. "

1833. I feel like it will destroy the area's reputation and will decrease tourists/visitors to the area. It will also contest other areas that do not have parking charges and annoy local residents

1834. It's not fair we cannot afford this...

1835. Parking charges in other areas of the country are not as high as Wirral. Make it 50 an hour and I would not object to any of the areas.

"1836. Yes it will take business away from the area and won't have as much footfall for leisure and business activities.

It will hugely impact local businesses who need all the support they can get. "

1837. This will massively decrease footfall and impact local businesses. We walk the dog here because the parking is convenient and free, if it wasn't we would park elsewhere affecting local residents or go elsewhere. We always support a local business by getting a coffee or something. But this would not happen now and we would take the business to somewhere else, Chester, North Wales, or Liverpool.

1838. See above

"1839. Using a hammer to shell the nut

Are you doing this solely to generate income?

There's plenty of space to park

Environment is not improved particularly

You still got local traffic and M53. Walasey Motors and a poor public transport system.

The ferry should be running all day and night for hopping between Wirral and Liverpool. There should be a bike/pedestrian tunnel in one of the spare tunnels to Liverpool. Do get in touch. "

1840. Your approach is so short sighted! A small monetary gain will ultimately result in greater losses to you financially. More businesses will close as people will no longer visit and spend money in these areas and you will be left with more empty ghost towns, no shops and no business revenue. You should be focusing on growing our towns and local communities then gaining revenue from business rates and the extra income generated from people being out and happy to spend their money supporting the area. Implemented parking charges simply stops people visiting, closes down businesses and loses you more in the long run! You should be looking to the future not shutting it down.

1841. As I have said in my comments the council's actions are going to put small businesses in jeopardy and also keep a lot of people away from the area.

1842. I am deeply concerned on the impact these proposed charges will have on the local community. The majority of the areas being considered are where small local business (who are already under financial pressure) will just close. I am particularly concerned on those areas where families (of all generations) come to enjoy the truly beautiful coastline of The Wirral, enjoying family time without the headache of paying for parking. People will just stop coming, impacting on those business who rely on local community support.

1843. I think it's a disgrace that wbc will introduce these schemes effecting the health & wellbeing of all the residents - discriminating against those who cannot afford to access the public amenities offered. It also shows a disregard for local businesses- with the council making profit at a great cost to the locals and their businesses

"1844. Parking charges will kill our small towns.

Stop this stupid proposal now, local residents and businesses will suffer. "

1845. The council's decision to impose charges for these car parks is yet another indication of their disconnect from the community they oversee. This move threatens the survival of small independent businesses, which are vital to our neighborhoods, while the council continues to disappoint us. You allocate funds wastefully throughout the borough for everyone to notice, only to attempt to recover from your poor choices by imposing additional burdens on residents. This is a disgrace

1846. Absolutely shocking that the council would even consider these restrictions & charges across the Wirral

1847. I also strongly object to the astronomical rise in the cost of resident parking schemes. In your FAQs you state 'The council's roads and streets are a public highway and available for all legal road users to access.' How can you then operate a system in which you hold the public highways in proximity to our house to ransom, proposing a 500% price rise for us to park (up from £10 to £60), and a 300% rise for a visitor pass (up from £10 to £40) to enable family to visit us? My partner and I have always taken the train (to work etc) and only got a car last year out of necessity now that we have a baby. We have no option but to park close

to the house as it's not practical to carry a baby, car seat, and everything that's required to travel with him across several streets to our car. Myself and my partner also have elderly parents, in their 70s and 80s, who need to park in proximity to the house when they visit. Under the new proposal we will next year have no choice then but to pay £100 rather than £20 for this - an extortionate cost. It is also important to note that this cost will undoubtedly be borne by lower-income residents, without the luxury of garages and driveways that come with larger, more expensive properties, which is deeply unfair. We now have a Labour council and a Labour government - which I am grateful for - and yet, increasing inequality seems to be the name of the game here. On one side of Rowson Street (Cressingham, Atherton etc) there is free on-street parking and even free electricity charging points for anyone wealthy enough to own an electric car. On the other side of Rowson Street (Windsor, Richmond, Belmont etc) we are surrounded by double yellow lines and shared parking bays. Now we'll have to pay much more for the opportunity to park in one of these bays (where there is often no guarantee of getting one anyway). If the main motivation of this scheme is to plug a financial hole, then please consider which residents you are taking the money from, and which residents you are not.

1848. You are making life difficult for people in order to raise money via car parking charges - local businesses are affected badly as people will divert to large out of town venues who don't charge you to park - people use many of the car parks for leisure and health - you are supposed to support and promote this not make money out of it and put people off using these facilities. Get your own financial health in order at the Council and stop penalising local people for your own inefficiencies. We live here we should be able to park for free to use our amazing facilities and towns/ Villages.

1849. I think serious consideration needs to be given to differential parking charges for use by Community groups and users of essential eg Health Services

"1850. 1. I object to the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders on the following grounds:

- The overall plan is not consistent with the Council's obligation under Section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;
- The approved Parking Strategy document has a number of issues that mean it is not a sound basis for decision making; and
- Limitations in the consultation process mean that it is not fit for purpose and therefore the Council has not satisfied its duty to consult.

2. As noted on page 40 of the strategy document:

The above surplus revenues are required to be reinvested in supporting the transport services in accordance with the legislation.

3. The parking strategy document does not set out any of the following:

- Current revenues and costs of operating car parks across the borough;
- Forecast revenues and costs under the current regime;
- Capital costs of introducing the technology to implement the proposed changes;
- On going costs of the maintaining the technology and parking enforcement; and
- The cost of Active Travel to mitigate against the impact of the reduction in parking.

4. The approved Parking Strategy can therefore only be read and interpreted as a description of a pure revenue raising exercise.

5. The approved Parking Strategy document does not appear to have been through an appropriate review process to ensure it is of sufficient quality to be an effective basis for decision making.

6. In addition to the material omissions noted in paragraph 3 above, I would highlight the following areas where further scrutiny is needed as a minimum:

- The document lacks many of the features you would normal find in a strategy document;
- Description of the economic impacts;
- The price elasticity of demand analysis;
- Parking Demand Growth forecast; and
- Model risk.

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7. Strategy documents are normally prepared where there are trade offs necessary to solve a particular problem or challenge. They will generally have some overall vision or mission statement to define the approach and these will be backed up by detailed policies. The approved Parking Strategy simply consists of ten policies the majority of which are solely commitments to future thinking.

8. The documents lacks definitive policy comments. These are best practice examples from another local authority :

We will continue to be transparent about how much income we get from the parking service, where we invest the surplus, and how much on-street parking services cost

We know that the city is a busy place and we will do our best to help keep the city moving

9. The move to net zero will require significant changes to the behaviour of Wirral residents. Behavioral scientists general split policy changes into two categories; nudge and sludge. The approved Parking Strategy is very heavy on the detail of the sludge and very light on concrete proposals for the increase in Active Travel – the nudge activities. I note that the Active Travel proposals in the recent consultation for the West Kirby area are 15 to 20 years into the future

Description of the economic impacts

10. The following statement is made in the approved Parking Strategy:

- Page 35 – “There is therefore no economic disbenefits to retail activities in the area”

11. Has the research quoted in the strategy been reviewed by the Council to ensure that the Council is satisfied that it is relevant to the Wirral’s situation?

12. I would like to highlight one part of the Sustrans report cited in the strategy document: Myth 3: Removing car parking spaces will harm the local economy. The cities sampled in the research are very large cities and in the vast majority of cases parking had been replaced by seating and other environmental enhancements to improve the retail experience. The section also says:

However, in situations where several other more important factors are similar between a town/city centre retail offering and an out of town/city retail offering, removing parking in the town/city centre could lead shoppers to using out of town/city option, dis-benefiting local businesses.

13. The forecast revenue figures in the strategy are an indirect tax on the residents of the Wirral so absent any clarity on how the Council will spend the money it will be a drag on the economy of the Wirral.

The price elasticity of demand analysis

14. Has the Council reviewed the price elasticity analysis to determine whether or not it is appropriate?

15. South Parade in West Kirby is one area where car parking charges are proposed. This site is used for a variety of purposes; shopping, leisure and residents’ parking. The price

elasticities of demand for these three very different services are probably very different. Has this been factored into the analysis?

16. It is interesting to note the reduction in parking charges in Brighton because usage had fallen. The Council should not be seduced by slick charts if the underlying data and analysis is flawed.

Parking Demand Growth forecast

17. Page 19 of the approved Parking Strategy states that the background growth in parking demand between 2025 and 2040.

18. The draft Local Plan aims to provide 13,400 by 2037. The population of the Wirral was broadly static between the 2011 and 2021 census at 320,000. The number of households at the 2021 census was 143,252 i.e. 2.23 residents per household.

19. The planned increase in residents based on the Local Plan and the current number of residents per household is 29,882 or approximately 9% of the current population.

20. Over the 25 years to 2022, car ownership in the UK rose by 41%. Pro-rating this high level of growth would give a further growth in car ownership of 24.6%.

21. What verification work and testing has been carried out on the headline growth period as it is materially higher than both the forecast population growth rate and an extrapolation of car ownership rates over a period of sustained economic growth?

Model risk

22. Page 19 of the approved Parking Strategy refers to a Parking Forecast Model. The document is silent on the assumptions, sensitivities and uncertainties that are inherent in the model.

23. What due diligence has been undertaken by the Council to ensure that any model used is appropriate and sensitivities are appropriately reflected in reports to Councillors?

24. Having to register for the Council consultation website is a barrier to participation.

25. The instructions for the survey state:

If you provide feedback as part of this consultation and object to any of the schemes, you must provide a reason for the objection so that we can consider your objection as valid.

No guidance is provided as to what constitutes a valid reason for objection.

26. The wirralview article states:

Charging would allow the council to meet the costs of continuing to provide dedicated public car parking into the future in a fair and equitable manner, ensuring that any new parking plans are self-financing.

As noted above this does not form part of the approved Parking Strategy and therefore a potential misleading statement inviting people to participate in the consultation.

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1851. People will stop using the parking if they have to pay. Working people are paying enough taxes and open spaces should not be taxed.

"1852. Yet again...

The free parking brings much needed business to the area which will suffer if paid parking begins. People simply will decide not to go. Likewise people's health will suffer as the ability to exercise in our fantastic coastal environments will be drastically cut as they won't be able to afford to go daily."

1853. I object to parking charges that will be detrimental to local businesses

1854. This will have an adverse impact on individual voluntary work (eg beach cleaning) and a negative impact on family health, leisure, tourism and community support (domestic abuse support group)

1855. I just think it's unfair to start charging for parking when wirra residents already contribute a lot to society through council tax etc which is a substantial payment for most people already

1856. It will stop me from coming to the area.

1857. Parking charges will make people stay at home and buy on line. So losing money on local economy. So short sighted from WBC

1858. This scheme will have a dire effect on the financial stability of local businesses and community organisations. Not only due to deterring customers and tourism but also highly likely causing staffing issues due to staff having to pay for parking.

1859. I understand the difficult situation the council is in financially. While there are many dedicated and hard working councillors there has been a history of financial incompetence/mismanagement in Wirral. Even now money is wasted, an example of this being the 20 mph signs that have been painted all over the roads and that nobody takes any notice of. Ps I do hope that you have got back all the money you have lent to other councils as this would be a great help.

"1860. I think parking charges should be introduced. They should also apply during the daytime. The council is missing out on a considerable amount of income. For example in New Brighton the amount of vehicles in the summer if parking fees were introduced would generate much needed income particularly if a sensible price was implemented.

If I could suggest that council car parks near the shopping areas of Liscard and Birkenhead should be free to enable the retailers to compete with the likes of Bidston and Bromborough retail parks which are free."

1861. Unfair to charge local people

1862. Wirral Council need to stop these heavy handed tactics and listen to the views of locals. Marine Parade has been blighted by the council, all because they could not stand up to West Wallasey van hire. They are punishing tourists, locals and visitors. Businesses are suffering enough

1863. I visit regularly and this will affect me and my families free time and dog walks . When we should be promoting our leisure peninsula you will be taxing people to go out and exercise!!! It's bloody terrible!!

1864. We u destined the council needs revenue but this will mean taking this from small independent businesses. This is simply unfair.

1865. I think the proposed parking charges are a disgrace. Everyone is hell bent on squeezing more money out of motorists. If charges are introduced I'd stop coming here. As for charging people to park outside their own homes - whoever thought of this wants stringing up. That's a definite NO

1866. This will drive people away from shopping locally they will visit shopping retail parks where there are no charges. This will undermine local businesses who are already struggling. Birkenhead and wallasey Town centres are in decline and this does not help. Suggest wirral Council tries harder to recover owed money such as unpaid council tax and stop pushing unpopular schemes that residents do not want. When will you listen and take note of residents wishes?

"1867. For all our sakes, locals and visitors allow us the freedom to visit and enjoy our locality without additional costs to our already tight budgets. Most people are bordering poverty .

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1868. Stop fleecing the motorist. Start a scheme to make the tunnels free!

1869. See above

1870. The main complaint is about the Bebington Civic Hall car park which I use for courses at Bebington 3Ls. I would think twice about signing up for multiple courses which currently gives income to the Civic Centre and I would not also use the shops/charity shops nearby whilst visiting. If a charge was to be made, one which was a small charge for the whole day or with special rates for those attending the Civic Centre, and to be in a simple manner without smart devises. Without 3Ls it would expect the Civic Centre to cease to exist, adding to the Wirral's social and financial problems.

1871. I feel that if it is necessary to raise revenue it is reasonable to introduce parking charges in some car parks that are currently free. However, I feel strongly that the current charges should not be Increased and that parking should remain free on King's Parade/ Coastal Drive, New Brighton, North Parade/Meols Parade and South Parade West Kirby, for the reasons I outlined above. I fear the proposed charges will hurt the poorest families vulnerable groups and local businesses the most.

1872. I believe the scheme would be to the detriment of the area, in the same way it has for Southport.

1873. Yet again trying to make money from people that are already struggling to pay for basic things like bills and food. The beach is the last free thing that family struggling can do, and you're now trying to make a profit from this. This will also destroy small businesses such as cafes and restaurants as people will not be able to afford to park their cars.

1874. I fully appreciate there are budget issues and the council need to increase revenue, but these charges are very short sighted and no impact assessment on residents or local businesses has been considered. It is not the first time the council have suggested these changes and time and time again we will tell you why they are a bad idea. The Wirral is a small place which relies on local businesses and residents. It should not be treated the same as Liverpool City centre

1875. With people struggling to make ends meet and depression at an all time high why make it even harder for people to enjoy what the peninsula has to offer in terms of accessing the outdoors when this is what's needed to help people through times like these. Surely this will negatively impact people's accessibility and in turn local businesses.

1876. Yes. This scheme is motivated by greed and it will be counter-productive in its outcomes. It will decimate visitors to New Brighton and the environs and will destroy the

local economy, thereby reducing the amounts the council get through business rates etc. Just at a time when the economy needs a boost this is the last thing you should be doing. If you want get income from parking then place a Parking Tax on the big out of town shopping centres, but sadly I fear you are already in the pockets of organisations that inhabit such venues. You should be promoting town centres and encouraging people, businesses and investment into them, not discouraging them with measures such as this. The evidence is clear of the damage you are doing. Look at Southport and Nuneaton town centres for example. They are a shadow of their former selves and it's due to a very large extent by greedy and penny-pinches schemes like this. Please take on board what I and doubtless many others have said in their objections and don't make the same mistake. The dire consequences if you do will be felt for many years to come.

1877. We pay enough out as it is. Road tax, council tax!

1878. Wirral borough council charges more for council tax than the majority of local councils within England- why do they now intend to charge for parking on local roads and streets making it difficult for the general public to enjoy open air spaces and support local businesses??

1879. Cannot afford parking charges, love to get out and walk my dog for mental health and wellness.

"1880. Charging to park will kill local businesses. We can not afford to pay to park just to drop our kids to nursery/school or visit the local independent shops, cafes, etc.

By imposing fees in these areas people will avoid using the facilities, leading to a decline in those facilities.

This will kill the small businesses that are owned by local people to serve local people.

