

Appendix 2 – Statement of Community Involvement Schedule of Consultation Comments with Responses – February 2024

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001	07.11.23	Employee - Holmfirth	Email to Cllr	<p>I am emailing to register my disappointment towards the proposal to increase the parking charges in Kirklees.</p> <p>I currently work in the centre of Holmfirth and pay £4 per day to park here. Where I work is [redacted] with no parking due to it being very central, and paying to park at all is a disadvantage but I have no other option due to my start time it is almost impossible to park freely as all the spaces are always taken.</p> <p>In the current times with the cost of living, my wage just about covers my bills and expenses, however, increasing the parking by £2.50 per day will prove to be very costly to myself and others who work in the centre and those who choose to visit.</p> <p>I urge you to rethink the parking charges as Holmfirth specifically is a small village where parking is already sparse and people should not have to pay extortionate prices just to park in walking distance of their workplace.</p>	<p>Acknowledgement.</p> <p><u>Standard Response:</u> Thank you for your comments with regards to the Council's proposal to increase existing parking tariffs and the introduction of new charges. Cabinet will consider a report on the 14th November which recommends increasing charges by inflation retrospectively and to introduce consistent charging across the Borough. It is noted that Kirklees have not increased charges for approaching 14 years which is no longer sustainable.</p> <p>As part of the process a legal order will need to be published including of a statutory consultation. Your comments have been recorded and will be consider as part of the consultation.</p>
002	07.11.23	Town / Parish Council	Email to Cllr	<p>I am once again, (unsurprisingly) left incredibly disappointed by the lack of consultation and engagement with Town and Parish Councils. I refer</p>	<p>Standard response</p>

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				<p>you to the Charter, which is repeatedly, if not continually ignored: https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/delivering-services/pdf/parish-charter.pdf. The Charter doesn't allow for the process of Town Councils commenting on papers to be followed.</p> <p>I recognise that you have issues with finances, however there are different ways of going about things; talk to us. We are left to clean up the mess of your top down decision making.</p> <p>Engage with us. Don't dictate to us.</p>	
003	10.11.23	Meltham	Email to Cllr	<p>I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the decision to impose parking charges on car parks that are currently free and to increase charges in car parks that are currently chargeable.</p> <p>The proposal is ill-thought out and fails to recognise the negative and knock-on impacts on many areas of life (in my case - Meltham) for example - People on low incomes; people with access issues; street parking will increase; parking on pavements will increase; shoppers will be attracted to free parking in supermarkets instead of shopping local - negatively affecting local traders - car journeys will increase (what happened to your Climate Emergency declaration?)</p>	<p>Acknowledgement.</p> <p><u>Standard Response:</u></p> <p>Thank you for your comments with regards to the Council's proposal to increase existing parking tariffs and the introduction of new charges. Cabinet will consider a report on the 14th November which recommends increasing charges by inflation retrospectively and to introduce consistent charging across the Borough. It is noted that Kirklees have not increased charges for approaching 14 years which is no longer sustainable.</p> <p>As part of the process a legal order will need to be published including of a statutory consultation. Your comments have</p>

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004	08.11.23	Batley Resident	Email to Cllr	<p>Just looking through the local news, and I came across an article in YorkshireLive concerning parking in Kirklees.</p> <p>My question isn't about the raising of the prices, the council must make these decisions to hopefully avoid putting the council in a Section 114 notice. My interest is about blue badge holders like myself, as at times it is difficult enough to park in a disabled bay mainly due to inconsiderate drivers especially the fast food takeaway drivers. Will the charges also be for legitimate disabled persons with a blue badge?</p> <p>I must on a lighter note draw your attention to a part of the article concerning Batley Market Place, where are the 36 car parking spaces as the actual marketplace is locked? Never have I been able to understand why on earth a previous council took it upon itself to bollard the marketplace, especially when you are lucky if there are three stalls on a Friday.</p> <p>To be totally honest and you probably have reached the same conclusion, cars with simply park in Asda, Aldi or Tesco car parks to avoid paying a charge. The cost of installing equipment will no doubt run into many thousands of pounds (is it considered</p>	<p><u>Cllr response:</u></p> <p>Thank you for your email and sharing your views regards parking charges.</p> <p>I attach a copy of the report which will be discussed at the cabinet meeting on Tuesday 14th November.</p> <p>v7 FINAL Cabinet Report Parking Tariffs.pdf (kirklees.gov.uk)</p> <p>I am happy to feed your concerns in. However; if you wish to directly comment on the report you can speak to Yusra Hussain, Batley West councillor and portfolio holder for this area of work. I have copied her into this e-mail for information and comments.</p>

