

Appendix 3 – Consultation Responses

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| 1 | Objecting | This will have negative impact on the economy of the local businesses that are just starting to recover after the effect of the pandemic. The general public will start to use neighbouring towns in the evening taking much needed business away from Southampton |
| 2 | Objecting | Yet again, a Labour council continues to persecute drivers in this city and anyone unfortunate enough to drive here. This scheme was an unmitigated disaster when it was first introduced and continued to be a one until the scheme was cancelled by the Conservative council. Lo, Labour regain control and it's "let's see how much we can screw drivers for, again" Why don't you people think of ways to save money instead of reaming the tax payers of every last penny they own??? I, for one, am totally opposed to this scheme. |
| 3 | Objecting | Southampton starts moving then Labour decide to bring something out that will screw the driver, Labour constantly do this and I cant wait for the public to wake up and vote them back out again. Roll on May again. |
| 4 | Objecting | This is outrageous bringing back evening parking charges |
| 5 | Objecting | We need to encourage night time visits to Southampton in order to boost the local economy/help local businesses and local residents/visitors in these times of financial hardships |
| 6 | Objecting | Stopping the evening charges has not only board the evening economy in town but also made it safer. As a woman I feel vulnerable going into town on my own in public transport. It is so much safer in a car in a public car park. Bringing charges back in will deter women from using safer methods of transport to get. It well also affect the night time economy that has been slowly building back up again drive covid |
| 7 | Objecting | I balk at paying for car parking at any time and will simply avoid the city centre in the evening if these charges are reintroduced. I already use the bus whenever I can, especially if it's just myself travelling, but in other circumstances it is just too slow or inappropriate. It takes at least forty minutes to get to the city centre by bus, but only 10-15 minutes by car. Thanks to the lifting of charges my wife and I were able to exercise in the city centre; she went to a fitness class and I went running. It would be inconsiderate of us to sit in a bus for forty minutes after exercise for obvious reasons. Prior to the lifting of these charges I needed to drive into the city centre, drop her off, then drive home again. I will need to return to this if you reintroduce the charges as I refuse to pay twice for car parking, first through my taxes and again through a tax at the parking meter. Please do not do this. |
| 8 | Objecting | Do not reintroduce these charges. Free evening parking helps local economy to thrive. Typical backward step from labour council. Thought you were meant to be for the people? |
| 9 | Objecting | Its a hammer on the public who already suffering |

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| 10 | Objecting | Introducing these charges will deter people from visiting the city centre during the evening. This action will damage businesses by reducing footfall. Many people were encouraged to go out to local restaurants and entertainment because parking was free in the evening. It's a retrograde step. |
| 11 | Objecting | Totally the wrong time to reintroduce charging. Most of the night time economy is still recovering from Covid and with the cost of living crisis, everyone needs all the help they can get. Boost the economy, don't strangle it! |
| 12 | Objecting | Evening charges would make it extortionate for city centre residents like me who have no access to off-street parking. Introducing evening charges won't reduce parking demand from residents - because we literally have nowhere else to park - but the proposals would add significant (£500/year) extra financial burden in a cost of living crisis. If Southampton has a London-esque public transport system, having a car would be a choice. We don't have anything like that yet, so a car is an unfortunate necessity. I'd love to move to a bigger home with its own parking outside of the city centre, but I can't afford that. I strongly oppose any plan to bring in evening parking charges. At a bare minimum, residents should have a free exemption. |
| 13 | Commenting | Great that means the cars can still park on pavements and .me walk on the road well done |
| 14 | Objecting | It's bad for business, we can't keep having this yo going on charges, we need stability. |
| 15 | Objecting | If you want people to visit town in the evenings parking should be free |
| 16 | Supporting | This is the correct move, reversing the Conservative Council's unjustified decision with no evidence. 91% already objected at the last consultation! As Councillor Keogh stated, "there is currently no evidence to suggest that free evening parking charges have either directly resulted in growing the local economy or made parking more accessible." I couldn't agree with him more. Businesses have proven to benefit much more from walking, cycling and public transport improvements than anything related to parking. This will help to discourage driving in our city and help in making our streets safer and cleaner. |

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| 17 | Objecting | <p>1. This coincides with additional financial burden to individuals including increased fuel prices, which have the same effect on parking demand, if not more.</p> <p>2. As a recession looms, it is reasonable to expect that people should be given an incentive to support local business rather than penalised.</p> <p>3. There is no viable park and ride scheme as per some of the comparative cities referenced in the question.</p> <p>4. Parking in the city centre provides additional safety for vulnerable individuals in the least safe city in Hampshire</p> |
| 18 | Objecting | Keep the charges at zero to encourage people in to the city |
| 19 | Objecting | I frequently visit Southampton in the evening to attend theatres and music venues. Before 2020 I would almost always use the train to travel from my home in Winchester; however since the Covid Pandemic South Western Railway has removed the last train back (23:59) from the timetable except on Saturdays. This means I, like many others, are forced to drive and use city centre car parks. The introduction of these parking charges will further damage small music venues which are still struggling to recover from the pandemic. |
| 20 | Supporting | Parking charges at this level are unlikely to change anyone's behaviour, but will get some useful extra income for the council. I would actually favour higher charges, to encourage people to get the bus or walk or cycle in instead. |
| 21 | Objecting | I object to these proposals because this will punish workers, such as myself, who would go into town after work between the hours stated. This would also punish people and businesses at a time when the cost of living is increasing. Footfall for local businesses would decrease and hit them even harder at a time where people are cutting back already. This would also not make me want to take the bus because it's cheaper, it is only cheaper if you're in a car with one person. |
| 22 | Objecting | There is no need for evening parking charges, businesses are recovering after 2 years of no to little business and I'm actually enjoying going out past 6pm without having to worry about paying for parking. With the cost of living going up, money is getting tighter and you need to help the patrons and the businesses by not re-introducing evening parking charges. |
| 23 | Objecting | I've visited Southampton much more in the evenings just because I know the parking is free. |
| 24 | Objecting | Free parking encourages more people to visit high Street shops, retail services and food places. I avoid places that have parking charges. |