We understand that the council are desperate for funds but public perception is that this as a punishment for local people and business owners. This does not serve the people of the Wirral."

1881. See comment re Birkenhead

"1882. In order to be lawful the charges must meet the transport objectives, and If it is intended to manage demand and encourage other forms of road use and/or parking then this also needs to be explained with an account of how the figures have been arrived at. In making this the Wirral Council must:

(a) Be clear that it is not raising charges in order to fund s. 55(4) objects including off street parking and

(b) Be able to explain why they have decided to increase charges to the level they have and what traffic objectives they are furthering in doing SO.

This clearly has not been done and the Council may face legal challenge as did the London Borough of Barnet and the City of Westminster Council."

1883. Parking should be free in order to promote and assist residents to maintain healthy lifestyles; this will in turn reduce healthcare costs and improve societal behaviours.

"1884. Bebington Civic Centre. Library and 3Ls housed in Civic Centre. Increasing costs for people who use the centre will possibly make the charity non viable. Learning in later life keeps people mentally active and promotes mental well being. Some members will struggle to pay the increased costs. The centre and library is a valuable resource (not all libraries have study areas) which is very difficult to access on public transport from most Wirral districts.

As for charging at railway stations, this is short sighted. If we want people to use public transport, it has to be accessible and cheap. If people can't park at stations they will either clog up nearby streets, as happens where I live in Heswall, or they will drive to work. "

"1885. Parking should be free to promote a healthy lifestyle for residents and non-residents alike. The long term savings in physical, mental and elderly care clearly outweigh the short term revenue to the council.

Having a financial cost to being outside is not in the local or wider society interests."

1886. Please improve and expand public transport

1887. Local people from the area are being discriminated against.

1888. By all means charge to stop cars being parked all day but always allow a free initial period to encourage exercise & help small businesses.

1889. Discourages healthy access to the beaches for kitesurfing and access to local clubs and shops

1890. More research needed on the impact to local business, education and safety. Adding cost to families, older generation that are already struggling and would prevent being able to access the civic centre. No regular public transport in place. Safety concerns for line fenskes.

1891. Short term aims by WBC. Not bringing in much money compared to the amount we could get for people shopping visiting areas etc. it would have a huge impact on local shops in each of the areas who are still struggling especially after Covid!

1892. Should be free

1893. I do not object to charging tourists to park at places like New Brighton and West Kirby, but locals should be exempt, or able to buy a pass at a reasonable price. I do strongly object to charging to park in local communities such as Moreton and Bebington, where people go about their everyday lives, rather than just for pleasure.

"1894. Making charges for parking diverts traffic to residential areas.

People will stop visiting our area. This will affect businesses and ultimately the area will become run down. Please look at Blackpool South Parade. "

1895. It starts with overnight charges, how long until the charges increase in price and are applied 24/7? What do we as residents pay council tax and road tax for? This a slippery slope and I have no faith that Wirral Borough Council won't take this further if we lie down and take this now.

1896. Charging on these roads will just move cars to other streets to park for free. This is just another scheme by the council to charge residents additional tax due to the councils inability to not waste money. E.g. Hoylake golf £200 million project

"1897. I have no problem with charging a reasonable amount for medium term parking.

But this has to be balanced against the potential to significantly impact local businesses where people are ""popping to the shop"" or something similar as they will go elsewhere/online.

This type of traffic is also more likely to then park outside of the car park eg on the nearby roads, annoying local residents

Therefore I would suggest that a compromise would be that PARKING IS FREE FOR THE FIRST HOUR then chargeable, targeting those who are staying for a while"

"1898. Since parking charges were introduced at Thurstaston and Royden Park we have changed from frequent visitors to never visiting as we have low income and cannot afford to; for us all sites were fee parking is introduced would go the same way and we would have to stop visiting though I am sure Wirral's more wealthy residents will not mind.

I and my family have lived in Wallasey Village all of our lives and have thrived on frequent free access to our coast for activities such as walking, swimming, fishing, dog walking, taking the air or simply parking up in that great environment for a while for picnics etc. I have limited mobility due to arthritis (not yet classed as disabled) and care for my mother who is over 90 years old and in poor health; I often take her to the Wallasey, Leasowe, Moreton sea fronts to relax and picnic in the car. We are both of low income and cannot afford to be paying parking charges to visit places we love which have always been free to us. It truly horrifies us that our wonderful coastline is about to be stolen away from us because, make no mistake, that is what this project will be doing to us and many others as we will be forced to stop going there.

Additionally, I am a member of Wallasey Beach CIC on Coastal Drive, Wallasey: a wonderful inclusive community project which will be crippled in terms of business and membership access by parking charges and/or restrictions.

Summarising, these parking fees plans will seriously impact our quality of life as residents of the area and will be an existential threat to the currently thriving community project of Wallasey Beach CIC."

1899. Lifelong regular visitor to several sites, low income, can't afford parking. Will have to cease visiting altogether negatively impacting my quality of life.

1900. Wirral has been labelled as the Leisure Peninsula for many years. We have hosted the Open Golf Championship on several occasions amongst many other events. We have a beautiful coastline which attracts many tourists to the likes of Hoylake, New Brighton & West Kirby. These ill conceived schemes across the Borough will have a negative effect on a lot of communities. Local residents, especially pensioners, will think twice about visiting most places on the Wirral due to the cost of parking. Local shops, especially independents, will be left fighting for their existence as people flock to free parking areas such as Cheshire Oaks, Bromborough etc etc Most high streets already have many empty shops and in my opinion these schemes will only exacerbate the problems. Even with residents parking people will still look to park on nearby streets to avoid parking fees. In Bebington, Wirral 3L's hosts many excellent classes from languages to local history for the over 50's & many people especially pensioners rely on the service to keep them active & to meet other like minded people. Once parking charges are introduced I fear for the existence of such organisations because of the additional cost to users. Across the Borough many employees & volunteers at the likes of Wirral 3L's will be particularly hard hit when parking charges are introduced. At the end of the day it's very short sighted of the Council to hit motorists yet again. We've had the debacle of blanket 20mph zones soon to be introduced across the rest of the Wirral at enormous cost. We've had fortunes wasted on cycle lanes which rarely see a single cyclist. Please see sense & do not ruin Wirral's communities forever.

1901. Have to say with all of these schemes the council whilst struggling for revenue from central govt especially decide to put the burden on residents, council tax payers and tourists. This will have an effect on people using these places. I take my mum out who is elderly and it is her on vice to get some outdoor space which is great for her mental and physical wellbeing. Should she be charged to this I really don't think so. You should be encouraging people to use these outdoor spaces not deterring them and using it as a cash cow. Do I want to see pay and display machines in idillic places no I do not. Also I do not wish to see businesses suffer financially, it has been a real struggle and one only has to look at our high streets to see what effect it has had. The council should know about this as it failed miserably with the sail in west Kirby and those businesses there have already suffered enough after the flood defences which greatly affected their livelihoods. Also it will affect revenue for the cafe at the floral pavilion. This scheme sends out completely the wrong message to all users saying we are closed for business rather than we are open for business. I do not normally respond to consultations but feel this is so wrong

1902. I object on the grounds that there are enough charges levied on the tax payer and vehicle owners as it is. There has been no requirement to charge in the past so what has

changed? This land in New Brighton was left to the public for leisure use by Lord Harrison. It is not fair or right that charges are being made for parking on land covenanted for free public use. In my view it is illegal.

"1903. My general concerns are:

watersports users who use parking by the beaches on a regular basis will have to pay a substantial amount of money to park regularly which could affect the sailing/watersports clubs;

Local residents should have free parking or a discounted parking pass, particularly in the winter months.;

Public transport services to the beaches are not great or the train is too far which affects older residents, those with disabilities who require accessible transport, and those on low incomes;

What will be the impact of the tourist cars moving into nearby residential areas to avoid parking charges when road space is being reduced with schemes such as the cycle lanes and the planned cycle route running through Wallasey Village to New Brighton.

Will the cost of the schemes pay for themselves when the infrastructure and traffic warden staff are added and provide any benefits for the area.

Hope this is clear and helpful. Thanks.

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1904. You are penny pinching, show me the labour manifesto that stated the first meaningful change you are making post election is to create parking charges? It is a cost of living crisis where salaries have not even come close to inflation and you offer no financial subsidence but instead demand residents pay to park in run down car parks. There are no major attractions the car parks are near. You will close local businesses down. You need to remember that we pay car tax, council tax, massive income tax. We are already bled dry and you ask for more. It's a disgrace you are trying to push this through again and as a resident of 28 years I expect you to see sense.

1905. These schemes are designed solely to raise revenue for the Council and as such should not be allowed.

1906. It will drive people away from local businesses and the area

1907. This is a totally ludicrous and lazy proposal. This is our Wirral and you should be thinking of schemes that support our population, not punishing them. Taxes our paid to our Wirral council and there should be enough 'clever' people who can balance the books without resorting to this ridiculous nonsense.

1908. Thanks for putting us off visiting in the future. No doubt local businesses will suffer, which is a shame.

1909. Car parking in key areas of tourism should be free to attract the spending public or they simply won't come. Look at the bigger picture and the local economy will suffer more from parking charges than the income being raised. Look into other ways to raise the capital.

"1910. I have grave concerns as to how these new charges will affect the local community.

a) The proposed car park charges will hit the high street. Local businesses are already struggling to compete with larger businesses/online businesses. Applying car park charges and on street charges close to shops and local businesses will put people off popping to and using these businesses.

b). The front charges will cause havoc to on street parking for nearby residential streets. People will park in these streets rather than on the front. These residents will then need to find parking in other streets, causing a ripple effect."

1911. Comments already made

1912. Unfair scheme. People need green spaces and these parking charges will deter people from visiting. If they do visit it will just have the knock on effect of them parking on residential streets.

1913. Open spaces should not be monetised... its a place for people to unwind, relax forget about the rat race and not having to pay for it

1914. I already pay £100 a year for a Country Park permit, potentially going up 20% under the new proposals. Why are the Thurstaston Common Car park and the Gunsite Car Parks not going to be included in the Country Park permit? They are both for access to parks. As a dog owner and a person who likes to keep fit, I walk every day in the local parks or at the beach. The new scheme will see me paying twice for the privilege . So much for the council encouraging people to get out and keep fit.

1915. Coastal locations should have availability of free parking for all to encourage both external tourism and Wirral residents to be able to visit. Lower income families shouldn't be discouraged from using the beach and walks by mounting costs. I anticipate that money raised through parking charges against expenditure in setting up the system/paying for a payment service and enforcing with wardens or cameras is not worth the negative feeling upon Wirral residents and further loss of faith in current council decision makers

1916. Council are continually attacking the motorist with cyclist that nobody wants.

"1917. Unacceptable charges imposed would have a detrimental effect on the whole of Wirral.

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1918. I do appreciate the financial pressure on the council but ask that other measures might be considered. It seems a highly undesirable situation where drivers are in effect discouraged from using local shopping facilities and public amenities, as well as being deterred from visiting local beauty spots for exercise and wellbeing.

1919. Please think about the impact this could have for the areas who without visitors could lose trade

1920. Why do Wirral Council think it is acceptable to try to charge car users for use of car parks? I object in particular to the Church Rd, Bebington car park charge proposal as I, like many others, work in Church Rd. Public transport isn't a convenient option to get to Bebington from other areas of the Wirral for an early start in the morning so using a car is absolutely necessary. If car park charges go ahead I would face an extra £120 a month expenditure under the current proposals. Only I won't, because I have no intention to pay the proposed charges and will instead park my car on the side roads and walk to work from there, as I'm sure many others will do. I object in particular to paying car park charges when the Council doesn't do anywhere near enough to manage the huge parking problem that already exists along Church Rd in Bebington. You are lucky if you see a parking attendant 2 or 3 times a year, it's a joke. People park continually along the single yellow lines for lengthy periods of time, either to spend over an hour to eat in the cafe or just to go around the shops. Lots of car users don't care a jot about what a single yellow line means but all come running if a parking attendant appears, which is rare so they think they can get away with it. If the Council wants to try to generate extra income then it should pull its finger out and deal with its existing parking management responsibilities and fine illegal parkers before trying to raise income in other areas. Go after the many and I mean many people that park illegally and get your extra income that way, which you should already be doing, don't go after the innocent residents who have no choice in where they work. Introducing parking charges won't get you the extra income you think it will, it will simply make the existing parking on Church Rd and surrounding areas a lot worse because the Council shirks its responsibilities and thinks it can take an easier option and further ripoff the good old car driver.

1921. The money you have earmarked to spend on this operation would be better channeled into schemes that benefit both the residents and the council. A prosperous village benefits everyone.

"1922. I do more than object to all schemes. I do not consent to these schemes being implemented.

There are multiple reasons why:

Currently a day at the beach, taking one's own picnic, is one of very few activities one hasn't got to pay for. Given the proposal this won't be possible anymore should the parking schemes come into effect. This will hit low income families particularly hard especially during school holidays. At roughly £4.80 per visit, this soon adds up.

Pensioners who just lost their winter fuel allowance will be hit hard too. Many of them enjoy a home made picnic on one of the benches along the promenades, maybe after a little walk for their daily exercise, spending about 2 hours in the fresh air. At £2.40 per visit this soon adds up too. Extra money is impossible to find on a fixed income.

Businesses will suffer too as people will cut back on visiting places such as New Brighton, Hoylake, West Kirby, Thurstaston Common, Bebington Village, Irby etc. Rather than supporting the small businesses which still thrive in some of these places, people will choose to shop in bigger out of town centres where parking is free.

Car owners/drivers are already taxed a lot. Car parking charges are just another tax on the already existing taxes as a way of raising revenue.

As far as I'm aware the parking service generated a surplus of £788,000 last year, in 2023. Where has all this money gone?

Cllr Jason Walsh in the Environment Committee meeting on June 23 2023 brought forward the following argument: ""We don't ask people without a garden to pay for brown bins, so why should people who don't have a car pay for people to park. That's what we're currently doing, providing free car parks."" This was echoed by Cllr Liz Grey in July's 2023 Environment Committee meeting with a similar sentiment "Having to find money from elsewhere in the general budget to recover the cost of the service because parking isn't paying for itself at the moment ... I just want to draw attention that, that that is an ongoing loss to the council and something we do need to think about, because we can't keep robbing the other services in order to pay for parking, subsidising car parking for people who got cars." This was last year. What about last year's £788,000 parking services' surplus I mentioned earlier? Isn't it more of a case of fleecing the motorist to pay for other services?

Actually this type of argument is rather dangerous and divisive. Rather than fostering community cohesion it encourages division. And I have to ask here whether people who don't cycle are being robbed to pay for cycle lanes, whether childless people/couples are being robbed to pay for child services, schools and teachers etc

Are council tax payers in general being robbed to pay for for councillors and council employees to attend courses run by providers such as the Carbon Literacy Trust? Surely during a time of a Cost of Living Crisis money spent on such courses would be better spent on running essential services. Free parking is an essential service as it helps small businesses and the community in general. It helps to keep people in employment.

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Appendix 7: Direct Representation

- "Re: Objection to the Proposed Parking Charges on North Parade

I am writing to formally object to the introduction of the new parking charges being proposed for North Parade, Hoylake. As a resident living in Lake Road, I rely heavily on the availability of parking on North Parade, especially during the evenings and overnight. Unfortunately, the new charges do not appear to take into consideration the needs of local residents like myself, who have limited alternative parking options.

Parking on the side roads near North Parade, including Lake Road, Strand Road, Trinity Road, is already extremely restricted due to the narrow streets and parking bays. Many residents including myself, use North Parade to park, as it provides the closest and most convenient space available. Imposing parking charges without offering any alternative for residents would create undue hardship and inconvenience. I have estimated that to park my vehicle would cost £2500 per year on North Parade with these charges being introduced. We also have two vehicles in which we cannot always get one vehicle outside our home in Lake Road if someone else has parked in the space.

The introduction of these charges would disproportionately affect residents, who are not the primary contributors to daytime parking congestion, and are instead reliant on this area outside of peak hours. It would also likely lead to increased competition for already scarce parking in side streets, worsening congestion and impacting the quality of life for those living in the vicinity.

