

**Appendix 4 – Statement of Community Involvement – Summary of Consultation Responses to Free Car Parks
July 2024**

Response Received	Received via	Comment	Council Response								
3231 objecting to the proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emails to TRO inbox during statutory consultation period. • Objections delivered by Cllr Pinnock circa 500. • Individual letters 26. • Pro-forma objections 26. 	<p>3231 against the proposals to charge in existing free car parks. This equates to 99% of the overall response.</p> <p>Many respondents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expressed multiple concerns with the negative impact on small towns, local villages and businesses if car parking charges are introduced which are outlined below, • felt that the result and consequence of introducing car parking charges would be a decrease in footfall and potential loss of business, • raised concerns about increased congestion and problematic parking, • outlined their strong objection to the charges and lack of rationale in the proposals. <p>The three most common recurring themes in the objections were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Impacts to local villages & businesses which was mentioned by 57% of respondents, 2. Amount of charge, which was mentioned by 39% of respondents, 3. Potential loss of business which was mentioned by 32% of respondents. <p><u>Breakdown of Key Themes</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="763 1219 1352 1391"> <thead> <tr> <th>Theme</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Impacts to local villages & businesses</td> <td>1865</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amount of charge</td> <td>1265</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Potential loss of business</td> <td>1056</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Theme	Total	Impacts to local villages & businesses	1865	Amount of charge	1265	Potential loss of business	1056	
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		Difficulty in parking	838		
		Safety implications	474		
		Cost of living	428		
		Limited time required to park	320		
		Impacts on the elderly	308		
		Lack of rationale	297		
		Targeting residents	247		
		Income generation from the council	170		
		Public transport	121		
		Social isolation	90		
		School drop off/pick up	79		
		Happy with the current system	37		
		Huddersfield town centre	34		
		Residential permits	31		
		No cash machines	4		
15 responses objecting and supporting the proposals	Emails to TRO inbox during statutory consultation period.				
7 responses not relevant to the proposals	Emails to TRO inbox during statutory consultation period.	6 of these 7 responses were copy & paste responses in Cleckheaton where community members have clearly communicated their response to the car parking charges. In this instance, a copy & paste email sentence has not been finished and the response has been classed as 'not relevant'. Generic email response received – 'I wish to OBJECT to parking charges being introduced into Cleckheaton because'.			
5 responses in support of the proposals	Emails to TRO inbox during statutory consultation period.				
All Petitions		11 petitions have been submitted in relation to free car parks. Valid signatures total 15,170 respectfully. Please see the breakdown below.			

Petition		'80p per HOUR in all Cleckheaton car parks – let the Council have your views'. Lead petitioner: Cllr Pinnock Received: Signatures: 453	
Petition	No request was made as part of the petition submission to request a debate at Council.	'Say no to car park charges in Cleckheaton'. Lead petitioner: Cllr Kath Pinnock & Cllr Andrew Pinnock Received: 30/04/2024 Signatures: 5,251 signatures	
Petition	No request was made as part of the petition submission to request a debate at Council.	'Petition to stop the proposed parking charges for Netherton and Lockwood'. Lead petitioner: Cllr Safdar Received: 07/05/2024 Signatures: 208	
Petition	Presented at Council on 07/02/2024	'Mirfield opposes introduction of parking charges'. Lead petitioner: Cllr Bolt Received: 12/02/2024 Signatures: 169	
Petition	Presented at Council in November 2023	'Opposition to Parking charges increase in Mirfield'. Lead petitioner: Cllr Bolt Received: November 2023 Signatures: 220	
Petition	No request was made as part of the petition submission to request a debate at Council.	Petition against parking charges (Honley & Meltham) Lead petitioner: Cllr Greaves Received: 30/04/2024 Signatures: 6,191	
Petition	Submitted to Cabinet on 14/11/2023.	'Save Free Parking in Kirklees and Oppose Price Increases'. Lead petitioner: Cllr Gregg Received: 14/11/2023 Signatures: 1,214 (of which 1,190 were from Kirklees residents).	
Petition	Submitted to Cabinet on 14/11/2023.	'Stop Introduction of Parking Charges in Birstall'. Lead petitioner: Received: 14/11/2023 Signatures: 1,400 (of which 935 were from Kirklees residents).	

Petition		Oppose introduction of parking charges – largely New Mill/Holmfirth and Birstall area Lead petitioner: Multiple members of the public Received: 14/05/2024 Signatures: 27	
Petition		A collection of letter and emails objecting to introducing parking charges in carparks by members of the public. Lead petitioner: Multiple members of the public. Received: TBC Signatures: 14	
Petition		A collection of petition forms objecting to introducing parking charges in carparks by members of the public. Lead petitioner: Multiple members of the public Signees all appear to be from the Holmfirth / New Mill Area. Petition specifically mentions (28) Sands Car Park and (48) New Mill Car Park. Signatures: 23	
Petition	Not received within the statutory consultation period. Sharing for reference only. Please note that these numbers have not been included above.	Objection to car park charges in Birstall Lead Petitioner: School in Birstall Received: Signatures: 267	