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| 25 | Objecting | <p>I never used to go to town after 6pm due to the parking costs.</p> <p>Now we go to town for meals out semi-regularly.</p> <p>However, if you introduce a £2 parking charge I will stop going. I'm not paying for parking on top of everything else!</p> |
| 26 | Objecting | <p>Quite simply, and especially given the ever-increasing costs of inconvenient, infrequent and rapidly diminishing public transport, if evening parking charges are imposed, I just won't visit Southampton in the evenings</p> |
| 27 | Objecting | <p>I use the car park to charge my electric car in the evening as I don't have a drive and can't charge at home. Reintroduction of charges will deter people like me from going electric</p> |
| 28 | Objecting | <p>I won't come into town in the evenings if parking charges start again, if you want to bring people in to the town to spend money do free parking</p> |
| 29 | Objecting | <p>I object to the reimposition of on street car parking charges between 6 and 8pm. Having free parking between these hours has made visiting the city centre a much more enjoyable experience and I am sure many restaurants, venues cinemas, galleries etc have benefitted. I think if the Council were to do more to encourage people to use the city centre in the early evening, especially during the summer, this would be a win-win for all involved.</p> |
| 30 | Objecting | <p>I feel it will be a deterrent to many particularly the elderly and disabled. At a time of high inflation, we need to encourage and support the night time economy.</p> |
| 31 | Objecting | <p>I believe free parking encourages customers into town to benefit various businesses. I feel the revenue created and increasing the volume of people in town can only be a good thing. To charge overnight is unfair and unnecessary. SCC collect enough money from inflated day rate parking charges.</p> |
| 32 | Supporting | <p>Need to raise funding somehow. Doesn't affect me in the city as I can walk or get the bus in during the evening.</p> |
| 33 | Supporting | <p>Thank you for ending this silly subsidy to motorists. If only you were allowed to use the money raised from parking to invest in public and active transport.</p> |
| 34 | Supporting | <p>I support the re-introduction of charges, the fact that they have been lifted has not impacted me one way or another about visiting the city centre when I needed to or wanted to. For example, if I am going to pay to see a theatre show that costs me £55 a ticket at the Mayflower, I can hardly be in a position to quibble about a £4 parking charge. I believe it was wrong to remove them in the first place, it has just caused confusion when it came in and it will cause confusion when/if it is removed.</p> |

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| 35 | Objecting | <p>These charges were drop last year (No one liked them then and they won't now ... It's just another cash cow) to help the city, not just from the pandemic but to help businesses in general. Bringing them back will harm the local economy as it is noticeable that traffic has dropped off with people going out less, I believe this is just another way to get money out of the motorist and nothing to do with the increase in traffic.</p> <p>This measure just shows how out of touch you, the council are with the needs of Southampton in general. Shame on the leader and her cohorts</p> |
| 36 | Objecting | I have never had any difficulty finding a space in the city centre after 6pm and reintroducing charges is a retrograde step. It is a terrible time to impose further costs o. Motorists |
| 37 | Objecting | Why don't you just admit its all about extra revenue !!!! |
| 38 | Objecting | Not necessary to change. Car parks are not full in evening. Makes Southampton an evening destination instead of surrounding cities. A small perk for locals to go and eat in the city. Our destination was outside the city until the evening tarring was lifted. |
| 39 | Objecting | I strongly object to this proposal. Car parks (on-street and off-street) should remain free in the evenings to support the local businesses. I have started coming into the city centre regularly, to go to restaurants, pubs and shops, since the parking charges were removed and will certainly stop doing so if charges are brought back. |
| 40 | Objecting | Conservative council abolished the charges to encourage uptake of businesses by consumers; Labour councillors now want to reverse it, presumably to help kill the uptake in business, just as they usually do - what parallel universe to the rest of us do they exist on? |
| 41 | Objecting | If it is not for raising revenue, then any additional income has to cover additional out of hours staff costs, will deter visitors to the city centre and essentially say that Southampton is closed for business in the evenings. Have you done a SWOT analysis, look at income versus loss, consulted the businesses etc.? |
| 42 | Objecting | This discourage people from coming into the city in the evening. A lot of businesses will suffer as people travel elsewhere. Southampton will just be empty shops and pubs and restaurants |
| 43 | Objecting | <p>The reason why I'm objecting is a business owner its tough enough trying to park in normal times to ply our trade.</p> <p>With evening call outs and the like all these extra cost are past on including SCC. On a personal level why would i support any business operating in the evening i.e. Resturants, pubs etc. when public transport does not cater for us during the day let alone in the evenings. Whilst the office and home are marginally outside SCC remit we work and use leisre facillties in Southampton all the time!</p> |
| 44 | Objecting | Evening parking would be really bad for motorists as they pay enough and with the currant fuel cost this would be an additional burden. Its time to stop hitting the motorist for additional costs and allow them to enjoy the different leisure features without having to watch the clock for parking. |