I urge the council to reconsider this decision and, at the very least, introduce exemptions or free permits for residents. Other councils have implemented similar schemes, balancing the need for parking revenue and control with the realities of resident's every day lives.

I hope you will take these concerns into account and engage with residents to find a more equitable solution before proceeding with the parking charges. "

- "I am writing to register my opposition to the proposed introduction of parking charges at the free car parks in Bromborough and Eastham.

The use of the shops in these areas will significantly decline if forced to pay and the local businesses will be significantly affected as many will stop shopping in those areas and go elsewhere which will affect the economy.

These local businesses depend upon custom and I fear they will go out of business if the charges are introduced.

These shops are there to nip in and out especially the Eastham shops and even in Bromborough people will go elsewhere if forced to pay. They will also park outside peoples houses etc which is not ideal.

Please reconsider and keep the car parks free."

- "I understand that again car parking charges are being considered for introduction in my local area.

Firstly regarding the car park nearby in Mill Park Drive I frequently use this to go to Rightway, cash points the drop in centre and Tesco. My personal feeling that if charged I would not use these outlets and go further afield to a free car park. thus reducing the need for local businesses especially if charged for a very brief visit to Rightway and being charged for a longer period.

Secondly we also use the Bromborough car park to go to the shops and our bank (Nationwide) plus restaurants and cafés. As my wife and I are over 80 it is also convenient to park in the High Street. By the way Bromborough at one time had four banks. In my view installing parking charges would be a retrograde step as Bromborough appears to be experiencing a revival of some with new businesses starting which may as a result be affected. Parking charges will therefore discourage any future development. I feel the introduction of parking charges in these areas may result in people travelling further to larger retail outlets which lead to the use of larger chain stores and discouraging the smaller and independent companies.

In addition we frequently attend the Floral Pavilion which would like to remain open but car parking charges in this area would then reduce attendance and the Floral Pavilion is struggling anyway apparently.

My point is that car parking charges are an initial rise in income for the council but eventually result in business closures and long term reduction due to lower visiting.

So please rethink the strategy of car park charge introduction."

- "I am a lifelong Wirral resident and Council Tax contributor. I am a retired police officer, injured in the course of my duties and retired on subsequent medical grounds. As such I

suffer with mobility and mental health issues. I believe I do not qualify for a Blue badge. As part of my medical care I am advised to spend time outdoors in a natural environment and exercise by walking. I do this every day where possible but it has become increasingly difficult because Wirral Council have introduced parking charges at all the areas I formerly walked. As a result I now take daily walks at West Kirby and Hoylake beach. It isn't possible to walk at the closer Heswall shore because it has been allowed to turn into marshland. As a result I need to use my car to transport me and my two dogs. I cannot use public transport because one dog is fear reactive.

Concerning other matters the preposterous introduction of 20 mph zones is a total waste of money and has been a complete failure in Wales. Variable speed limits confuse many drivers and I see more occasions where people exiting onto normal 30 mph roads are pulling out dangerously into traffic complying with the speed limit. Studies on wildlife deaths on roads with variable speed limits show a marked increase in vehicle collisions because birds and mammals struggle to judge what is safe when vehicle speeds vary. This now appears to be the case with humans and conditions on the roads have become much less safe since the political introduction of these 20 mph zones. Whilst this issue might at face value be unrelated to parking charges it is part of Wirral Council's broader and politically motivated persecution of motor vehicle drivers.

Carbon Dioxide is at 0.04% and man-made carbon is only one hundredth of that 0.04%. Climate change is a cover for introducing totalitarianism on the public in the guise of 15 minutes cities.

If you had any interest in maintaining a throughput of vehicles at these proposed sites then you could introduce free parking for two hours at OUR natural beauty spots. You are taxing leisure and with the way Wirral Borough Council is actively making Wirral an unpleasant place to live, I and others will give serious consideration to moving to another area. This used to be a wonderful place to live but every reduction in facilities and standards bears the mark of Wirral Borough Council.

I hope you are proud of yourselves."

- I object to the new proposed charges as too many parking restrictions you cannot shop or go to the beach we pay high council tax and get very little in return
- Residents of wirral totally against these charges absolutely ridiculous we stand together to be against it 😞😞😞😞😞😞😞😞😞



- "You are making it not accessible for all people who need to drive but can't afford to pay!

The elderly are being punished and small shops will go out of business.

They want us to travel less, but all shops are built far away from our homes.

It makes no sense and we want you to scrap all these plans."

- "I am writing in regards to the 600% increased charge of a parking permit, specifically for those in New Brighton as I am a resident on Belmont Road. A residential area in your constituency, that has been exposed to the hardship faced with the cost of living crisis, that I am sure you are knowledgeable about. An increase of £50 that would have been spent on a weekly shop, but instead is unwillingly contributing to parking outside our own home, something which is rarely promised.

Although the premise of this parking permits appears in the residents favour, the effectiveness can be opposed with the quantity of non-permitted vehicles I pass on my walk home, from parking my car somewhere other than my road. A variable in house ownership that should be promised. However, it should be noted, this is a parking permit that should, at the very least, be a right for a resident to own without any unnecessary surplus charges upon the rent, mortgage, or road tax that many already struggle to pay.

Roads less than a 5/10 minute walk from my front door, are not subjected to the annual charge to simply park outside their home. Roads that, as a resident on New Brighton since childhood, have been synonymous with wealthier residents. The principle that they may do not require such premise to simply park outside their residence.

Not only are we charging, in the first place, to park outside our own property, a parking space that is rarely promised, but the overwhelming fail to acknowledge those who reside in these areas and instead 'repay' us by drastically increasing this permit price. I cannot fathom the quantity of times we must remind those that are in the position to 'represent' our voices, of our presence as people, not a number to simply exploit.

I look forward to your response, and finally the recognition of some of your most financially challenged areas. "

- "> We should like to express our opposition to Council proposals to impose parking charges on South Parade and to levy a £1 charge on overnight parking.

> We live in Victoria Drive off South Parade and in common with residents in other streets off South Parade we do not have off road parking. Many of the houses are divided into flats and and so the population is quite dense and it is often difficult to find a parking space. It is also often difficult for our visitors to find a parking space- not only friends and family but also care workers, tradespeople, Council gardeners who tend to Coronation and Victoria

Gardens. If the proposed plans are adopted, visitors who come to West Kirby for a leisure activity - a walk round the sea wall, a day on the beach- or for a look round the shops or lunch in a cafe will understandably seek to avoid the expense of parking charges and, consequently, for residents the situation will move from difficult to impossible. The plans for overnight parking will compound the problem and visitors will try to park their camper vans in the streets of South Parade.

> Some years ago we opposed similar Council proposals which, luckily for us, were dropped. The parking situation is worse now as the number of parking bays has been reduced since the sea wall was built.

> If people have to pay to park on South Parade they might decide not to visit West Kirby, which could harm the local economy which now seems to be thriving. If they come here it could be annoying for residents, trying to find a parking space! It's a dilemma.

> As a last resort, is Residents' Parking an option?"

- "Dear Paul,

It is painful to watch Wirral Council trying to make the motorist the cash cow, yet again. We did this back in 2021. It was clear there was unprecedented levels of objection to on road parking charges from residents and businesses alike.

As a corporate entity, we brought forward officers to spout platitudes of how 'businesses aren't affected by parking charges' and how 'it would encourage active travel'. Given an hour, I reckon I could put together a selective report that says the polar opposite. Data is what you want to make of it, after all.

This is clearly nonsense. Many older people – a demographic we have plenty of in Wirral as we are not a metropolitan city authority – cannot travel to retail areas without cars. Many will be witnessed taking in the delights of the promenades from their cars. A quick visit to any of the areas mentioned below will show this. Parking charges on our promenades are clearly going to cause displacement in, what are, some of the most congested areas due to the type of housing. See West Kirby, in my ward, where enormous, Victorian houses have been converted into multiple occupancy.

When we were still in the Cabinet and Scrutiny model, both Cllr Gardner and I were involved in the call in of the last attempt to introduce such charges. This involved other political groups wheeling out a resident who was happy to pay the extra parking tax. This seemed to hold weight with officers, whilst the uproar of the majority was ignored. The reality is that the likes of myself will never pay and will park in side roads as I am able bodied and don't

like being taxed by stealth. The people this will hit are the infirm and the elderly and this is something we should be ashamed of.

We failed miserably to introduce on road parking charges as we had no 'parking strategy' and there was talk of us being in breach of the Road Traffic Act 1984, as documentation clearly indicated that we were looking to raise revenue to plug 'financial black holes', something that is not allowed in law.

The council will no doubt spin that this is all to be reinvested in further, active travel measures, all 'for our benefit'. But, residents do not want them - see Wallasey to Birkenhead cycle lane, or Fender Lane's unused variety of 'improvement'.

We appear to be completely incapable of looking at 'unintended consequences' in almost everything that we do. With regard to the consultation - and this is something we have brought up with Jason from the beginning of his employment at Wirral – this will no doubt be viewed as a sham and the views of residents, once again, ridden roughshod over as the council seems incapable of LISTENING to residents and intent on DOING THINGS TO THEM – again, see consultation on Birkenhead to Wallasey cycle path. Perhaps this is the norm in authorities across the country, but it is certainly something that needs to change rapidly here in Wirral before we lose all legitimacy."

- " I am an active member of the voluntary beach cleaning group The New Brighteners.

Having read of your proposed introduction of parking charges to New Brighton I would like to apply for parking permits to allow our operations in New Brighton, cleaning beaches and the sea front in general to continue unhindered by such charges on into the future.

Please let me know what further information you may require in order to progress this application."

- PDF document sent in
- "In relation to Pasture Road Clinic in Moreton, I have been advised by staff that the Council is looking to introduce parking charges for the clinic car park. Back in 2010, the Council were very much part of the development and parking was considered as part of the development. I have copied part of the District Valuers report below for your information.

This will have a detrimental effect on patients, staff and the surrounding areas if charges are implemented. Our staff are community staff and so are in and out throughout the day.

Can we discuss please? I feel this matter requires independent discussion before any charges are implemented.

Many Thanks"

- Customer issue: Parking problem: Parking on pavements or verges Description: I understand the council will be introducing parking fees at the Roslin road carpark in Irby. If this is the case can it be reconsidered. We already have a major parking issue across the T-junction on Thingwall Road opposite Roslin road as well as opposite the carpark entrance and exit. All the people using the carpark to then get the bus to town and all the shop workers will no doubt start parking in and around Roslin Road rather than pay for parking. As a resident of Seaview Ave it is almost impossible to drive into Roslin road and remain on the correct side for all the parked cars already. Driving out of Roslin is also problematic because of parked cars opposite the carpark and upto the T-junction. It will become a major obstacle course and dangerous if there are any more parked cars. Going down Roslin into Seaview the bend in the road always has cars parked and there have been too many times that you have to drive blindly on the wrong side of the road to pass them. This will become even worse as cars will park further down into Roslin. Will you please reconsider parking fees? Case Manager comments:
 - "Rachael is the director of a business in the area which has premises on Allport Lane, and she has outlined her concern about the financial burden these proposed charges will have on businesses which rely on footfall in the area. She says this is even more concerning given the current financial pressures on high streets nationally, and is concerned that these charges, if implemented, will force some local businesses to close.

Can the council please take Rachael's views and concerns for local businesses into consideration? She has been directed towards the council's consultation on this matter. Any action or information the council could give to address Rachael's concerns about local businesses like hers would be appreciated. "

- "I am writing to you regarding the council's proposed parking changes. These proposals are a significant detriment to local communities, especially our local businesses. They actually do not benefit the council either as they do not solve the root cause of the problem.

The most important aspect of these proposals is the council's management of expenditure on parking matters. I have recently read that the council's enforcement contract amounts to £750,000 a year to be paid for from £350,000 receipts from parking. I am quite amazed that nobody at the council is able to see the very obvious issue here. Who at the council signs off these kinds of contracts that are obviously going to be loss making? Will the same people be

involved in the decisions moving forward, risking an even greater loss? If you have a business that takes £350,000 per annum, you cannot afford running costs of double that. I would be grateful if you could let me know how 'doubling' a loss-making scheme is going to make it profitable. Can you share your business plan to help me understand how increasing the number of sites to be enforced is going to make it profitable? Have you considered removing parking charges altogether, which would avoid the annual £400,000 a year loss and would be of benefit to local economies? This would seem the most obvious answer to most people.

Everything that is amazing about living on the Wirral seems to be slowly being eroded, our parks and gardens, our amazing coastline, our standard of living. We seem to have a council who not only do not care about our communities but seem to have an active programme of destroying them.

The council has mismanaged and wasted millions of our money on numerous ill-thought-out projects – the Birkenhead Market project and the West Kirby Café to name a few recent ones. Perhaps the biggest of all is the flood wall, that does not prevent flooding and increases the damage as water becomes trapped behind it. This parking contract is another example of gross mismanagement of funds. Before taking more money from residents to fill this never-ending black hole of incompetence, why not just stop and reflect. Let's have the council dealing with mismanagement of their budgets rather than asking residents and businesses, many of whom are struggling, to bail you out.

I would urge Mr Satoor to consider the culture within his council. Consultation after consultation is ignored and policies that are detrimental to local people are implemented. The council must start listening to local people about what they need to keep their lives and businesses afloat. The council must change their culture in order to prioritise improving the lives of residents rather than making them worse with expensive punitive schemes and rules that serve nobody."

- "Objection 1 – The schedule does not include the imposition of a 24hr. ban on Motor Homes/Camper Vans:

I am surprised and dismayed that the schedule does not impose a 24 hour ban on the parking of motor homes and camper vans etc., particularly bearing in mind the problems the Council has already faced at New Brighton and Hoylake/Meols:

- These vehicles are now up to the size of coaches, and reduce car spaces available.
- There is a cases of one discharging effluent with drains direct to beach and Lake.
- Many owners will find any daily charges acceptable and economical.
- The proposed £1 overnight charge is nominal and will not deter such parking.

- These vehicles are visually incongruous to those using and overlooking the recently enhanced promenade.

Objection 2 - Local residents unable to park in the already overcrowded adjacent side streets will be forced to pay a nightly toll all year-round.

Objection 3- Charges will increase environmental pressures on adjacent quiet residential streets:

Inevitably drivers seeking to avoid charges will drive around the adjacent side streets creating noise/pollution and occupying already congested residential parking spaces. "

- "West Kirby is an original Victorian Town which has a disproportionate number of terraced and other properties that have no means for off road parking.

Therefore the streets are used for parking by residents.

This means in the evening, overnight and at the weekends the streets are pretty full. The sea front is also used for this kind of parking as the side roads etc are pretty full.

If charges are implemented then the side streets will be almost completely full of parked cars for residents.

This will mean that visitors to the Town to use the shops and Restaurants will not be able to park causing the economic viability of the Town to be severely damaged.

Restaurants will close and shops will close causing the Town to become very run down.

Why for a relatively small amount of money put one of the success stories of the Wirral at risk.

To avoid this I for one would accept a special addition to Rates to avoid this very dangerous and potentially devastating impact on the economic viability of the West Kirby Town. "

- "I strongly object to the introduction of controlled parking measures to be introduced to Meols Parade, Meols. I note the mention of busy traffic flows and competition for parking as being a reason for this to be introduced.

This is a very quiet road and at any given time there is hardly a single car in sight in this area which is not a resident or a visitor to a resident. I have undertaken some survey work to see how many cars park on Meols Parade and it is very low the most parking places being used by the bowling club near the Life boat station when they have a match!!!!

I have lived on Meols Parade for nearly 36 years and have never seen high, indeed hardly any, demand for parking in the area outside our house, situated between Dovepoint and Roman Road, except for when the red arrows were taking part in the lifeboat open day, sadly a thing of the past. Also when park and ride buses used this area as a coach park for

the Open golf. It seems strange then for someone to state that density of cars and traffic flow have been key to the decision to introduce controlled parking to this area.

It would seem to me that Hoylake and Meols are treated much less favourably than adjoining towns. We have no Leisure Centre, the Library in Hoylake was closed the beach is now being allowed to become overgrown with weeds while they are removed from West Kirby beach and practically all the open spaces which make this area attractive are run and supported by local volunteers. As if that was not enough we are now faced with not being able to park outside our own houses without paying for the privilege. I would be grateful if you could publish the data which supports your premise of a high demand for parking in this area and high traffic flows.