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				<p>essential?) and also have people getting their needs from one of the majors, and once again the local smaller shopkeeper losing out and having to close their business.</p> <p>I think you know my point of view of the whole scheme, which will be just another nail in the coffin for our local shopkeepers. The whole scheme is very badly thought through, and it looks like a knee-jerk reaction which will not work out as planned. And no doubt the only way to pay for parking will be via a smartphone, try telling the elderly people it's progress when they can't pay with money.</p> <p>Many thanks,</p>	
005	15.11.23	News channel	Email to Comms	<p>I'm [redacted] colleague at ITV Calendar</p> <p>Just getting in touch to ask for an updated statement since the outcome of yesterday's meeting. Also how long is the parking consultation period?</p> <p>One last thing - according to Leeds radio there's a protest calling to save two Kirklees care homes later. In anticipation of this event would you be able to provide a statement on the council's care home cuts?</p>	<p><u>Comms response:</u></p> <p>Before we implement any changes to our current parking offer, we will launch a statutory consultation which is due to go live before the end of November and last for three weeks. At the end of the consultation, all comments from our communities and businesses in response to the proposed changes will be considered. There are no proposed changes to our Blue Badge or disabled parking offer.</p> <p>Free, timed on-street spaces in our towns and villages will not be affected by the proposals, so there will still be free parking available for those wishing to visit our towns and villages.</p>

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007	24.01.24	Permit Holder	Email to Parking Team	Apologies, but the letter below isn't clear and I can't work out exactly what the charges will be changing/increasing to? Please can you let me know exactly what the price will be moving forward for an annual pass for Dews/Hudds Area 1 and 2 for two days a week on a monthly direct debit. Many Thanks for your help in advance 😊	
008	19.01.24	Permit holder	Email to Parking Team	Does this mean my direct debit will go up from 76.80 per month to £124.80 commencing in February? An increase of over £40. Have you seen the state of the business station car park and the council have the ordacity to make such a huge increase per month. I know that KMC are virtually bankrupt but once again it is the motorist who gets slammed. I await your response.	<u>Parking Team response:</u> The new prices come into force in February but only for new issues. Your current season ticket will remain at the same price until it expires.

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009	08.01.24	Permit Holder	Email to Parking Team	I have a parking permit for the enclosed area under civic 1 Monday to Friday so presume this is area 1 . I have a couple of comments in relation to the increases. Firstly I signed up from June for the permit for a year so I would presume the price rise for my permit will take place after June ? Secondly, I understood that there would be a direct debit option over a 12 month period as an option due to the price rise increase can you clarify this for me please?	<p><u>Parking Team response:</u> The new prices are likely to be implemented by June and we do allow all annual season ticket holders to pay by direct debit arrangement. When you made your renewal there will be a direct mandate form to fill however, we rely on our Finance service to guide us if it is over 10 (current arrangements) or 12 instalments.</p>																		
010	19.01.24	Permit holder	Email to Parking Team	Thank you for your email. Please could you also let me know the annual prices for Area 4 and for the Green permit.	<p><u>Parking Team response:</u> The Area 4 prices from February will be:</p> <p>Area 4 - Huddersfield</p> <p>Albion Street roof and Bus Station Multi-storey - (levels 1/2/3) - car parks.</p> <p>Number of days</p> <table> <tr> <td>6 or 7</td> <td>5</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </table> <p>Annual standard charge</p> <table> <tr> <td>£3,744.00</td> <td>£3,120.00</td> <td>£2,496.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£1,872.00</td> <td>£1,248.00</td> <td>£624.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Quarterly price with 15% discount</p> <table> <tr> <td>£795.60</td> <td>£663.00</td> <td>£530.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£397.80</td> <td>£265.20</td> <td>£132.60</td> </tr> </table>	6 or 7	5	4	3	2	1	£3,744.00	£3,120.00	£2,496.00	£1,872.00	£1,248.00	£624.00	£795.60	£663.00	£530.40	£397.80	£265.20	£132.60
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011	19.01.24	Permit Holder	Email to Parking Team	<p>Is this charge increasing as of next year for us?</p> <p>Can you confirm the bus station car park is going to get some attention, i meant to email last week, but it is an absolute disgrace.</p> <p>Lift regularly out of order, full of pot holes, filthy and druggies hanging around. Its actually a disgrace to be honest.</p>	<p><u>Parking Team response:</u></p> <p>The new charges will start for season tickets issued from 1/3/24. Your season ticket will continue at the current price until the expiry date.</p> <p>I will pass your comments regarding the bus station on to senior officers.</p>																
012	26.01.24	Customer Enquiry	Web enquiry	<p>Hi we are an NHS [redacted] in Holmfirth. with permits and parking restrictions being introduced, parking for workers in Holmfirth is a nightmare. The nurses use the car parks at £2.80 a day. We have heard that this is going to double. can we buy reduced cost permits for workers?</p>																	
013	14.11.23	Petition	Cabinet	<p>'Save Free Parking in Kirklees & Oppose Price Increases'.</p>	<p>Submitted, received and acknowledged at Cabinet 14.11.23</p>																

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				<p>1457 signatures. Supplementary petition received 12 February 2024, with 90 additional signatures. Feedback received regarding the proposal to increase parking tariffs / charges focussed on the cost of living, the, the potential impact on town centres.</p>	