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| 45 | Objecting | I do not feel that now is the correct time to reintroduce charges. Business is still recovering from COVID and the lack of charges makes Southampton an attractive option for visitors. I have not seen evidence that parking is a problem in the hours proposed in terms of there always being spaces hence this feels more like a revenue grab than managing the availability of parking spaces. |
| 46 | Objecting | Parking in the city is a nightmare at the moment. By introducing the fees it will make me, and others, less likely to visit the city. |
| 47 | Objecting | Southampton restaurants and venues need more support for their and the city centre's future viability. For years we deliberately avoided going into Southampton in the evening, choosing places where there's no charge. During the "no charge " period we have enjoyed rediscovering Southampton venues but if this proposal is passed we shall limit our evening visits. As it is we rarely visit the city centre during the day preferring the satellite towns and villages for shopping. In fact with covid we have got out of the habit of shopping and going to the cinema or theatre. Country pubs offer good meals out. This is all despite living within the city. I strongly object to the proposal. You'll kill off what little trade there is likely to be in the coming months with an anticipated recession and cost of living crisis. |
| 48 | Objecting | Typical New council. What a feeble reason to consider increase. It's really Just an excuse to make more money and further damage town centre businesses when the cost of living is going through the roof and people will be staying away more in the near future. |
| 49 | Supporting | Free evening park is not required. The proposed charges are low and easily affordabile if you can own a car. The council needs to reintroduce them ASAP in order to encourage the use of public transport and active travel. |
| 50 | Supporting | These are fair prices especially compared to other areas. I have recently had to pay for 24 hours parking in Portsmouth (£12.70) and Bournemouth (£20) when going there for evening shows. |
| 51 | Objecting | I have no objection to the concept of evening parking charges. However, having different, discontinuous rules in the evening means that a visitor arriving during the daytime rules (say at 5pm) cannot buy a ticket valid to cover their stay after the evening rules commence, and consequently faces a parking fine despite having paid in good faith. I consequently OPPOSE the new proposals unless they are adapted to make it possible for a visitor to park in the afternoon and stay until the evening. If this is not done it will chill early evening trading in the city. |
| 52 | Objecting | Evening parking charges are a either disincentive to go into the city centre or a means of grabbing money from a captive audience. A bad thing indeed. Give the public a break. |
| 53 | Commenting | I think with the cost of living crisis, now is not a good time to introduce these charges as people are going to struggle to pay for parking on top of keeping the economy going. |
| 54 | Objecting | You are losing customer who wants to enjoy the city life, the country is already dry with money. By adding this you making people to stress and have to make people decide wether to sit at home and enjoy the city life. |

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| 55 | Objecting | Life is only just returning to some normality and everyone's finances are stretched..... there is plenty of evening parking at the moment, please don't re introduce fees. if you do put back the fees please make it clear on the meters what requires payment, it was very ambiguous before as to when the fees applied . |
| 56 | Objecting | No evidence provided that there is an actual problem to solve; no evidence given to show the effects on evening commerce/trading or air pollution; no evidence provided that there is a shortage of spaces in the evenings (personal observations would suggest not). No supporting weight thrown behind alternative transport - scooters shut off at 10pm; busses remain generally expensive and are less frequent on the evening. No supporting evidence to show whether the parking system is running at a loss currently and therefore requires the additional revenue. Without supporting evidence there is no problem to solve and therefore this becomes a revenue generating exercise for the council - which I dont necessarily object to as the Council acts for the good of the city but at least be honest about it if you're going to do it. |
| 57 | Objecting | Claims to manage are bogus. this is just another way of raising money. At least be honest enough to say the truth!!! |
| 58 | Commenting | At a time where energy bills have become extortionate & high petrol prices. Do you really think its a good time to add more misery. It'll become a ghost town. |
| 59 | Objecting | More people will visit if parking is free. This helps all business's such as restaurants, theatre, cinema |
| 60 | Objecting | Reduced/no evening parking charges help to increase the number of visitors to the city centre and the spend on the city's nightlife which is very much in need of support following Covid. Bringing back these charges at a time where every penny counts might prevent people from spending money in the city on leisure activities. |
| 61 | Supporting | It's ok to charge to 8pm. Be careful not to drive visitors away. The night economy is not yet back in its feet |
| 62 | Supporting | Free or reduced parking charges encourage motor vehicle use too heavily causing congestion and pollution which are already an issue in the city. People should be encouraged to use active and public transport methods over this. |
| 63 | Supporting | If you are having a night out in Southampton, you will be paying for tickets, food, drinks or whatever, so a few pounds extra to park is no big thing. And if the charges even slightly reduce the people driving into the centre of an evening, that would be good. Cities should be pedestrian friendly, and not over-welcoming to cars. |
| 64 | Objecting | Labour are wank |
| 65 | Objecting | I disagree with this as I have to care for a disabled relative who live in the city centre. I have to pop in most day on the way home from work for at least an hour. So this will cost me a lot. Finding parking places are never a problem? |
| 66 | Objecting | No to evening parking charges. |