I look forward to a reply and the relevant data. Meanwhile I ask you to consider this decision and let the residents of Meols Parade continue with the quiet life that we are used to and enjoy."

- I am writing to formally object to the proposed introduction of a pay-and-display machine on Lower Banks Road, Heswall (TO/24/38). As the sole business owner on Banks Road, I believe that this implementation would negatively impact our small, independent business and tourism in the Wirral area as a whole. Additionally, we are concerned that the introduction of a pay-and-display system, particularly on Banks Road, may lead to an overflow of vehicles parking on residential streets. This would not only distress local residents but also increase the risk of accidents and congestion on what is already an overcrowded road. To emphasize our concerns, we have gathered over 1,000 signatures in support of our objection through an online petition. You can access this petition here: <https://www.change.org/haltpayanddisplaylowerheswall>. We also have numerous paper signatures collected, which we are willing to submit for your consideration. Furthermore, we have completed the survey on the official government website to express our objections. Thank you for considering our concerns.
- "I am writing to OBJECT to the council proposal to introduce additional PARKING CHARGES in the borough for the following, but not exhaustive list below...

Negative effect on the number of people using local shops, hair salons, restaurants, bars and other businesses.

Result in a negative impact on local residents.

Increase in parking in the nearby roads and other areas.

Congestion and safety issues resulting from displacement of vehicles from established parking areas to locations that present higher risks to road users, pedestrians & residents.

It appears that that the only beneficiary for these proposals is the council in generating revenue and that there is no justifiable technical reason to support these proposals.

In light of this, can you please reply ASAP & confirm the salient technical reasons for this proposal.

I state again my OBJECTION to this proposal that has no benefit whatsoever to Wirral residents and visitors alike."

- "Here goes my first ever formal objection to something. I am 38 and I grew up on Meols Parade. My parents live there and I visit them daily. I read that preventing future parking congestion is the reason for implementing paid parking in front of my parent's home. I can assure you that there is never any trouble finding parking on Meols Parade directly outside any of the houses. My parents live at, between Roman and Dovepoint roads. I have taken several photos at different times of day to demonstrate how congestion just isn't an issue here.

I understand councils struggle to raise revenue for the important work that they carry out and have limited ways to raise revenue. Even as a revenue generating exercise, on this stretch of Meols Parade, I can't imagine it will bring in much, if anything, by way of funds to the council when you consider the expenditure that will be required to install and maintain parking meters and enforcement of the new rules.

Having grown up here and continuing to visit daily I have a good feeling for the area and whilst it may be next to the sea, Meols Parade is really a residential street.

I feel significantly aggrieved that I will have to pay to park outside my parent's home, the house where I grew up, on a quiet residential street, knowing that there is no problem with parking congestion there to justify charges. Please see the attached photos evidencing this taken in both directions during the day and at night. I have more should you wish to see them.

I would like the council to reconsider these proposals on Meols Parade.

I'm not certain if it was just hearsay but I've heard a resident's only permit will cost in excess of £600. I believe Wirral residents should be treated equally and that this is ten times the price of other areas. Can you please tell me how charging such different prices for a resident only permit isn't discriminatory?

I would like to see common-sense decision-making return to council matters and will support candidates for whichever party is able to offer this in future elections. If I can help with this in any way, please let me know."

- "• I strongly feel Bromborough is in a unique position and can not be compared to other car parks in the Borough. Our argument is the same as it has been the previous 2 occasions the Council has tried to do this. We are less than 1 mile from the Croft which offers free parking and a lot of the shops there rival what is in the village. Noone would pay to visit 1 or 2 locally owned businesses when they can go up the road, park for free & give their money to a large Company. I know I wouldn't.
- We are still in a cost of living crisis, people are still overcoming the long term impacts that Covid have had on them financially, we have lost 3 banks in the village. We already struggle to fill all the vacant units we have. Removing free parking will only make this worse.
- There is no counter argument about people walking or using push bikes - this isn't possible for everyone. Would you want to take home a weekly shop for a family of 4 on a push bike or try to carry it? I know I wouldn't. Not everyone can use the internet to order a home delivery, so have no choice but to use their cars.
- I know some have said why should people pay for the maintenance of the car parks if they don't have a car. I don't use a push bike, why am I paying for the maintenance of the cycle paths? This is not a valid argument.
- I work full time and have a family to support. Yet I choose to dedicate my own spare time to the village because I love it, and I can't bear to see the village fall into ruin because of Council greed. It's simple. Introduce these fee's and businesses will close and we will end up with a load of bordered up buildings. There is no evidence anywhere that given our unique position, that we will recover. Even if that could be considered, how long will that take? Businesses will close before then, staff on minimum wages now also having to pay for parking, are going to be left with some tough decisions on their finances. This can not be allowed to happen. Parking permits are a mute point given the cost. How are these staff going to afford them? Charity shops may cover the cost for their volunteers but this is taking money away from a charity which does good in the local area. Is the Council really going to do that - take money away from charities to line their own pockets?

- I know the Council has a budget deficit, but that is due to the incompetence of the Council to balance its books, why punish us? A simple example is when the Council put money offshore (Iceland if my memory serves me correctly) and when we had the recession back in 2008/9, all the money was lost. Money which people had paid as their Council tax in good faith to be used to serve our community. I did not pay my Council tax to sit in an offshore investment in the hope it would earn a bit more money. However the public just had to put up with it.
- The Council have already taken our library (despite it being the one on the Wirral most used by under 18's) and civic centre. None of the money raised will be invested into Bromborough as its to cover a deficit.
- What research has been done specifically on the impact that this will have on Bromborough? Case studies are not research. As far as I'm aware no-one from the Council has been to the village, spoken to anyone or completed any surveys on the car park usage. Or if they have, they have done it at a time where it is least used and therefore not a fair representation. How long is it going to take to turn a profit not only given the initial outlay of the equipment but also staff to monitor it & issue fines. What will happen with the fine money? Will the village be given it? Highly doubt it given the Council's lack of any sort of investment in Bromborough.
- This will have a huge impact on the BVCA (I know a separate submission has been made by them), Introduction of fees will have a significant impact on the success of the bi annual fairs to raise money for all the work done. Without the income the fairs generate there will be no Christmas displays, no planting, no CCTV, no maintenance of the defibrillator, and none of the other work we do for the village.
- If people do choose to still visit the village they will park on the residential roads nearby. Roads that already suffer with on street parking. Look at June Ave with the Dentist or Parkwood Close/Bromborough Village Rd, for the Doctors. This is going to get worse. A clear evidence example is Eastham Woods. I walked through there just recently & do so on a regular basis. There were 4 cars in the pay & display car park. 9/10 cars on Ferry Road and 13 cars on Riverwood Rd. Hard to judge the cars in Levers Car park as it was a mix of dog walkers & people using the facilities. How much profit does the council get from this particular car park after taking into account the maintenance and staffing costs? What happened to this money - I've not seen nor heard of any investment being made in that area as a result of this revenue.
- I know reference has been made to parking available at St Barnabas, an area behind the precinct, The Oak & Matalan. St Barnabas is private ground and will close the car park when there is a wedding or funeral. These spaces are needed by their buildings which hold regular groups including (but not limited to) childrens support and disabled adult charity services. The land by the precinct is private land with enforcement signs should someone park there without permission, The Oak and Matalan are private ground with signs about

enforcing should the car park be abused. There are no alternative free car parks in the area for people to use.

- I've recently heard about Wirral being a 'Borough of Culture' and there is a large event planned in New Brighton. This is following an event in Birkenhead Park back in May. Where is the money coming to fund this? Couldn't this money be used to close the deficit? Also, nothing has been arranged for the rest of the Borough which is supposed to be included. Again, this shows the lack of understanding of the Council and ignoring the wants or needs of areas outside of the Birkenhead immediate vicinity. Quite ironic that if people choose to attend the event, the majority will make use of the free parking available. I wonder what the introduction of car parking fees would have on such an event in the future. Many times when I have been given a choice to pay for parking or use public transport I just won't go. Public transport does not suit everyone's needs and when an event is on, it can often be overcrowded making the journey uncomfortable. Following the Giants in New Brighton when I used the train, I vowed never to do that again.

I really do hope that you will give specific consideration to Bromborough given its unique position with the Croft so close by. It is a real worry about the impact this will have on the village given the Croft is less than 1 mile away. Bromborough already struggles to attract new businesses - look at the empty unsightly units around the precinct. With addition of car parking fees there is even less chance of attracting the traders we desperately need.

Introduce car parking fees in Bromborough = less footfall in the village = business closures = loss of community spirit. "

- "Please keep the parking at bromborough village free. We are using it instead of the Croft to keep these small businesses alive!!!

There are many elderly people for whom these village shops are a godsend"

- I've had this enquiry from the rector at St Andrews, Bebington (Clatterbridge ward): I'm writing in my capacity as Rector of St Andrew's Church Bebington, concerning the proposed charging to car parks and in particular, the Church Road Bebington car park. I do have a number of concerns, but the most significant issue is that I have recently been made aware by older members of the congregation that when the car park land (previously part of the Rectory grounds) was sold to Wirral Council or its predecessor in title in (I believe) the early/mid 1960s, a restrictive covenant was imposed by the vendors to the effect that use of the land must remain free. This would appear to prohibit any charging for use of the car park. I am endeavouring to obtain access to the relevant documents, but this is somewhat inhibited by the fact that the Cheshire Records Office, which holds all the old parish records, is closed until 2026 whilst a new office is built. I have asked the Diocese of Chester whether they hold copies of documents elsewhere. I wonder whether the Council is able to verify this from its own

records? Revd David Vestergaard Is this something the council has information on?

Thank you,

- "1 Please will you send me all documents which relate to this car park including your calculations of costings and income.

2 What are the current usage figures?

3 What was the cost of the recent installation and subsequent removal of the electric charging points and associated services ?"

- If you want areas to become "ghost towns" go ahead...it's not the money ...it's the principal. If you want an example of where it went wrong visit Ellesmere Port!! A once thriving town is now mostly empty shops...people drive to Asda in Chester as they don't have to pay to park....the Welsh who visited the markets and shopping precinct, stopped visiting then they started charging for parking.... It's taken years and millions of pounds to rejuvenate New Brighton...don't destroy it by charging people to park.
- I am a resident on Meols Parade and want to vehemently oppose the parking charge notice being suggested for the promenade. I have 4 children who regularly visit which means we have 4 lots of charges potentially being given out to one family. Also two live with me. We have 4 cars at the property now so 4 lots of £680. £2720 to park outside your own property. This is at such a hefty cost to people residing here it's a joke. This was previously thrown out as a suggestion so why has this raised its ugly head again. Once something is opposed why wait a short while and bring it up again? It is something which will affect visitors to the area and will increase congestion in neighbouring roads and on the slip roads at the bottom of Roman Road. We feel as though we are being forced out of an area which has systematically been targeted by our council and the parking charges really will be taking it too far. It's a resounding no to the suggestion from people actually living here not to mention visitors.
- "I write to express my objection to the car parking charges that are being proposed specifically in Bromborough.

Bromborough has lost almost all its banks, its library and its civic building and yet it continues to re invent itself. When I meet with people it is very much a place people 'pop' into rather than go for a whole day.

I understand the arguments about using public transport, encouraging walking and cycling and cutting pollution and these are noble arguments. However, charging for the car park in Bromborough will not bring about any of this change.

1. The most likely effect will be further congestion when people park on the local roads around the village which is already a problem. Charges levied here to stop this will adversely affect residents.

2. Traffic will not diminish but instead move onto the highly congested Croft trading estate which is off the A41. Since The Croft diversified into some smaller units, coffee, greetings cards, small gifts and a bit of shopping can all be obtained without any parking charge. 'Popping' there has been made much more attractive.

3. Other cars will continue to come into Bromborough but will be encouraged to park in streets or, as our local councillors have been suggesting, in the free church car park. This will cause an extraordinary amount of genuine upset and difficulty as the church car park is in daily use by users of the busy halls on that site and is always closed for Weddings and funerals.

Bromborough has been battered in recent times. I cannot believe that the amount of revenue that this car park will generate comes close to off-setting the loss of trade and the consequences of that on the well-being of a village and the people who live and work in it.

I therefore ask you to refrain from putting charges onto the car park in Bromborough. "

- "My Name is and I am the owner of The Art Room Wirral - 3 The Rake Precinct, Bromborough CH62 7AD

We offer art and pottery classes to all ages and I have clients visiting the studio from across the Wirral, Liverpool and Cheshire. As we are not located near a train station many of my clients travel by car. Having a parking charge is something many of them are concerned about. I strongly believe in the benefits of taking part in a creative activity such as reducing stress and according to research reducing the likelihood of developing dementia by 73%. A large percentage of my clients are retired and so on a limited budget and any increase in costs for taking part in such an activity could result in them having to stop attending the classes.

I am also aware that many of those who currently attend my art classes also visit the local shops and cafes in Bromborough village - getting their greeting cards from the card shop and popping into the cafe for a coffee and cake.

Park charges will have an impact on my business and I fear that having built up the business from nothing over the past 3 years I may not be able to continue. In these 3 years I have seen a number of local independent businesses set up giving the village a vibrant buzz - I have even had clients comment on how wonderful the village is with a dance studio and new pubs/restaurant opening and as these businesses have opened I have noticed a reduction in anti social behaviour by groups of young people. No longer do I feel afraid locking up at the end of the day. If less people are visiting the village, which will happen if parking charges are introduced, I know that that fear will return. "

- "This proposal will simply result in people parking for free in the surrounding roads instead and causing congestion for the homeowners and council tax payers in those areas.

This proposal will exacerbate the significant congestion around Meols Primary school who have for years tried to get parents to park on the prom and reduce traffic and risk by the school. Parents clearly won't pay daily parking charges and so will instead park in the surrounding roads closer to the school. It's already a significant problem - for example there is no way a fire engine can get down some of these roads at the start and end of the school day- these proposals will make this situation worse. Does somebody need to be seriously injured or worse before this congestion is acknowledged?

This proposal will clearly hinder access to the properties on the roads that will now have double yellow lines installed, causing unnecessary inconvenience to themselves and their visitors

This proposal also clearly contradicts council policies, government messages around healthy lifestyles and exercise including weight loss. As a society we want people to be more active and to get out and about in these coastal areas – yet by applying these parking charges you will discourage such activity. I believe this is very short sighted and simply an effort to make money for Wirral Council – yet will only add to NHS costs dealing with the ever growing obesity problems.

Some people will still come to the coast, but will choose to park in local roads rather than pay. Again this will lead to congestion and nuisance parking, adversely affecting local residents – meanwhile the prom car park areas will be empty and I doubt WBC will recover the cost of the ticket machines, markings and enforcement."

- "I do not agree with the parking for Holt Avenue or Garden Lane car park.

I say 'NO''

- "Any charges levied in Bromborough will virtually kill the local businesses. Employees who work in the local shops and park in the civic car park will not be able to afford all day charges. Local residents will simply move to the retail park where parking is free.

In Eastham, the car park is adjacent to the Library and One Stop shop and opposite shops, where there is limited parking, containing the only

- heavily used - post office in the area. Parking is essential for residents living in the village and those at the parts of Eastham not close to the A41/Mill Park Drive, especially for those with young children, the elderly and those with parcels - and there are many - for the post office.

People will resist, as far as they are able, any charges and look to park on nearby roads. At a time when incomes are under pressure and we are promised a budget which will make things even worse, this is not the time to introduce such charges.

Should the proposals proceed and the only means of payment be by an app, this would be another stumbling block."

- "RE: Objection to the Proposed Parking Charges on South Parade, West Kirby (Ref: TRO TO/24/42)

One West Kirby is a Community Interest Company set up and operated voluntarily by a group of local residents to promote local decision-making; empowering residents, visitors, and businesses to actively shape the future of our town.

As such we, and the dozens of businesses and hundreds of residents we have spoken to, are deeply concerned that South Parade is once again subject to a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) proposal, the third one in less than six years. We firmly believe that the proposed parking measures would have significant negative consequences for local residents, visitors, and the local economy.

1. The purpose of the TRO

The introduction to the consultation states that the purpose is to 'deliver against Wirral's Parking Strategy'. The Parking Strategy claims to 'help support the management of traffic in Wirral's main centres and communities, helping the local economy and businesses. (bold added)

The Committee Report says that the Parking Strategy aims to ‘help the local economy’, directly supporting ‘A prosperous local economy’, and ‘is critical to align with and support other strategies and plans to encourage and support sustainable economic growth and regeneration of the borough’.

There is no evidence that these business-related aims will be delivered by the introduction of Parking Charges on South Parade."

- "2. Lack of Evidence Supporting the Need for Parking Charges specific to West Kirby

The advertised TRO states that the parking charges are being introduced to “manage traffic, reduce congestion, and ensure adequate turnover of parking spaces in line with our approved Parking Strategy”. Not only does the proposal not fulfil the purpose of the Parking Strategy identified in point 1, but WBC’s own data also indicates that the already fee-based Dee Lane car park operates at only 53% capacity at peak times, which clearly shows there are no significant issues with traffic flow or parking turnover on South Parade. This contradicts the stated justification for these parking charges and demonstrates that South Parade does not require additional measures to regulate parking or traffic management. The claim therefore that these measures are intended to manage traffic, congestion, and the turnover of spaces is illogical when the data shows no such issues exist. There is ample parking available in these car parks, and South Parade does not require additional measures to manage traffic flow or space turnover.

Furthermore Section 2.6 of the Strategy, which deals with Baseline Parking Usage Analysis, demonstrates that the only data analysed is for existing car parks (Table 2.1), the existing Birkenhead Controlled on Street Parking Zone (Table 2.2), Residents CPZs (Table 2.3) and with reference to Tourism, Parking at Country Parks. There is no data at all on existing levels of on-street parking at coastal locations like West Kirby. Even more concerning is recent activity on South Parade where traffic wardens have informed us in the past 2 weeks that they have been instructed to take registrations of cars on South Parade and record information on time spent, instead of doing their enforcement job, which would infer that officers have diverted their contractual enforcement work in order to collect data to try and justify a TRO that is already published. This is despite the car parking data clearly showing capacity at the Dee Lane car park on South Parade.

By failing to take proper account of the existing parking infrastructure, the council is imposing unnecessary burdens on residents and visitors for costs elsewhere, which could deter tourism and harm local businesses."

- "3. The Parking Strategy Is Misapplied

The Council’s Parking Strategy, specifically on pages 27 and 36, details the rationale for using Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) and

states that this is to address targeted parking challenges, such as issues around 'schools, kerbside management, and nuisance parking behaviours. These measures are intended to resolve specific, localised problems. However, South Parade does not suffer from these issues, making the application of parking charges in this location inconsistent with the strategy's baseline consultation findings. Furthermore, the Parking Strategy consultation did not consult, nor get feedback to support, the type of proposals being made in this TRO for South Parade and therefore should not be used as supporting this proposal. The Parking Strategy research has also been misinterpreted to suggest that there is a significant body of evidence supporting the notion that parking charges lead to increased commercial activity by promoting parking turnover and footfall. The claim is that this results in higher spending, not less. However, the cited sources fail to substantiate this claim. The Parking Strategy references four "recent" studies to support this position, but we would challenge both their recency and relevance. The studies are dated 2010, 2013, 2017, and 2018, and their findings are largely unrelated to the specific context of our area. For instance, one report examines the impact of removing 12 parking spaces from a street in Atlanta, USA—clearly not reflective of local conditions. One of these studies is funded in part by the British Parking Association, whose members include private parking companies and manufacturers of parking equipment. It's not surprising that this report promotes paid parking, but its conclusions are anecdotal and lack concrete evidence of economic benefit. The Welsh Government's research into parking strategies, which also cites the British Parking Association report, explicitly states that the views expressed are those of the researcher and not the Welsh Government itself. Finally, the TRL Laboratory report from 2010, which reviews 175 documents dating from 1992-2010, is both outdated and inconclusive on the benefits of paid versus free parking. The report is a patchwork of studies, many of which do not address the specific needs or realities of towns like West Kirby. Additionally, all of this research was conducted before the COVID-19 pandemic, at a time when towns and communities operated under very different circumstances and with significant increases in, for example, working from home. In the current context, West Kirby has ample pay and display parking already at Dee Lane Car Park on South Parade, with a second pay and display car park at the Concourse, and therefore these findings are not relevant or applicable and local data also fails to support the proposed TRO."

- "4. The Proposal Is Revenue-Driven and Unlawful

Using TROs for the primary purpose of generating revenue to address broader council deficits is unlawful.

Several press articles, including reports from the Birkenhead News, Liverpool Echo, and Wirral Globe, suggest that the motivation behind the proposed TRO is primarily financial. Councillor Pat Cleary has stated that the charges are intended to "ensure the cost of servicing and maintaining car parks are fully covered by those who use them." This justification, however, holds no relevance to South Parade, which is a road, not a car park and should not be maintained from a car parking budget. Furthermore, with the nearby

Dee Lane car park already being a pay and display car park, and being underutilised, the need for additional parking charges in this location is not substantiated.

The Act is also clear that the core purpose of a TRO must be related to managing traffic flow and safety, and any measure aimed at encouraging responsible travel, such as promoting the use of public transport or active travel (e.g., walking, cycling), would need to align with the fundamental aim of the Act, which is traffic management. Therefore, encouraging responsible travel cannot be the driver for a TRO as that is misleading and factually incorrect. In essence, changes to encourage responsible travel are permissible as long as they are tied to traffic management goals."

- "5. Negative Impact on Local Businesses, Residents and Visitors

Introducing parking charges on South Parade would significantly harm the local economy. West Kirby is already experiencing a high turnover of retail leases, with many shops struggling to attract customers post-COVID. Local businesses have reported a concerning decline in footfall, and these parking charges could further deter visitors. The beach, marine lake, and coastal paths are vital free resources that promote health and wellbeing, yet parking fees would discourage families and individuals from enjoying these public amenities, particularly during the ongoing cost-of-living crisis.

Moreover, imposing parking fees on a popular destination like South Parade could drive visitors away to other locations with free parking, thereby diverting essential foot traffic from local businesses as well as discouraging the longer stays for recreation and leisure activities.

The proximity of South Parade, being less than 100 meters from West Kirby's retail centre and a heavily populated residential area, makes this proposal particularly problematic. Both South Parade and its adjacent side roads are lined with hundreds of residential properties. Displacing cars from the business and visitor parking spaces on South Parade, as well as from residents who live along the road, will likely exacerbate congestion on these already busy streets. The forced overflow of parking will not only impact the availability of spaces for residents but could also create significant traffic management challenges, negatively affecting the daily lives of those living in the area.

It is also noted that a decision of the Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee has previously rejected introducing charges on Banks Road, West Kirby (a mere 100 metres away) due to the negative impact on local businesses, further reinforcing the position that WBC are aware of the potential impact on businesses and have previously voted against such measures so have clear knowledge of the impact."

- "6. Disconnected Decision Making

In the past 18 months, Wirral Borough Council (WBC) has invested nearly £80,000 in consultant's fees to develop regeneration plans for the Concourse area of our town centre. It is contradictory, however, that while one department allocates significant resources to

revitalise an increasingly struggling town, another department is proposing a measure that could undermine these efforts by introducing parking charges along an entire kilometre of road.

It's also of note that every year, WBC promotes health and wellbeing initiatives, and West Kirby's beach, marine lake, and coastal paths are invaluable free amenities that support these goals. Imposing charges of £1.20 to £2.40 for a simple 1 -2 hour walk along these areas, or up to £6.00 for families from non-coastal parts of the peninsula to spend the day on the beach, would be unjust, particularly in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis. It seems unfair to penalise families seeking affordable recreational activities in this way."

▪ "7. Environmental and Social Considerations

While reducing emissions is an important goal, this proposal would likely have the opposite effect, as visitors will drive around residential streets in search of free parking, increasing both emissions and congestion. Additionally, families who visit West Kirby's beach for affordable outings may be discouraged by the parking fees, which could lead them to choose other destinations or indeed suspend such activities altogether.

8. The Council's Own Precedent

It is worth noting that in 2018, former Council Leader Cllr Phil Davies withdrew similar proposals for parking charges on South Parade, citing concerns about the negative impact on residents and parking issues in nearby streets; "I understand the intention was not to 'penalise' local residents or to cause more parking problems in adjacent streets – but that is what these proposals risk doing. Residents told me how concerned they were, and it is our duty to take the correct actions."

The same proposal resurfaced in 2022, only to be withdrawn again after the threat of a Judicial Review, which highlighted that it is illegal to introduce TROs solely to address council deficits.

Now, in 2024, the same flawed TRO has returned despite the existing parking capacity in the Dee Lane car park and the illogical reasons given for the TRO.

9. Alternative Solutions

If the council is genuinely concerned about managing future traffic growth or congestion, we urge it to explore more balanced and sustainable solutions. Improving signage to direct visitors to the underutilised Dee Lane car park and Concourse car park, offering reduced parking rates during peak times to encourage greater use of these car parks, and providing additional bicycle storage that is far more resilient to theft, are all viable options that could support enhancements without imposing unnecessary fees on South Parade."

▪ "10. The Council's bottom line

We are not naïve to the dire financial situation that Wirral Borough Council finds itself in but would point out the following: West Kirby already has 2 paid car parks – one of which is only at 53% capacity at peak times which therefore has capacity for growth with improved signage and consideration of charging structures to make incentivise use. The narrative of the Committee and within the press makes constant references to ensuring “the cost of servicing and maintaining car parks are fully covered by those who use them”. This narrative does not apply to South Parade. The June 2022 committee papers sets out the costs of implementing pay and display infrastructure and it will cost hundreds of thousands of pounds which will require repayment before any ‘excess’ could be kept by WBC. This TRO does not support covering any costs of WBC’s car parking overheads.

Conclusion

The introduction of parking charges on South Parade is not supported by the council’s own data or the Parking Strategy, and it will have a detrimental impact on residents, visitors, and local businesses. Instead, the general policy proposals in the Strategy have been used to ‘justify’ a revenue raising programme without actually presenting any data or evidence from West Kirby that such measures are required in terms of traffic or parking demand.

We respectfully urge the council to reconsider this proposal, focusing instead on solutions that will benefit the community and the local economy without unfairly penalising those who use South Parade.

Yours sincerely,

One West Kirby Management Committee"

- "I have completed the online form objecting to the proposed parking charges in this area.

Among other points, I gave some figures of the number of vehicles parked on a normal weekday, because I don’t believe the revenue is going to justify the expense of installing and maintaining ticket machines in an environment hostile to metal objects and electronics, such as the Wirral north coast, let alone the wages of wardens employed to enforce charging.

At noon today, a warm and sunny Friday, I counted 55 vehicles stationary along the entire 2 miles of road [measured on the car milometer] between the Clown and the Lifeguard lookout of Kings Parade, Coastal Drive, and the connecting roads. That represents 4 miles of kerbside to be patrolled, presumably on foot in all weathers. Some of these were parked on yellow lines, some had drivers inside, so possibly not “parked” at all. On any day but a sunny holiday weekend, how is any reasonable parking charge likely to recover the expense of the system and its enforcement?

People dislike paying for parking, and will take any convenient option to avoid doing so. The Marine Point car park exists outside Council control for the benefit of shoppers and visitors to the businesses there. It will be overwhelmed by visitors, to the detriment of businesses and customers alike. The Perch Rock car park is essential to the wellbeing of businesses in New Brighton, not least the Council owned Floral Pavilion Theatre, and charging there will substantially reduce visitor numbers, again except the occasional sunny holiday. Sea Road, Sandcliffe Road, and the Mockbeggar and Smugglers way estates, will be used by visitors seeking free parking, to the detriment of residents and locals taking their families to Harrison Park, as will the private car park of the Harvester pub at Derby Pool site. The Gunsite car parks are overwhelmingly used by locals simply seeking to enjoy the best of living here, outside again of those few sunny holiday weekends, when we get more distant visitors.

I can't make these points to the Council, so hope you will do so, and in particular hope that the vehicle count today will help you to advance an economic argument, because one doubts that any other will be effective."

- Both areas are used by myself and my wife on a regular basis. We have previously lost the banks in Bromborough, which has caused us a lot of hardship in having to visit Birkenhead, and I don't know what pressure the council brought on the situation or if at all. Before their closure Bromborough enjoyed the many visitors from other areas whose banks had already closed and bromborough became a sort of hub. While this was going on the council tried to introduce charges but we as a community came together and successfully had the council do a rethink, and the charges were not introduced. Now after that overwhelming success, you as the council are trying again, to supposedly fill a black hole in expenditure/costs. This has nothing to do with us as the citizens of Wirral, we get yearly increases which we have no opportunity to challenge, it is all done and dusted by committee. For me and my wife the free car parking allows us to visit both locations at our leisure, no pressure to just get in and get out. I am sure someone has seen how much both carparks are filled at all hours of the day during the week and weekends. At 76 years old I use the various village cafes etc as a meeting place to catch up with friends for a drink and a chat. If I and my friends had to pay an additional cost for our meetings they would come to an end. I know that the phrases "Wellbeing" and "Mindfulness" can and do get over used, but without these places me and my friends could become isolated, which would not be a good thing for our mental health. This may well create health problems which would impact on the NHS. Yes I have heard someone say the carparks at the Co-Op, Matalan, and the two public houses could be used as they are free. This is a short sighted suggestion. All that would happen, much like B&M on New Chester Road have done, introduced their own parking restrictions, to stop both parents of Christ the King school and people playing football from parking on their site. So what has happened, the side streets in the area get congested with parked cars. Therefore I can see Bromborough going down the same route And parking restrictions

would be introduced which would create parking congestion in roads in and around. I have also heard that parking permits could be introduced, but why should residents have to pay to park outside their own homes and stop them from having visitors? There are a number of arguments which you will have already heard, visiting the post office to send a letter already costs 85p and £1.65 for stamps an additional £1.20 on top for parking will cause even more hardship for a lot of people. You will have heard from other sources that if both Bromborough, Eastham and other areas across the borough charge for parking, this will bring its own hardship for the shops, footfall/revenue falls, and businesses have to close and move out of the area. Bromborough/Eastham become ghost areas, and with these closures the council also suffers because they then lose revenue from business rates. There are supposedly studies that areas in other parts of the country who have done the same by bringing in charges, have had a falloff of footfall etc, but eventually, they do return to some semblance of normality as per pre parking charges. But having done my own research this has not been the case, there has been an attempt to cloud the situation to make it seem right. But at the end of the day, my voice is very small, the consequences of the effect on my health and well-being will be of miniscule interest or concern. I have to use my car to do my visiting/shopping in the two areas, it is not an easy option to walk, and use of public transport/taxis brings its own problems, costs etc. My pensions are committed to just live, the government has taken away my fuel allowance, which impacts on my living costs. So all in all you are creating a problem for many people, which may stem from the council mismanaging their own budget, hence they want me to shore them up. Just one final point since charges were introduced into parks, what has been the actual return compared with cost for parking meters and traffic wardens policing them? Its highly unlikely my one voice will be heard, above the wailing of the council who just want to continually get more and more money out of us.

- "I am really worried about charging for the Allport lane, car par. If charges are put on it the knock on effect would be to effectively close the local shops there. Competition is bad enough from the Croft without added charges.

Please don't close our local community."

- "Please do not charge anyone to park at Moreton. Our local businesses are beginning to take up.

Do not scare people away with car parking charges, same as at our beaches.

You must realise what you are doing and discouraging all the good things that make a community and it's well being."

- I do not agree with the introduction of parking in Moreton
- "We disagree strongly with Wirral Council's proposal to install parking meters along North Parade and Meols Parade for the following reasons:

Firstly, and most importantly, there is absolutely no problem with parking on the front at any time, even during the summer months. Meters will simply mean that drivers will ignore them and park on the side roads creating problems for residents and motorists alike. There are no car parks so there is no 'displacement to on street parking' as the Council suggests.