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| 67 | Supporting | I support the removal of free parking in the evenings. I would rather the cost of this scheme went into better bus services and cycle lanes, and supported more environmentally sustainable travel into our congested city. |
| 68 | Objecting | First 30 minutes of on-street parking should be free to allow residents to pick up food, groceries, and parcels from local stores. Many of us rely on these facilities after work. Risking a ticket for a simple pickup is unfair. |
| 69 | Commenting | I think the charges should be higher. We're trying to improve the environment and the air quality in the city? Make it more expensive to drive in and park than it would be to get the bus. Plus encouraging people to drive in and park will add to drink drivers on the road. |
| 70 | Objecting | Evening parking charges decrease revenues in shops and restaurants and create more barriers for residents already suffering a cost of living crisis. I do not agree with reintroducing them. |
| 71 | Objecting | We need to encourage people into the city centre not discourage them with parking charges |
| 72 | Objecting | I think that the town is dying and that introducing parking charges of an evening will only mean less people coming in |
| 73 | Objecting | <p>Off street parking I completely agree with but the On-street parking is madness. You are proposing 50p for every half an hour with no limitation on the amount charged, which is my opinion is ludicrous.</p> <p>Charge 50p for the hour or dont charge at all. Also your argument for re-introducing is weak. You can not prove either way if it has impacted the economy or made parking more available, yet your re-introducing to control parking, It is slightly contradicting.</p> <p>Unfortunately this just feels like it is too increase cash flow and nothing more. Absolutely disgusted, especially as i voted for this administration and now fully regretting my decision.</p> <p>Next you will increase council tax and blame the Tories !!</p> |
| 74 | Objecting | Encouraged lots of people to the restaurants etc in the evenings. With the other costs rising it would make me think twice before coming into town in the evenings. You can go out to restaurants/pubs locally without having to pay to park so would out to go to them instead |
| 75 | Objecting | SCC is too short sighted. You should be encouraging visitors to come into town. SCC should be helping to support small restaurants/businesses. |
| 76 | Commenting | Need to park regularly -2x weekly - near Above bar Church for eg.youth activities - so appreciate free parking after 1800hrs. Paying £1 for 30 mins is outrageous! |
| 77 | Objecting | Would be a terrible backwards step. It would tip me towards not visiting the city centre in the evening and choosing somewhere else like Whitley |
| 78 | Objecting | We don't come into Southampton because of the parking charges. It helps all hospitality services if parking is free for the evening |

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| 79 | Objecting | I do not agree with the reintroduction of evening charges. We should be encouraging people into the city after 6pm. Buses are not the answer. Tried it once. Did not appreciate having to wait over 20 minutes in the cold and dark after visiting the Mayflower. |
| 80 | Supporting | Time to get parking users pay for what they use and hope to cut back on superfluous trips into the city |
| 81 | Objecting | Charges will stop people visiting in the evenings |
| 82 | Objecting | I thought the idea was to attract people into the city and not put them off, surely it must cost more to police it than revenue gained |
| 83 | Objecting | This proposal makes no sense, evening parking should either be free or a flat fee for the night so people can go for dinner in the city and drive, or potentially leave a car overnight if they choose to drink. |
| 84 | Objecting | Just as we are trying to get more people to visit the city in the evenings, you introduce charges to make them want to go elsewhere. We already have Winchester/Romsey/Portsmouth around us which are much more easily accessible due to things such as park and rides and we don't yet have anything setup. Maybe reconsider once a genuine P&R has been setup with access to both sides of the city |
| 85 | Objecting | Please don't bring back these charges as you are killing our city centre. As a woman being able to drive into the city and park is very important especially for personal safety and feel unfair to charge in the evening as adds to the cost of night out at a time when the cost of living is rising much faster than wages. The car parks are part full so will cost more to pay someone to patrol and issue tickets than the revenue. Don't be greedy as you may enough in the daytime from parking charges. |
| 86 | Objecting | I am objecting because, there will always be visitors regardless of the charges, however if the charges are permanently scrapped then there will be more visitors which will be better for the businesses and will be easier for people to park sensibly rather than trying to park in residential parts |
| 87 | Supporting | Please bring the charges back. The council can use that money for other important things instead of saving me £1 a month. Ridiculous it was even brought in end of the day. Where was the evidence. Invest in some reliable buses or build bike lanes that feel safe. Locals should be able to park though- that would make it fair. |
| 88 | Objecting | As a resident of Southampton I strongly believe that parking after 6pm should be free. This encourages residents to support theatres and restaurants as well as shopping. Charges do not support "levelling up." With all the increases in household expenditure expected in the foreseeable future the addition of evening parking costs will be an unwelcome expense for many. |
| 89 | Objecting | The cost of living will mean less people visiting the city centre in the evening. Parking charges will discourage visitors at a time when hospitality is in desperate need of business. |
| 90 | Objecting | Need to encourage people to go into the city centre in the evening. |

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| 91 | Objecting | We need to follow the great example of Winchester, Eastleigh Salisbury, Romsey, to name just a few who do not charge for parking in the evenings, it's all about taking more money from people who have had a rough couple of years, just another form of tax!! |
| 92 | Objecting | I don't drive into Southampton at all. so it doesn't effect me. But I do think it a bit money grabbing to charge for parking in the evening. It seems to me that you will charge money on anything that moves on wheels. |
| 93 | Objecting | <p>My elderly mum lives in the city centre, in the Old Town, and she does not have access to any free visitor parking. It has been a blessing to not have to pay evening parking charges to visit her throughout the week nights as I have not had to pay more than £1 at a time if I turn up between 5pm and 6pm. When the charges were in place previously I would end up paying an extra £2 each time, meaning if I visited 3 times in the week that was an extra £6 on top of the £3 I would already have to pay to park.</p> <p>I personally have not had trouble finding a parking space on my visits to my mum on the road that she lives on. Yes there are bound to times when there are events on, such as evening football, where it could be a slight challenge, but I'll actually avoid visiting the city centre altogether to avoid being caught up in traffic, rather than the worry of finding a parking space.</p> <p>Also, as a point to note, when the charges were in place before, and when I started driving, mum suggested looking at getting a city centre parking permit. I already had one for the road I lived in at the time (Bellevue Road), which was a very reasonable cost for a year, so it made sense to see if either I could use my permit on her road or apply for another one for her road. Needless to say, I was astounded by the cost of that permit and, whilst it was a struggle to have to fork out as much as I was by paying the meter each time, there was absolutely no way I was going to be able to afford that permit.</p> <p>I appreciate you want to try to gather extra revenue (because, let's be honest, that's the real reason you're looking at implementing the charges again), however, there needs to be some consideration for parts of the city centre that are heavily residential, such as parts of the Old Town.</p> <p>Lastly, during a time where people's pockets are extremely stretched during this cost of living crisis, if you want Southamptons night time economy to continue to thrive, stick to free evening parking as more people will be willing to keep coming into town as they find alternative free parking to the extortionate parking tariffs of West Quay.</p> |
| 94 | Objecting | I think it's disgusting that Southampton council are charging for parking after 6pm. I understand the need to charge after 8am, just for the provision and maintenance, but not after 6pm please. |
| 95 | Objecting | I don't think it would be a good idea to reintroduce parking charges, it will put people off coming into the city evening time, not a good thing for the city, hospitality or cinemas |
| 96 | Objecting | Will bring less people to the city and maybe make more people drunk driving home |