Secondly, the Council has already damaged local business potential in Hoylake by ruining what were golden sandy beaches attracting local families and visitors to enjoy the wonderful natural leisure facilities they offered. Must the welcoming cafes, bars, restaurants and gift shops risk losing even more trade because customers refuse to visit an area where access to coastal parking is no longer freely available?

And finally, what arrangements would be put in place for residents with very little parking space on their properties or for essential daily visitors such as Carers, cleaners, workmen and window cleaners?

It seems to us to be purely a money making scheme by the Council with a consequential negative impact on residents and visitors to Hoylake and Meols alike."

- Hi, just like to say I strongly disagree with the introduction of parking charges for Moreton. As you know street parking will get out of control and then there will be parking permits, local shops will suffer. It's bad enough with 20mph speed limit, as it causes more pollution as one has to drop down a gear more revs more pollution in town.
- "I have received an anonymous note inviting comments on your proposed changes to parking between Kings Gap and Bennetts Lane. As a resident of Meols Parade this affects me directly.

1. Why did I have to learn of this anonymously? As an interested party I should have been told directly, and sooner.

2. Similar proposals have been rejected twice to my knowledge. They were rejected on the grounds, we were told, that charges would have been illegal unless needed for congestion control. The proposed charges will increase congestion in approach roads, while it is very rarely a problem on the seafront.

3. Whose road is it anyway? Has there been any demand from residents along the road?
4. Besides causing congestion the proposed changes would cause people to park on the grassy areas where Dovepoint Road meets the seafront. Enlightened and (money-saving) policy has limited grass cutting on these important sites and they would be disturbed by more parking on them.
5. It would be all too easy to suggest that a power-hungry band of councillors are trying to make up for expensive failed grandiose schemes by grasping every penny from common people who enjoy spare time at their local amenities rather than jetting off to foreign resorts.

I have never heard reasonable justification for this outrageous proposal, but numerous objections, and suggest that the Council waste no more time resurrecting dead ducks."

- Parking charges have severely damaged Birkenhead Town Centre with the loss of many good shops and introducing parking charges in other areas will have a similar effect.
- "Why has everywhere got to have parking fees, parks, hospitals, shopping centres. Times are hard for many people so why put more pressure on them.

Leave the Bromborough park alone like Cheshire Oaks, so as to attract more shoppers."

- "I have been in business in Wirral for 47 years and have witnessed the advent of retail parks , sanctioned by the Council, drawing trade away from the High Street.

Surely it's only common sense to try and protect small businesses, which are the life blood of the British economy!

For the sake of £1.20 people will bypass Bromborough village and go to a retail park for free !

This situation applies to other shopping centers in Wirral, so please don't kill off what's left of our small business owners and give them a chance to thrive again, pay their way and contribute to the economy. Their financial contributions will far outweigh the proposed parking charges in the long run !"

- "I am writing to object to your suggestion of charging people to park when shopping in their local shops. It is bad enough that we have lost a lot of local trade and it is important that people, certainly the elderly, can do their shopping locally.

Hoping for a favourable outcome to the request of Bromborough residents."

- "My husband and I are members of the 3Ls in Bebington. The classes provide just what it says on the tin – laughter, learning and leisure for the (mainly) over 50's. These classes contribute to the mental and physical (classes in everything from history, foreign

language to yoga and dance) well-being of my age-group- maintaining our good health ultimately saves the state money.

I appreciate that some members will be able to afford the charges, however, it is also true that through these charges;

“We risk losing members because the cost of parking on top of course fees make them unaffordable, and our numbers may decline to such an extent that the charity is no longer viable.

We risk losing volunteers because they are discouraged by the costs of volunteering for 3LS.

We risk losing tutors or increased fees to compensate them for increased cost. 3LS may be a charity, but we operate in a marketplace and good talent has a market price.”

While I am mainly writing because I see this as a threat to an excellent organisation, keeping parking free at that site also supports the library, which is another excellent organisation under threat.

I did try and fill in the “Have your say” survey but was unable to. I can usually find my way around computers so if I had problems, what about all the others who are without access?”

- "Good Afternoon, I am a resident of Bromborough and wish to strongly register my objection to the proposed Car Park Charges for the Main Car Park in Bromborough.

This will have a totally detrimental effect on Local Businesses and hasten the demise of another High Street."

- Please reconsider parking charges in both EastHam and Bromborough they are both busy villages and I fear that shopping will be lost to the retail parks where there are no charges
- "To say that the parking charges are "" designed to encourage a regular turnover of car parking spaces so that a shops etc can get a variety of customers "" is absolutely ridiculous - eg - to go to the doctors , cross over to Boots chemist for prescription , browse the charity shops and meet a friends for lunch - Doctors appts are notoriously running late - all this could cost 4 hours parking

How can all the shops let alone official businesses - Dr ,dentist , optician , chemist possibly "" benefit "" from these parking charges ????

You will be discouraging the people of wider the bebington , spital community etc from visiting Bebington village - as a nation we are supposed to be encouraging children and adults to read , take up hobbies , socialise etc etc to promote and improve both physical and mental health - your action will completely destroy

I urge the council to urgently reconsider this car parking charge at church road car park bebington"

- "I am a resident of Bromborough and have lived here for 40 years.

Over the years I have seen shops come and go

In the last years we have lost our community centre due to Wirral Councils mis management.

Now it wants to charge for parking in our village car park.

The consequences of this will mean that people will no longer shop locally and go to the Croft shopping centre which doesn't charge for parking.

Do you want Bromborough Village to become a no go area

In the past year it has much improved with shops and bars and restaurants and starting to become a vibrant community .

I think if you charge for parking this will all change and it will become a village of closed and boarded up shops.

Please stop this policy."

- Regarding the proposal to introduce car parking charges for Bromborough village I want to urge you to not do this. We have recently seen some real success stories for local businesses in Bromborough. Introducing charges will kill that stone dead. I live in Bromborough and regularly choose to shop in the village because it's free to park. If you charge I will go elsewhere and spend my hard earned money somewhere else with free parking. Successful businesses in Bromborough rely on footfall from motorists. Successful businesses contribute substantial levels of business rates and other taxes directly into the local economy. So think this through properly and it's a simple equation. Car parking charges will impact businesses in Bromborough. Stop this proposal NOW.

- "I am writing to ask you not to impose parking charges at the locations listed.

This is because I believe it will cause small businesses to have to close. This would also cause a drop in income for the council, when the said businesses are no longer there to pay rates/rents

Also, boarded up shops encourage vandalism. Much better to have a thriving high street, bustling with shoppers."

- Hi, we were reviewing the consultation and could not find an answer to a question we have. We use Derby Pool and Gunsite Car Parks every week for walking our dogs. We wanted to know if these car parks are part of the Wirral Country Park, and therefore we would be able to get an annual permit to enable us to continue parking here.
- "I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to introduce charges in car parks, which are currently free, for the following reasons:

(1) I am a pensioner & currently pay over £3600 every year in Council tax - so the introduction of additional costs for car parking is unfair to me if my council tax charges are NOT reduced to compensate for these additional costs - especially when we're all facing a cost of living crisis.

(2) My wife & I often park at the Eastham Mill Park Drive car park to access the Library with our grand children - this road is already a busy road and if car parking charges are introduced then more people will park their cars on the side of the main road to access the shops and this will make the congestion worse and increase the risk of accidents on this road.

(3) The same applies for the Bromborough car park where we park to access the super market and other local shops like the pharmacy - and in principle also for the other car parks on the Wirral.

(4) Introduction of car parking charges will probably result in Wirral residents driving longer to bigger retail parks housing supermarkets and other shops which offer free parking and this could eventually result in local shops closing down because of a lack of customers and this would mean a loss of jobs and livelihoods.

(5) After these local shops close down, there would be no reason for residents to park in these local car parks and this would defeat the whole purpose of the Council trying to raise revenue via car parking charges.

As an alternative solution, I would like to propose that car parking charges be made to non-Wirral residents only - by using standard car number plate recognition systems used currently. This is similar in principle to the discounts given for Merseyside residents for the use of Birkenhead & Wallasey tunnels.

Another alternative solution could be to raise the projected revenues for car parking charges via a different route

e.g. by charging big business users more money for a service they get from Wirral Council

OR

Allocating a portion of the car tax paid every year by Wirral Residents - to the Wirral Council annual budget - instead of to the UK Government's annual budget.

In the worst case scenario, car parking charges could perhaps be applied for these car parks only at night when the local shops or libraries are not open.

In summary, I would request that careful consideration of alternative solutions be given to this proposal before jumping to this easy solution which could backfire in a year or two."

- "As a resident of Eastham I am extremely worried and very disappointed that you are considering car park charges at Bromborough Allport Road and Eastham Mill park drive locations. You already charge at the Eastham Ferry car park though it is little used as most people park on the road!! I am a volunteer gardener there and will NOT pay for parking!!!

Car parking charges in Eastham and Bromborough would devastate businesses. The area has a large elderly population who do not travel far. They do not shop in supermarkets such as Asda as they are too large for them to walk around even for basics of milk and bread!! If parking charges go ahead the smaller shops will eventually close leaving them nowhere to go. The council will have derelict empty buildings not bringing any rent in. Business rates are a big part of your income remember!!!

The drivers among us will park elsewhere doing their best not to pay charges. Local roads will be inundated with cars initially but then motorists will go elsewhere to make their purchases. You are 'shooting yourselves in the foot' by your proposals and will be financially worse off!!!

You need to carefully reconsider you actions as they will be devastating to this already sadly neglected area of Wirral. Your wastage of money is appalling. Legal fees!!! Consultants!!! Planning that goes dramatically wrong. 20mph areas!!! We are all paying for it. Why do some areas least able to absorb it seem to be penalised??

I strongly believe in community and we do have a great community around here. Please ask look after it not destroy it."

- "I have to protest about the short term thinking of this council in regard to car parking charges. I live in Bromborough & probably use Allport lane car park two or three times per week, probably for less than 15 minutes a time,. If I am to be charged £1.20 a time I won't be parking there & just head to the Croft & I'm sure I'm not the only one. This will surely have a negative impact on the village leading to shop closures & lost jobs, resulting on more reliance on benefits & less income for the council from business rates, I'm sure the same will apply to the othe towns & villages. As for our more ""touristy"" bits of Wirral, my wife & I are regular visitors to New Brighton & West Kirby, my wife has health problems & needs to exercise on flat ground. These two areas are pretty much perfect and we will often have coffes or lunch out, these charges will definitely make us cut back on this activity therby making less profit for the cafes & restaurants in the area, not forgetting less tourist traffic to the area.

I appreciate the council needs to keep the funds rolling in, but perhaps, it could stop wasting money on things like the 20mh limit (introduced with little to no public consultation) & bicycle lanes that no one uses. Perhaps it could look at ways to provide better value to the tax payer instead of taking the easy route & coming after the motorist all the time.

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Of course none of this takes into account the cost of all the parking meters that will be required."

- "I wish to protest strongly about the proposed parking charges.

They would kill villages such as Bromborough. If there was a charge for the car park and I just wanted some sausages from Muffs, I probably wouldn't bother. Small businesses would suffer and maybe close. What about the charity shops? If Bromborough became deserted, people would suffer and the council would not get the business rates.

I'm trying to understand what would happen in New Brighton. How many parking meters would be needed and how much would that cost? For health reasons (I have lung problems) we take short walks along the prom, calling in at The Floral for a coffee. The Floral would be affected.

I just think that it is a terrible idea and surely it must be possible to save money in other ways. "

- Having already submitted my personal objection to the proposed parking charges at various locations across the Borough, I am now lodging objection on behalf of Hoylake Sailing Club to scheme ref. TO/24/41 in particular. The introduction of parking charges, with varying levels of charges to apply at all times, will directly affect members and guests who travel to the Club by car. The Clubhouse can be open and used by members for various purposes on any evening of the week and from late afternoon at weekends (for social evenings, functions, meetings, snooker, quiz nights, etc). Some members/staff may also visit the Club during the daytime on Club business. Whilst a few members may live within reasonable walking distance of the Club, many travel from further afield or simply wouldn't wish to walk during dark/cold/wet winter nights. We have an aging membership which means that many members, whilst not registered Blue Badge holders, may have reduced mobility and/or not wish to be walking far to/from the Club in the interests of personal safety, especially in the dark. The first effect of the introduction of these charges will be that members will park in neighbouring side streets, including Government Road and other nearby roads, albeit that this could still be difficult for those with mobility/safety concerns. These are already busy roads due to residential parking and this would undoubtedly cause upset to residents, resulting in ill-feeling and complaints that would otherwise not arise. Should parking in neighbouring side-streets prove troublesome, the next effect could be that members are deterred from visiting the Club at all. Some may visit less often, in particular thinking twice about nipping in for a quick drink due to the extra cost of such a visit. This in turn would impact on the Club's income over the bar and could ultimately lead to some people reviewing their membership altogether. As such, this could only have a negative impact on the Club with potential to be very damaging to the Club's future. It's also important to note that some members will leave their cars overnight due to alcohol consumption in the interests of drink-driving laws and this may be pre-planned or just come about on

the night. Depending on how charges beyond 8am are facilitated, this could be a difficult and/or costly option if cars haven't already been parked in nearby side streets to the even greater annoyance of residents. This could therefore encourage such people to drink less and drive home, once again affecting Club income. Or it might even lead to people being tempted to chance-it and drive home to avoid the inconvenience – not a good outcome at all. Away from the Clubhouse on North Parade, many members of the Club participate in sailing and other boating activity from Meols, generally departing from Dovepoint Slipway (at the junction of Meols Parade and Bennets Lane). Whilst I do not believe that the area immediately at the top of the slipway is included in this scheme, this area is likely to become busier as a result of it. As such, there is an increased chance that sailors will end up being pushed into parking in neighbouring residential areas to avoid charges. This would once again annoy and inconvenience residents and could also be particularly difficult if trailers are involved. All things considered, the introduction of parking charges could only be a bad thing for Hoylake Sailing Club and its members, and I would urge Wirral Council to see sense and re-consider these proposals rather than risk driving the area down and adding to the woes in people's lives, simply creating problems rather than solving any.

- As a lifelong resident of Meols, having previously lived on the promenade and now not far from it, I am very saddened by this proposal. I feel that the introduction of parking along the promenade will impact negatively on Meols/Hoylake as a place to live. Whilst I can, to some extent, understand the introduction of parking charges at remote, 'visitor' dominated destinations/car parks, I find the introduction of charges to what is first-and-foremost a residential area with no current parking issues whatsoever, completely unacceptable. This will not only impact on those residents living directly on the promenade and their visitors, but will have a knock-on effect on those residents living in side-streets where people will ultimately park, causing increased congestion and potential safety risks. The availability of these side-streets leads into question the amount of income likely to be generated from this scheme thus making the whole proposal flawed. As well as residents living directly on the promenade and nearby side-streets, this will also affect visitors to Hoylake Sailing Club (thus affecting the Club itself), Hoylake Community Centre, Marine Bowling Green, sailors from Dovepoint Slipway and parents dropping/collecting children to/from Great Meols Primary School who will only park closer to the school which the school do not want. I would urge a re-think on this and any other proposed parking charges which are likely to impact on residential areas and only cause problems where there aren't currently any.
- "Further examples are the proposed charges to car parks in Hoylake (Charles Road/Market Street) and Moreton (Garden Lane/Holt Avenue) in particular, being those most familiar to me, where I feel there are only two possible outcomes:-
 1. People will park in residential areas, leading to inconvenience/upset for those who live there.

2. People will not bother to stop and give passing trade to local businesses, thus having a negative or even catastrophic impact on these businesses.

Hoyle in particular is not a large/bustling shopping town and the introduction of such charges will only risk driving it down even further. I personally believe the most likely impact of introducing these charges will be empty car parks with the cost of parking machines and monitoring not recovered.

Furthermore, the proposed introduction of charges at Carr Lane Car Park, Hoyle seems to completely go against the encouragement of people to use public transport, in this case the train. The only possible outcome of these charges will be to encourage people to drive further in their cars, thus resulting in increased car emissions impacting on the environment. With no saving to be made from parking here, people will either drive further to other train stations where parking is free (eg Leasowe/Bidston) or, quite likely drive on to their ultimate destination and simply pay for parking there, with no incentive whatsoever not to do so! The inclusion of this car park seems to be a massive error and completely out of touch with the Climate Emergency policy of the Council.

I sincerely hope that the powers that be see sense on the above and other schemes and do not railroad these through despite widespread opposition, as a desperate financial measure unlikely to bring the desired income but guaranteed to reap misery on residents."

- "As the Treasurer for Bromborough Village Hall, I have been asked to write and convey our objections to the proposed introduction of car park fees on Allport Lane, Bromborough.

You may be unaware that the Hall was built and gifted to Bromborough over 100 years ago, on the basis that it was run by a committee of volunteers. This has been happening ever since with a Committee including the Rector of St Barnabas, Church Warden and local residents. None of us are paid for what we do.

In the last few years we have stepped up our efforts to raise money for the hall and are proud of the work we have achieved - new wooden flooring, painting interior & exterior, updating the meeting rooms and replacing window & stage curtains. As a result the hall is used now more than ever, and means that we are able to provide facilities which meet the needs of many local charity organisations to provide services to children and disabled adults. Part of the success is also down to the fact that there is free parking close by. We can not rely on the spaces directly outside the hall as these are owned by St Barnabas Church and will be closed if there is an event on, for example, a wedding or funeral.

Families/carer's that are attending a meeting at the hall need to be able to park and assist their person to the hall. It is not always possible for these people to walk or cycle as an alternative, and public transport is not a door to door service. With the added cost of paying for parking (1) to drop off and again (2) to pick up, is going to put people off

coming. As the numbers attending the events at the hall will suffer as a result, the organisation will not be able to afford to keep running and these charitable organisations will face closure as a result. Therefore residents of Bromborough will lose access to much needed services like Brownies, or Club House (disabled adults) to name a few. Given the current economic climate we are all facing, and the loss of the library and Civic Centre in Bromborough already, we can not afford to lose even more services. Parents/carers need these services and organisations.

In addition, we are also becoming a party venue regularly hosting anything from a child's party to a wedding reception. Again, all the attendees need parking and will be a factor people will take into account when booking. I know if I had a choice of venues, the cost of parking will be a large factor in my decision.

After volunteers have spent countless hours making vast improvements to the hall, we do not want to see this fall into decline and all our hard work go to waste. We know that there are a lot of other reasons for objecting to the car park fees, but our stance is purely from the Village Halls point of view.

Car parking fees = reduction of Charitable organizational services offered in Bromborough = a Community with less support when it is needed the most."

- "I hope you are opposed to the car parking charges on the Wirral. I live in Hoylake and am annoyed that the council want to charge at Hoylake station and along the prom. This will impact on the side roads, with residents who don't have off road parking and will not be able to park their cars in the vicinity to their homes. Paying for parking, on top of the train fare is ludicrous and beyond belief.

I also travel to Bebington and have joined a friendly group of people and we do various courses for which we pay each term. If the council propose to charge in Church Road, most of us would not be able to afford both the course and car park. This group have numerous volunteers each giving their free time and also this is a non profit company which would have to close if parking an issue.

I would ask you not to propose these charges as we pay enough council tax because we live by the sea which is another joke as the beach is becoming a swamp and is disgraceful. The longer they leave it, the worse it will get.

I hope my views will be heard. Thank you."

- "Whilst I can't begin to imagine what the imposition of the proposed £1.20 per hour car parking charge Wirral Borough Council is considering for Church Road, Bebington, will likely do to local businesses, I write to you as a member, participant, and volunteer of Wirral 3Ls.

A resident of Bebington since my marriage in 1977, when I lost my husband of 45 years in 2022 I was bereft and lonely, and I can honestly say that Wirral 3Ls has played a huge part in the renewal of my zest for life as a worthwhile member of society ever since. I'm

not alone, and I know that there are many others in a similar position who feel the same affection and gratitude for this wonderful registered charity, administered by only two dedicated paid officials, plus a host of willing volunteers, at minimal cost for its numerous daily courses and year round calendar of events.

Preparing to celebrate 30 years of service to the local and Peninsula wide community in 2025, Wirral 3Ls (Leisure, Laughter and Learning for the mainly over 50's) is surely an organisation any Council and Member of Parliament in the Country would be proud to champion and support. The fact that it also fills an iconic Grade II listed building every weekday with not only a substantial library, but also the throng of chatter, contemplation, shared learning and friendship in such a sociable environment under the tutelage of experienced and professional teachers, is invaluable."

- "If you haven't already done so, I urge you to look at the Wirral 3Ls website for yourself, and see the myriad of opportunities it offers. <http://www.wirral3ls.co.uk/>

Alternatively, I'm sure our energetic General Manager, would be happy to take your call and although my experience is much more limited, I'm happy to do so too.

Whilst I might be able to bear the cost of the proposed car parking charges on the three days a week I attend Bebington Civic Centre to participate in two courses (at a cost of £60 per one hour, and £80 per two hour course, for 10 sessions, per each of three terms a year, plus £15 annual membership fee) and my volunteer afternoon on a third visit, the extra expense will undoubtedly be a deterrent for many of the hundreds of others who attend every week, not to mention the course tutors and their extra hours. Without numbers, not only might the whole organisation become unviable and under threat, but a jewel of a thriving charitable organisation lost to future generations for years to come.

Please don't let this Civic Service in a much loved Civic Centre in the heart of Bebington become a victim of Council cuts, or the source of aggravation to nearby domestic streets as visitors in cars to local businesses, the historic St. Andrews Church, and Wirral 3Ls in particular, seek to find an alternative to expensive parking charges if they are unable to travel by any other method. Whilst I understand that the Council has many services to support, in terms of preventative therapies much applauded of late, I hope you'll appreciate that this charity is full of residents 'doing it for themselves' and deserving of your protection."

- "I am astonished that WBC should propose charging for parking in lower Bebington. It would destroy the local businesses and create a social and commercial wasteland with corresponding unemployment, vandalism, and even greater demands on council and health services. We have already seen recent business closures in the village centre and more are sure to follow as a result of this policy.

Local transport is abysmal and totally inadequate or impracticable for many business staff and their customers to use.

I object to any parking fees where they are likely to reduce the numbers of customers using local businesses, and thus their viability. These businesses provide essential services to local communities, many of whom don't have cars and find it difficult to use out of town shopping. Those with cars will shop out of town where there is free parking and the demise of the High Street will be further accelerated.

- The Council will be faced with empty premises and a fall in business rates.
- Local businesses will close with a negative affect impact on employment and wealth creation
- Those shoppers without cars will be further excluded from society.
- Only the large chain store retailers will benefit."

▪ "AFFECT ON WIRRAL 3LS

Local charity Wirral 3LS operates in Bebington Civic Centre and serves over 800 Wirral residents PER WEEK who attend daytime adult learning classes and social activities. For many this is their only social contact to support their mental and physical wellbeing.

The introduction of parking fees will severely impact the members, volunteers and tutors involved in providing this important service to the wider community of Wirral.

Wirral 3LS charity will almost certainly fail if their members have to pay £3.60 to park in addition to the weekly cost of their 2-hour class.

As a result the demise of this organisation will cost WBC £30,000 in lost rental income and there will be a reduction in services available to avoid social exclusion for older people."

- "I am a Wirral West resident and writing to you as a Trustees and member of Wirral 3LS. We are a self-funded charity that exists primarily to reduce the loneliness that affects so many of our older generation. As we grow older many lose self-confidence and end up isolated in our own homes. This is a situation that has worsened since the pandemic.

This is the essence of what 3LS is about. We provide our members with a set of tutor led classroom sessions encompassing a wide variety of subjects. Additionally, we run several out of class social activities ranging from dancing, coach trips, hiking and a successful choir. Our aim is to bring people together in a safe and enjoyable environment. And we are achieving that goal. In June this year our membership was 873. We ran 167 courses in the year with 2,269 learners.

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other practical option. Existential is an overused word these days, the proposed levying of a parking charge on Church Road carpark is an existential threat to the existence of our charity.

The proposed parking charge is £1.20 per hour. Therefore, as the majority of our courses are 2hrs in duration, our members will have to pay at least £3.60 in parking fees to the council for every class they attend. This will increase the cost of a course to our members by 45%."

- "The cost to volunteers and tutors will be even higher, because they spend many more hours in the building than the average member. Wirral 3LS relies on volunteers giving their time completely free. This enables us to keep fees to our members as low as possible. We couldn't survive without our volunteers.

We risk:

·losing members because the cost of parking on top of course fees make them unaffordable, and our numbers may decline to such an extent that the charity is no longer viable.

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If we are forced to close, Wirral will lose a brilliant resource that helps the older generation and Wirral Council will lose the £30,000 we pay for hiring office and classrooms space in Bebington Civic Centre.

Ideally, given we provide services Monday to Friday we would like to see the levy for Church Road not being introduced. However, if the proposal to levy charges is passed, would it be possible for our members, tutors and volunteers being exempt whilst attending the 3LS, enabling the charity to continue providing a cost-effective social service that improves the health and wellbeing of so many of our older population. "

- "We are business owners in Hoylake and we are writing to express our opposition to the proposed parking charges that are set to be implemented on the Wirral.

Businesses are still struggling to survive and introducing these charges would not only add unnecessary financial pressure but could potentially be the final blow for many.

We have been talking to our customers, many of whom work in Hoylake and live locally. Many feel the extra financial strain of paying parking charges will influence their decisions of where to go for lunch or shop. Most people are grappling with hard financial decisions and implementing parking charges will have a detrimental effect on both their leisure time and shopping.

These are exceptionally challenging times. Local businesses have been working tirelessly to recover from the impacts of the pandemic and ongoing economic difficulties.

It is deeply concerning that the Council seems willing to jeopardize the livelihoods of small businesses and deter shoppers from visiting our town centres, all in a bid to boost their own revenue. This move appears short-sighted and does not view the long term economy of our beautiful ""Leisure Peninsular"" as something to be sustained."

- "The introduction of parking charges would discourage people from visiting the area, opting instead for out-of- town shopping centres where parking is free. This would significantly reduce footfall, making it even more difficult for small businesses to survive. The long-term impact could be catastrophic, potentially resulting in the decline of our town centres and the loss of jobs, which is shocking and completely counterproductive to the Council's role in supporting the community.

We urge you to reconsider this decision and explore alternative ways to support local businesses and residents. We need initiatives that stimulate economic growth, not measures that hinder it.

Please listen to the voices of those who live and work in the Wirral as well as those who enjoy visiting our wonderful part of the world and take action that aligns with the needs of our community and economy.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. We really hope that the Council will rethink this approach and take steps to support, not hinder, our local economy."

- "Hello, can you tell me what your feelings are regarding proposed parking charges for the carpark in Bromborough, Allport Lane, and what if anything you propose to do.
I my opinion allowing this to happen is agreeing to destroy Bromborough shops. "
- "Clearly, there are several Merseyrail station car parks that the proposals will affect, and we'd welcome some direct engagement with you and the team before a decision is made.

Currently there are several key stations across the LCRCA some of which are in WMBC area. Some owned by Merseytravel, some by Network Rail Operated by MEL, some Merseytravel leased from WMBC and some WMBC (including Hoylake and 2 car parks at Green Lane).

Currently LCRCA/Merseytravel policy (as agreed by the Transport Committee which is made up of Cllrs from all Local Authorities in the City Region) is that all rail station car parks are free for rail users. This is to support more sustainable journey choices and enable park and ride rather than longer, more polluting end to end car journeys. We also have concerns about the potential for an increase in on street residential parking around our stations because of a charging scheme being introduced.

I'd like to meet to discuss how the plans consulted on, dovetail with LCRCA policy and the potential complications.

Would you have some time to meet to discuss in the next couple of weeks?"

- "Further to email a few weeks ago MEL have also tried to respond to the parking consultation underway re charging for car parking but had some difficulty as they can't respond through the Have your say system and therefore have written direct to Please see below a copy of their response. Is it possible to ensure this is considered as part of the consultation please? I am aware they missed the end of the consultation period."
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If the proposal to levy charges is passed, I would like to explore a mechanism whereby our members are exempt enabling our charity to continue providing a cost-effective social service that improves the health and wellbeing of so many of our older citizens. "

- "Sir, This is like a merry go round going back to 2021 when you had the same plans. My objections are also the same. Lower Bebington Village has no other parking other than Church Road Car Park. So people going to the doctors, which is only accessed from the car park will have to pay. People going to the library, which is only accessed from the car park, will have to pay. People going to St. Andrew's Church will have to pay. As for the shops well I am full of admiration for every shop owner in the village. They have battled on through COVID, some are still there since the Council closed the Town Hall and Social Services building. What a disaster that has been for the village. Then we lost our super market and the Council has done nothing to help.

We now have several new businesses in the village and charges in the car park will greatly affect them.

You only have to look at Grange Road and the loss of footfall. Why pay for parking when you can go to The Croft in Bromborough or the shops by the tunnel entrance. Both free and both busy all the time.

In the summer holidays we took our grandchildren to the cinema in Birkenhead. We were astonished that we had to pay for parking and even more astonished that there was only us and another family in there. Though not surprised as you can go to Bromborough or even Cheshire Oaks and park for free.

I believe charges in this car park and the other car parks will be a disaster for the shops and the villages as a whole.

As for the Green's naive prattle of why should people who don't have cars pay for free car parks... well that's just going down the road of Why should people who don't have children pay for schools, Why should young people pay for free prescriptions for old people etc. Let's face it that's not a road we want to go down.

What would help the council with their finances is stopping the waste of money that we see continually. We recently saw it in Bebington car park when an electrical substation was built with electric car plugs. This was then never used and within a year it was taken down, at what cost? I will always come back to the Cheshire Lines Buildings and the millions that cost to repair and rent, at what cost. Then the knocking down of Bebington Town Hall after new roof, windows and repainting, at what cost? The list goes on. Even

the 20 mile an hour signs, without any consultation, must have cost a great deal of money.

Sadly the Council has forgotten it is there to work for the people of Wirral, not to hinder them."

- Please email the full study that has been carried out regarding the devastating impact that parking charges will have upon local shops in Eastham and Bromborough if it were to be brought in.
- "Yesterday I received the LibDem Focus newsletter focusing on the current TRO parking charges consultation. You asked people to get in touch to share our thoughts about the issue as evidence to the council, so I will share mine. I have also completed the formal consultation survey online.

As a Bromborough resident, I wholeheartedly support the proposals to introduce parking charges. As you know, councils have been crippled by years of austerity, and the council should not use its limited funds to subsidise the privilege of driving - a way of travelling which damages our planet, clutter our neighbourhoods and which led to over 100 people being killed or seriously injured on Wirral Council roads in 2023. (Imagine if 100 people had been killed or seriously injured at a local factory - in one year! - and nobody batted an eyelid)

The proposed charges are extremely minimal, especially for the very short stays. There is no evidence that the introduction of parking charges is harmful to the local economy, despite this being a common fear of local retailers. To say ""people working in the local shops and businesses will be hit"" is false and unnecessarily emotive. On the contrary, there is evidence that people on public transport, walking and cycling spend more locally. Most people visiting bromborough high street or eastham shops live locally, and if car use is discouraged they are less likely to go to the croft (which is totally built around cars and a horrible place to be on foot/bike). To this extent you can expect that measures which make it less attractive to jump in the car would help the local high street.

The historic expectation that car parking should be free is misguided, outdated and retrograde. A small charge which makes people think twice about to travel seems imminently sensible, and to the benefit of the local high street and in line with Wirral Council's wider strategic goals.

My only reservation is that there didn't seem to be any hypothecation in the proposals. Ideally, any funds from the car parking should be reinvested in sustainable transport measures and promotions, to give good alternatives to the car."

- "As a member of the Bromborough Village Community Association (BVCA) I was amazed that this car parking issue has once again been thrown at us. We have worked hard over the last fifteen years to enhance the Bromborough Village area by providing twice yearly

planting in troughs and flower beds, provided Christmas lights and trees plus provided CCTV which has been used by the Police on a number of occasions. This has been provided by a very small group of residents and shop keepers by fundraising. We hold two Village Fairs a year and encourage local traders and craft stalls to attend if you start to charge for the car park this will seriously effect who would want to attend plus kill the footfall of people travelling to attend. We have had some help over the years from our local councillors but no were near enough to keep doing what we do. I am surprised that the council don't realise how much work small groups like ours do, especially when most of it was previously completed by the council.