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| 97 | Objecting | The lifting of charges encouraged me to make more visits to the city centre in the evening. I am disappointed charges are coming back and will think twice before driving into town. |
| 98 | Supporting | There's very little excuse not to get public transport into the city centre even in the evenings and the council needs money to fund its clean air plan. Polluters should pay |
| 99 | Objecting | The charges enabled us to go into town on some evenings and encouraged us to spend locally. With the charges, we are now less likely to go into town. |
| 100 | Objecting | The evening economy is expensive enough without this additional cost. The traffic pollution at night must be 90% less than during the day. Policing of parking in the evening is not required if there is no charging. |
| 101 | Objecting | I will avoid the town centre in the evening if parking charges are reintroduced. I feel it will do more harm to the local economy! |
| 102 | Commenting | Would it not be better to just charge daytime rates in all car parks up to 8pm rather than 8pm in some and midnight in others. This would stop drivers at 8pm polluting the city waiting for on street parking to avoid off street parking charges which would apply for 4 more hours. My other concern about evening charges is that someone who parks at say 5:30 for an hour would they pay 1 hour for daytime and 1 hour for evening so paying for 2 hours but parking for 1 this could be avoided by extending daytime rates for 2 hours. |
| 103 | Objecting | the reintroduction or evening parking charges will discourage people from visiting the city centre and they will take their business elsewhere. you will see a drop in profits which will results in restaurants and bars closing - considering there are more being built you need them all to stay open. evening parking charges are not necessary |
| 104 | Objecting | I live in hamble and evening parking charges simply stop me visiting Southampton in the evening (for a haircut or dinner etc). Public transport isn't really an option that I'm prepared to consider so I'll simply go to winchester instead. |
| 105 | Objecting | 90% of shops are closed at 6pm that means shoppers left city centre. Restaurant workers who are on low pay will suffer. |
| 106 | Objecting | No evening parking changes |
| 107 | Commenting | I think the first half hour should be free and after that only £1 per hour |
| 108 | Objecting | If you want to discourage people from going into the city in the evening then reinstating the charges is the thing to do. It will certainly stop me from going in of an evening |
| 109 | Objecting | With the cost of living reintroducing a charge would be considered a bad move from the electorate. Removal of the charges also promotes and helps local business with extra custom from free evening parking. |
| 110 | Objecting | Why add to the cost of living crisis and deter the businesses at the heart of Southampton that are so reliant on footfall. Those same companies that are rate payer amd employers supporting the wider community. |

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| 111 | Commenting | Please consider those who hire premises for an evening for various group meetings. Groups such as AA for example do not want their participants to be put off by having to pay extra for parking. It will be OK as long as the Wardens use some common sense and don't go round penalising people whose tickets run out just before 8 o'clock because they've paid 50p at 25 past 7. |
| 112 | Objecting | Many businesses rely on late nights business. In current climate this will stop people visiting the businesses. This is just bad for Southampton businesses and hurting people who are want to use the services. |
| 113 | Objecting | Removing parking charges in the evening has been beneficial to the evening and night-time economy of the city. As the country faces a cost of living crisis, this appears to be really poor timing and may impede furthe growth and confidence in the restaurants, theatres and clubs of Southampton City centre, |
| 114 | Objecting | The current parking charges and times are adequate for public and business. Please keep it as it is currently. People on low income use this facility to do their shopping in city centres. |
| 115 | Commenting | The general principle should be to discourage the use of private transport. The 6-8pm charge is not really relevant but I would increase the 8pm onwards charge to £2 for the first hour and £5 thereafter. Any surplus should be used to improve night bus services. |
| 116 | Objecting | How ludicrous to start charging again let the businesses have a chance of surviving and allow Southampton to try to rebuild after the pandemic. It will put people off coming to into the town and using the restaurants and cinemas and late night shopping |
| 117 | Objecting | The free parking is the only reason I go into town at all, pricing locals out of going into the city centre does not benefit us in the least as we do not have enough tourism to sustain this, nor do we have a parking availability issue. This is absurd and absolutely should not be considered. |
| 118 | Objecting | I don't see how the proposals will bring in much additional revenue unless you propose on employing additional enforcement officers to patrol street level car parks without barriers. It will surely lead to a reduction in people visiting the town centre at night. The charges seem excessive and not proportional. A flat fee of £1 would be more reasonable. However much we all want people to use public transport. Increasing parking charges will not result in there being a proportional increase in bus journeys, unless you invest in public transport. If you have a group of four people, they will still use the car as the cost is excessive for the bus journey. With the cost of living increasing rapidly give us all a break, I dont want to be like Portsmouth, Bournemouth etc with their excessive charges as it is |
| 119 | Objecting | The proposals are yet another ideological attack on drivers led by an out of touch administration. There is no shortage of evening parking so there is no basis in that as a reason to bring back charges. Further if we are any example, the free parking does increase business in the city centre. In the past year our evening outings to the city have doubled. We will not be taking the bus, so if evening parking charges come back we will revert to our business going outside the city where we can drive and park without extra charges or hassle. Now, at the brink of a recession is when businesses need our support. What we don't need is the council adding to our cost of living! |

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| 120 | Objecting | The reduced parking is vital to the growth of the City Centre during this difficult time. The free parking encourages more people to come out... if as a worse case scenario charges were introduced, perhaps the money could be reduced to lower bus fares further instead?? |
| 121 | Objecting | . |
| 122 | Objecting | There is enough parking to allow people to park for free without taking up spaces, instead of charging people, get rid of companies like NCP and don't allow them to charge sky high prices as that car park is always empty because of the cost of parking there. |
| 123 | Objecting | Helps businesses in the city centre |
| 124 | Objecting | We only come into town because of the Evening free parking. For example we are coming Monday evening for the Hampshire Hares. If it wasn't free we wouldn't come, public transport is too costly when your paying for a family of 5. |
| 125 | Commenting | Consider the the introduction of an initial free 4hr ticketed period after 6pm (then a flat £2 until 8am) to allow businesses to continue to benefit from the incentive and still stop obstructive parking. |
| 126 | Objecting | Free parking is good for business and struggling families wanting to visit the city centre |
| 127 | Objecting | I support keeping parking free after 6pm to encourage the nighttime economy. With the cost of living as high as it is now, this discourage people from going in to town in the evening. |
| 128 | Objecting | Should be free as we are being squeezed with cost of living |
| 129 | Objecting | Can the council not see we are being squeezed from every possible angle. Prices are continuing to rise for every single amenity. Inflation and cost of living are soaring !!. Now this!!! |
| 130 | Objecting | That is totally wrong already there is parking problem on top u doing this after 6pm very bad not happy with it at all |
| 131 | Objecting | Absolutely diabolic. The prices to park during the day are ridiculous as they are and now you want to continue that. Another money making scheme for a greedy council, who don't prioritise important issues within city, but only look at ways to make money. |
| 132 | Objecting | Shocking proposal! A totally silly idea and counterproductive. Support local business! |
| 133 | Objecting | With the cost of living crisis, this will be another disadvantage to residents. Since parking charges were removed after 18:00, I have chosen to meet more friends in the city centre after work for restaurant meals. If charges are reintroduced I know I'll be less likely to enter the city centre and will be choosing locations with no additional parking costs. By increasing prices local businesses could suffer. |
| 134 | Objecting | It is difficult enough to get public to come to restaurants and eateries evening and now further charges will hamper people. My fear is once they charges start they will increase in line with usual day time charges |
| 135 | Objecting | With the cost of living crisis, many rely on free parking in evenings. This will be a further strain for the locals in Southampton |

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| 136 | Objecting | The free evening parking in the city centre has been a fantastic thing, and has not reduced the availability of parking spaces. It has been really helpful to be able to go into town and not have to worry about paying extra just to leave the car there. The reality is that public transport is less regular in the evening so more people will use their cars, and this free parking has been a great help |
| 137 | Objecting | Not everyone can use public transport especially in the evenings. The air quality is not affected by a PARKED car. The cost of policing on-street car parking cannot be met realistically (off-street maybe can). My personal safety as an elderly person is at risk on the streets walking to and from bus stops. I do not live by a bus stop. |
| 138 | Objecting | These charges are likely to stifle the night economy in Southampton City centre. I believe it will choke the trade for the night economy of Southampton City centre. |
| 139 | Objecting | City centre is never busy during evening and overnight hours. Parking is easily accessible with plenty of places to park. This wouldn't make any sense especially for anyone. I'm a person who prefers to go out during the evening because I like to park for free. Not all of us can afford to pay everytime we park especially during tough times like now. |
| 140 | Objecting | I am profoundly deaf so I can't hear to the speak and no one staffs there while if cause situation problem car parking in stuck. |
| 141 | Objecting | You money hungry leeches. What have you ever done with the money you've made over the years from parking?! Absolutely NOTHING!!! |
| 142 | Objecting | - I feel the free parking in the city helps local businesses as it encourages individuals to come out and enjoy what these businesses have to offer. With the rising cost of living I feel charging for parking in the evening hours will deter individuals from exploring the city thus causing problems for local businesses such as restaurants and bars. |
| 143 | Objecting | To Labour Council. Leave parking alone & try to reduce the charges rather than increasing. DON'T BE A NASTY PARTY. |
| 144 | Objecting | When evening charges were applied, we seen a reduction in business. This will have a massive effect especially when the cost of living is going up |
| 145 | Objecting | Totally unfair to charge after 6pm. |
| 146 | Objecting | will have affect on people visiting local places of worship as this will be added expense. People are struggling with costs at the moment last thing they want is added cost. Also will have a huge affect on local business as people shop evenings after work. |