How much revenue will charging for parking provide against the free work that we complete throughout the village. We have survived the loss of shops through COVID and the lost of 3 banks – luckily they have been taken over as micro-breweries – but this doesn't necessary help the local shops but can we survive the council. We as a group and as part of this community are very disappointed. "

- "Thank you for giving me the opportunity to voice my objections to the proposed car parking charges in Bromborough Village .

I am the owner of Bromborough Barber Shop and we have been in Bromborough since 2009 .I currently have 4 members of staff who all use the car park whilst at work .I would estimate that we have between 20/30 customers every day .Some use public transport and some live locally and are able to walk .However , since this proposal has become an issue , I have been taking the time to assess what percentage of our customers use the car park when visiting our shop and the village in general.From talking directly to customers I would say around 50% use the car park when coming to Bromborough Village .That would mean approximately 50 people per week that use the car park .This is obviously from my shop alone .

The reaction from these customers is a resounding

“NO “ to being made to park .

Some disabled customers have no choice but to park as close as possible but the majority of people have said that they probably won't come to village or they will park in the surrounding roads to avoid paying.

I have spoken to my staff who have also expressed concerns regarding the additional cost of just coming to work .If they have to pay , they have said that they will also park in the surrounding residential roads .

I cannot understand the short sighted proposal .The effect on Bromborough Village will be disastrous.We have lost our banks and various other businesses and we as business owners are trying our hardest to provide services and employment.

We are hugely affected by the Croft Retail park as it is anyway (which is a free parking retail park)and these charges will just push people towards there .

Surely there must be another way to raise money which will not directly affect people's livelihoods ?

owner of Bromborough Barber Shop Ltd."

- Eastham Councillors response to consultation about car park charges in Bromborough & Eastham 7th October 2024 (page 1) As Councillors for Eastham Ward we recognise that our community is well served by a wide range of local shops concentrated in the centre of Bromborough Village around Allport Lane and the parade of shops on Mill Park Drive, Eastham. We believe that the introduction of charges is likely to divert trade to areas where no charges are applied. We also consider that parking will also be diverted to nearby roads affecting the amenity of residents. Local shops in both Eastham and Bromborough have had to compete and survive in the context of the growth of the retail park that is reached from the A41 from Caldbeck Road. There are shops in Allport Road that are convenient and are easily reached from the substantial estates built out in the 1960s and 1970s. In the early 1970s Allport Lane was bypassed by a road designed to relieve congestion in 'the village' and serve Bromborough Civic Centre which provided a library and public halls until it closed. Bromborough has adapted and continues to adapt to survive. At the retail park Asda and Lidl offer a wide range of food and items that are also offered both in Bromborough Village and Eastham. Access to the retail park, from the New Chester Road, is not without problems at peak times when traffic queues can form on the A41 as customers seek access to a wide range of services. There are, though, queues of traffic building up on Spital Road as customers come south towards Bromborough. At peak times, especially in the run up to Christmas and Easter, there is a level of congestion that makes escape from the retail park both time consuming and frustrating.
- The congestion and degree of queuing within the car parks on the retail park has become an annual problem which has an environmental impact in terms of emissions. The result is that local people know when it is wiser to stay away from the retail park but do take the opportunity to fit shopping in after the morning 'school run', later on in the day or after picking up children from local schools. In recent years retailing has been permitted at B & M at Tebay Road and a Co-op close to Torr Drive. These two locations are readily accessed from New Chester Road and parking there is free. The introduction of parking charges in Bromborough is likely to divert local shoppers from there to these points. Bromborough has lost its Barclays, HSBC and Lloyd's banks. It retains a Post Office in the High Street and a Nationwide in Allport Lane. A number of vacant premises have been turned into premises serving food and alcohol, bringing new forms of custom into the village. The Co-op and Poundstretcher are the two key anchor retailers. The Co-op own their own car park close to Wirral's main car park which is free to its customers. Our attention has been drawn to the work of Wirral Sensory Services, a business that brings many people to the village to take part in testing programmes for commercial products and who have 18 full time and 8 part time staff. The proposed

traffic regulation order covers the main car park but not a smaller car park adjacent to that by the Co-op. There is thus a recipe for conflict.

- A range of niche shops bring customers into Bromborough to browse. Muffs offers a high quality specialist trade in meats having invested substantially in a former bank building. A number of café's have developed in recent years adding to the variety of facilities offered by the church and village hall. There is a small private car park in front of the Church again free to use. This also serves the meeting rooms in the former village school. There is a risk that parking will be displaced not only to here but also into the side roads such as the High Street, Bromborough Village Road and Howard Avenue. The site of Bromborough library and civic hall is now likely to be developed for housing for the elderly, subject to its sale and planning permission. When Bromborough library was closed it was recognised that Eastham would remain available to serve the wider community. The ways in which residents travel to the library from the Bromborough area have not been studied. There is a bus stop immediately outside but it is very likely that the car park provides a number of spaces for library users. No survey work has been undertaken but local groups are now aiming to make greater use of the facilities. The car park, at Eastham, does have periods of heavy use and there is competition for the spaces in front of the shops directly over the road from it. These include a pet shop, fishing tackle supplier, florist, hardware store, and a Tesco. In addition there is a café and three hot food take- aways. There are disabled bays in the main car park and two spaces close to Tesco for the disabled. There is a persistent problem of misuse of these bays.
- Whilst Mill Park Drive is a 20 MPH zone it remains difficult to cross. The access and exit from the main car park can be awkward as drivers wait for spaces to become vacant. There is a risk that some drivers will decide to park over the road from the shops and pay little or no attention to the waiting restrictions that are there for a purpose, thus reducing the amenities of residents. The nearest side road, Crosthwaite Avenue, already has to cope with short term parking which takes place alongside the traffic island which causes verge damage and hinders access for residents. There is a risk, too, of some drivers parking close to St David's church. The wider issue is the damage to trade in both these local shops should drivers decide to pass them by rather than pay the charges. Local people say that the charges will 'kill off' Bromborough. In the case of Eastham it is stated that charges will cause 'chaos' at that end of the estate. The value of these shops is in their very convenience to local people. We are always available to discuss any of the issues set out above, Thank you,
- "I want to register a complaint about the proposed introduction of charges at the car park on the corner of Manor road & Liscard village.

I am disabled and live on Manor road.

The charge would be unaffordable at £5 per day and £1 overnight.

That would mean paying over £2000 each year.

I am retired, due to ill health, unfortunately I paid into a private pension but that means we don't get any extra financial support.

I would be happy to pay an annual residents parking amount and hopefully that would mean the residents can park as close as possible. I believe it was mentioned an annual fee of £150.

I would happily agree to that charge

It does say blue badge holders are exempt, and I do have a blue badge.

However there are only two disabled bays:

Question: if I can only get a space in a non-disabled bay would it still be exempt ? "

- "I'm writing to you on behalf of the Allport Bromborough car park charge.

I think it's disgusting that this is being put in place, Bromborough village prides its self on being a home for lots of small local businesses. Applying this charge for the car park is going to put our local customers off, inevitably customers will move to other shops, or in my case another dance school where they don't have to pay to collect their child from a club?

I own a dance school who has recently moved in to Bromborough village a year ago, purely for the massive FREE car park and the lovely supportive local community that comes with it. I do not expect my paying customers to have an added cost when dropping their child off at dance. You may find people, like my parents, finding other places to park, for free, which will cause traffic and may become unsafe for children & other locals.

This really is not a supportive decision I feel our local council has thought through. You should be supporting local businesses, encouraging us take pride in how many small businesses there are, not putting us out and essentially jeopardising our future."

- I live in Eastham and regularly use the shop in Mill Park Drive to put a parking fee on the shops adjacent to is absolutely dangerous as there is road crossing and take your life in your hand to cross if like me you are slow on your feet .i spend £25 per week at mill park or Allport Lane I'm afraid that will go to Croft Estate Thanks
- "> I wish to complain about the proposed car park charges for Bromborough village - it's already very quiet due to the close proximity of the Croft Retail park and putting fees on car parking will result in even fewer visits leaving the village a 'ghost' town.
> Please can it be reconsidered and stopped."
- I am writing to you in response to the proposed car parking charges for the car park in Bromborough village. Our business has been an integral part of the village since 2008. We are a family run business and have worked hard, starting in a back bedroom with

little salary to get where we are today. On a daily basis, we have 100 to 150 members of the public who attend our premises to sample food and are paid £10 for their opinions. As well as visiting our premises, many will visit other businesses within the village, which therefore helps with local commerce. In total we have around 6000 panellists, around 90% of whom use the car park when they visit us. They would need to pay at least £2 each time they visit at the proposed charges of £1 per hour. This will clearly have a huge impact on our business as they will be a lot less likely to attend if there are parking charges to pay. Any charges within the car park would be a devastating blow that will certainly have an impact on our business overall. There is a very real possibility if these charges come into effect that we will in fact need relocate our business out of the village. There is also concern for those of our panellists that do continue to visit, just where they will park. We are located in a very residential area and I'm sure that any car parking charges will lead to people parking on the streets instead of the car park and have a hugely negative impact and cause issues for local residents and residential streets. We also have 18 full time and 8 part time staff members who use the car park and are very worried about having to pay to park for work, this is a very real concern for them and will obviously affect them financially too. The village of Bromborough has so many small independent businesses that provide a vital role for community and village life to the people of Bromborough. I'm sure that the car parking charges will have a detrimental effect on many of these, as well as ourselves and it saddens me deeply to think about the effect this will have on the village as a whole as customers are much more likely to go to other places where they can park for free, such as the Bromborough retail park. We have already lost our library and community centre in the last couple of years, I fear that it may be the end of village life as we know it, as well as many businesses if these parking charges come into place too.

- "The Council's proposal to introduce local car parking charges in my opinion is not acceptable for the following reasons.

Both the car parks that we use most in Eastham and Bromborough are primarily used to access the local businesses and services we use, ie the shops, Chemist and Dentist.

My wife is disabled and she relies on me driving her as she is not able too. Disabled spaces are limited so most of the time we have to park in the main car parks. My wife would be disadvantaged if we had to pay car parking charges as she cannot walk any distance unaided and walking to local shops and services is not an option.

We have lived in Eastham for over forty years. The local shops we have left would struggle if residents had to pay parking charges in my opinion.

Another problem would be people not using the car parks but choosing to park on local roads which are congested already.

I appreciate that Council funding is extremely tight after many years of cutbacks.

The proposed measure I believe would be discriminatory to the disabled and elderly and would adversely effect the remaining local businesses and services and I would urge the Council to reconsider the proposed charges."

- "I am writing to ask you to reconsider introducing parking charges at Bebington Civic Centre (Church Road) car park.
 1. The car park is essential to elderly and infirm patients visiting Bebington Civic Medical Centre who have no alternative parking facilities. This would represent a tax on medical care and deter those in need from seeking medical attention.
 2. The car park also serves Bebington Central Library and again a charge would deter use of this much needed community facility. [You have already closed Bromborough Library, forcing people from that area to travel to Bebington by car - there is no bus route linking the two places].
 3. Bebington Civic Centre is also home to the Wirral 3Is, a not-for-profit charity which provides daytime courses and social activities for the over-50s. Only last week the Mayor, Councillor Cherry Povall, visited the 3Is and commented how impressed she was with its success in providing activities and social interaction for hundreds of pensioners across the Borough. Unfortunately, the proposed parking charges will impact heavily on the volunteers whose work supports the charity and the pensioners who benefit from its services. This will certainly make it more difficult to recruit volunteers and deter (often lonely) pensioners from attending classes and social events. The proposed parking charges could undo twenty years of effort in creating the Wirral 3Is charity at a stroke!Please do not impose charges for parking at Bebington Civic Centre."

- "Tried (and failed) to find a generic email address to contact the parking department at the city council via the council website- so apologies if I have sent this to you in error- If I have, I'd be grateful if you could forward it on to the correct contact at the city council.

I am a regular user of WK concourse leisure centre and have to park in the adjacent car park as I live over 3 miles away. When I do a 1 hour class I have to pay £2 to park and when I do 2 x 1 hour classes back-to-back I have to pay £3 for 3 hours parking to allow for a short period before and after the classes and currently I am having to pay £8 per week for parking, which far exceeds the actual invigor8 fee of £295 per year.

I am aware that parking fees can be reclaimed at Europa, and there is no charge for parking at Leasowe, Guinea Gap or Bidston, so I feel it is unfair (?discriminatory?) that customers using West Kirby have to pay to use the car park when using the leisure centre facilities. Ideally I believe that the same conditions should apply for anyone using the concourse facilities as happens at Europa, with refunds of parking fees when using the leisure centre.

I am also aware there is a yearly pass available that allows drivers to park in Royden Park every day of the year for £100, and if an annual pass were available for parking at the

concourse even this would be preferable to spending around £400 a year at the concourse to allow me to use the leisure facilities.

I am very alarmed to hear that the parking charges are soon set to rise and that my £400 a year will soon rise to £480!

As it is a half mile walk to my nearest bus stop and would cost more for me to catch a bus (minimum £12 a week) to get to and from the Concourse, using public transport is not an option."

■ **Quoting South Parade, West Kirby: Consultation number: TO/24/42**

We are writing to lodge our objection to the proposals to impose parking charges in West Kirby. Our objection is based on the impact this will have on the already struggling businesses in the area. Each time we walk along Banks Road, another business has closed.

By making parking difficult it is going to deter visitors to the area

We would like to register our opposition to the proposed on-street parking charges on South Parade and would request the proposal be withdrawn.

1. There will be an increase in traffic movement as drivers drive around, up and down the perpendicular roads off South Parade looking for free spaces, and therefore increasing the pollution, traffic congestion and the risk of accidents.
2. There will be an increase in road rage incidents as drivers get more and more frustrated over parking spots.
3. There will be an impact to visitors
 - a. Reduced health benefits as people stop using the lake and beach as a place of beauty.
 - b. Elderly & disabled who are poor stop coming and sitting on the front because they just can't afford it.
4. There will be impacts on residents
 - a. For all those who live perpendicular to South Parade this is either turn into a prison, knowing that as soon as you drive away, especially if you work outside Wirral (for work say), you'll never be able to park again or,
 - b. When one returns and can't park having to park further into other streets within West Kirby, pushing the problem further into the town. My husband (Andrew) has Parkinson's and needs to park near the house.
5. There will be significant impact on businesses in West Kirby
 - a. The implications of pushing traffic into other roads will eventually become inconvenient for visitors to visit the town. Even more so as resident parking becomes the local's natural response to this poor idea. I do realise this is part of financial sub-text of the council i.e. making more money. It will have the effect of killing off an already struggling town's business. This is a very has a significant negative outcome.

We believe that the action of charging on-street parking on South Parade will result in these guaranteed outcomes.

We have been residents in West Kirby for 30 years with only the ability to park on-street up those side roads so we know what a serious problem this will present..

■ We would urge you to reconsider this change considering these given negative outcomes.

Thankyou for reading my letter,

May I ask that you consider putting a large multi-storey carpark in the town available at cheaper rates than those in the prime sites, eg the promenade.

Simultaneously, may we have priority parking permits for residents, eg as in York and London boroughs. These towns are crammed with cars, like West Kirby, but it would show consideration for residents.

As we all know, a tried and effective method of deterring people from using an amenity is to levy a charge for it.

For example The Mayor of London has brought in a charge for certain vehicles to use Central London. He has done this to deter the vehicle owners from driving into London.

Levying a charge on drivers parking on South Parade West Kirby will be just as effective.

Far from bringing thousands of pounds into the Council's coffers, the effect will be to deter drivers from parking on South Parade.

Instead they will either create even more congestion than exists at present in the adjacent streets including parking over residents' driveways, or they will stay at home and not come at all.

This of course will have an extremely negative effect on the businesses in the town. Any shops which go out of business as a result will of course no longer be paying any rates to the council.