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| 147 | Objecting | <p>This proposal is completely wrong and unhelpful at a time when businesses and local communities are already struggling. The council's reasoning for reintroducing parking charges does not stack up. Petrol prices have rocketed and less people are travelling around the city and traffic is already below pre-COVID levels. With more people now cycling and using alternative modes of transport.</p> <p>Businesses are already finding it difficult to bring in customers, but it is very easy for customers to order food and items online. The council should also not be hindering people wishing to visit local facilities in the evening, which brings back life to devastated communities after the pandemic.</p> <p>After 6pm the majority of these car parks are empty and by reintroducing parking charges, drivers are likely to park in residents' bays which will only create friction with local residents and add pressure to on street parking.</p> <p>The council has chosen a poor time to be reintroducing parking charges. Instead they should be removing more parking charges and look at positive ways to support communities and local businesses.</p> |
| 148 | Supporting | <p>Parking should never be free unless similar subsidies are offered to bus passengers, cycle and scooter users, and pedestrians. It can't be right that the users of the most polluting, space-wasting and congestion-causing transport mode are given subsidised parking when facilities for the other road users are so woeful.</p> |
| 149 | Supporting | <p>It will bring more income to council</p> |
| 150 | Objecting | <p>I belong to a string orchestra Northwood String Orchestra which meets in the Friends Meeting House in Ordnance Rd. We rehearse on a Monday evening from 7 30pm - 9 30 pm, so reintroducing parking charges in the evening would affect all of us. It basically increases the cost of our playing together, which is unfair. There isn't really a parking problem down that road, so there shouldn't be a need to introduce charges.</p> |
| 151 | Objecting | <p>As a resident of Southampton for 5+ years, I was incredibly happy at the dropped parking charges after 6pm. My partner and I, as well as all of our friends, have loved the initiative and have come to city centre a lot more than we used to previously. I can't understand why, during this unprecedented cost of living crisis, the Council would even consider scrapping it? Is it from an actual wish to help or is it simply that the administration wants to leave their mark and claim they've done something different than the previous one? £2 may not sound like a lot to you, but when petrol has gone up, when food prices and bills have shot up, a lot of people are more careful with their spending. As such, I know that personally I would drop my visits to the city centre from 4-5 to merely 1 for a food shop. I would urge you to reach out to your residents who are actually using the scheme and see what they think.</p> |
| 152 | Objecting | <p>For residents to visit and enjoy city centre in the evening, I'm against having evening parking charges.</p> |
| 153 | Objecting | <p>Not good idea</p> |

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| 154 | Objecting | It will discourage myself, my family and most likely others from visiting the town centre past 6pm. It will also encourage people to park in permit holder only areas that are available post 6pm. You should therefore consider the impact of reintroducing the evening charge. |
| 155 | Objecting | Residents parking spaces will be parked on by night time revellers and others to avoid using car park which will be charged for. This will then force residents who pay for parking Permits to look for places to park during the evenings after the return from work! |
| 156 | Objecting | Small businesses will be impacted. Usually I park my car for free in town. spend extra to buy dessert or other goods in the evening. You are suggesting £2 for whole evening. Please give 1 hour free charge in the evening. Compromise position. |
| 157 | Objecting | We need free evening parking to allow businesses to stay open for their customers. Free parking will bring more customers to these businesses |
| 158 | Objecting | You are asking people to pay to go out in the city. Prices have risen and evening parking should be free. We would rather go out of town than pay for parking. |
| 159 | Objecting | Free parking is absolutely fundamental to helping the economy and businesses recover from the pandemic, not to mention People having to tighten their belt with the cost of living crisis. That's my vote now sealed for the next election. You had one chance to do something positive for the people of Southampton and you failed. |
| 160 | Objecting | Everyone is struggling with the cost of living and Labour think this would be a good idea, what is wrong with people, I definitely will not be voting Labour again, shame on you!! |
| 161 | Objecting | It's handy for when shopping or using local restaurant. It's taken away would be deterred as no free parking. May result in out if town shopping. |
| 162 | Objecting | Cost of living has already gone up. This will tip people over the edge and will effect the restaurant and entertainment businesses a lot. |
| 163 | Objecting | As there is late night shopping in Southampton it seems very short-sighted to introduce parking charges, thereby discouraging people from coming into town after work adding expense to their trip.Folk visiting the theatre they get caught for a fee too. Park & Ride facilities would be a great help, if this is available until late but it seems Southampton is way behind Winchester or Salisbury in this respect. The ideal site for the east side of Southampton was near the Windhover roundabout but it has been used for building but there is a blank area near junction 7 of the M27, Bitterne/West End slip road & that would ease the traffic going into town. However, you need to remember there are many disabled people (me included) who need their own transport to get into the City Centre & shouldn't be penalised for this. |
| 164 | Supporting | Great idea - at a time when council tax has gone up below inflation and the government is cutting our grant, we could do with the extra income. Paying a few quid towards the space that car parking takes up seems fair, and it's unlikely to put anyone off who will contribute much. |

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| 165 | Objecting | The reasons for the amendments need clarification. I have had no problems finding evening parking spaces and the proposal does not provide any details in support of the statement that the pressures on parking have increased to an unsustainable level. |
| 166 | Objecting | Currently there are a wide range of shops, restaurants and cultural activities in Southampton city centre that bring a large financial benefit to the city. Being able to visit these in the evenings without having to pay parking charges encourages visitors. I fear by re-introducing these charges will discourage visitors to our city centre myself included. |
| 167 | Objecting | Destroying local business and ability of public to freely move around the city, elected officials simply abusing power and typically robbing the local of further funds needlessly. |
| 168 | Objecting | It takes 1hour to get to town for 2 mile journey on hill lane. Bus service hourly and only for few hours a day. No evening service. Almost essential to use car. In fact it s driving people away from town shopping. More business will be closing down. |
| 169 | Objecting | <p>I am not in favor of charging people in the evening to park.</p> <p>Since the evening parking has become free I have travelled earlier in the evening to the city centre and I have never had a problem to park and there has always been many spaces free.</p> <p>When the parking charges were in place in the evening I used to see many empty spaces but still have to pay to park which was frustrating</p> <p>Especially now with the rates of inflation having the free evening parking feels like a nice treat and reflects nicely on the council by allowing people, especially the minority who do not drink, to be encouraged to go into town earlier to have a meal and drink.</p> <p>Councils that do not offer free parking in the evenings do not do their image and reputation any favors as it looks like a money grabbing scheme, frustrates local residents due to not being a welcoming and friendly incentive.</p> |
| 170 | Objecting | Free parking in the evenings encourages people into the town ie for cinemas, restaurants, pubs, theatre, late night shopping. Southampton is not nearly as busy as it was with footfall plus pubs, restaurants and cinemas closing down. Why put another "nail in the coffin" of the retail and hospitality world? |
| 171 | Objecting | I have been using off-street parking near Ordnance Road since joining a leisure group nearby in 1991, (31 years), which I regularly attend. Most of that time I paid nothing to park on the street. The meetings start at 19:30 on Mondays, meaning that to arrive on time, would cost me an extra £1 on top of my subscription to the group. |
| 172 | Objecting | Charging for evenings will not encourage people to come into the city. |
| 173 | Objecting | <p>I support Suspension of Evening charges as they encourage people to eat out and that helps local businesses.</p> <p>I support suspension of overnight charges so that local residents can benefit from free overnight parking in these difficult economic times.</p> |

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| 174 | Commenting | I agree with the on-street charges but not the off-street charges, these should remain free. |
| 175 | Objecting | I am objecting because with the free parking ,it is bringing people in from other towns to see our city and to explore. It is also incentive for people who don't use public transport to use their own transport. |
| 176 | Objecting | I object to this on the grounds that it will have a detrimental effect on the night time economy of Southampton for normal people. It won't affect clubbers so much but will affect restaurants etc. I know the Labour group want to limit vehicles entering our city but the public transport network isn't up to it - I would rather dine outside of the city. The council don't need to money as they were left a £10M surplus by the last administration. With a recession looming I would have thought you want to encourage people into the city centre, otherwise places will close and the city centre will die. |
| 177 | Objecting | Parking charges in Southampton are already some of the highest in the area. The free parking in the evening has enabled people to visit the city for the theatre and restaurants without the worry of additional costs and/or a parking ticket. Re-introducing the evening parking charge will not encourage people to cycle or take public transport. All that it will achieve is that those with cars will seek alternative locations with free parking and avoid the city altogether. The bus service is laughable in the evenings particularly for some of the outer reaches of the city. The last train for those on the East side of the city leaves Southampton Central early enough so that visiting a theatre and having a drink afterwards is not an option. |
| 178 | Objecting | Parking after 6pm should be free. After the last 2 years it would be helpful to so many businesses. I personally won't travel on public transport in the evening due to safety concerns and charges for parking makes it less likely that I would travel to the city centre |
| 179 | Supporting | I honestly have no issues with this, can't say I personally used the free parking anyway. Anytime I did stay in town past 6 I stayed in west quay anyway. |
| 180 | Objecting | Having visited the mayflower theatre several times recently another cost (parking) would certainly deter visits into the city |
| 181 | Objecting | Having to pay for parking in the evening will definitely affect my decision to eat in Southampton city centre and support the restaurants. You should be supporting local businesses especially after the huge loss to profits due to covid. |
| 182 | Objecting | With the lack of public transport this will mean that people will not be visiting the centre which will have a detrimental effect on the economy. |
| 183 | Objecting | We don't have any buses around our way in the evening so we have to drive. Having to pay for parking can make a cheap evening out expensive. |
| 184 | Objecting | Free evening parking has increased support of local businesses encouraging people to go into the city centre. To reintroduce these at a time where the cost of living within the UK is causing everyone to consider every penny they spend could result in a lack of people coming into the city. I completely disagree with this proposal. |

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| 185 | Objecting | I use small local businesses for a short time, for example collecting takeaway/click and collect orders or for a quick meal in the evenings and reintroducing these prices would impact how often I do this which would stop me spending money in town and ultimately lose people their jobs so it's going to cost the government more than it makes you. |
| 186 | Objecting | Just why? You cannot force people to go on the bus for an evening out, for a meal, to the theatre, to the movies. These are all things that bring in income. I cycle but think blasted Labour its all about grubbing as much money as possible from the residents. Lets encourage people to the city not discourage! |
| 187 | Objecting | If parking chargers are reintroduced I'll simply revert to other areas, such as whiteley (which has the same, or less, journey time, than SO19 to central Southampton). |
| 188 | Supporting | It is an unfortunate necessity to charge for evening parking as the stream of income is needed for the Council. It would dissuade car trips in the evening & make people consider using the bus , cycling & scooters to get around instead. |
| 189 | Objecting | We are all going through hard times right now so introducing more charges is not helping |
| 190 | Objecting | It would put me off going to Southampton if I have to pay for parking in the early evenings. Public transport is rubbish where I live so need to take the car, already have to pay toll bridge charges as well which is another tax/ additional costs for residents on the east side of the city. I would rather go elsewhere where there is no parking charges in the evening for meals, cinema, etc. Maybe need to check if the parking increase is from residents living in town or visitors. Also far too many cars are parking on pavements and yellow lines which is a major concern that the council need to crack down on. |
| 191 | Objecting | In and around the theatre especially it is helpful to have free parking as there are so many businesses relying on the evening only income. The struggle getting into the city centre for the motorway users from surrounding areas is real and helped by being able to leave the car quickly to dash to the event you are likely running late for. The stress of parking can very quickly put people off from return visits to the city along with rail prices/troubles/strikes... ferrying the same.... Cars are remaining customers most stable method of travel. |
| 192 | Objecting | I think the free car parking in the evening has been so advantageous for the city. It encourages people in for all sorts of events which helps with the finances of shop. clubs etc |
| 193 | Objecting | Will drive business away if charging. Theatre/cinema/meal etc in particular |
| 194 | Objecting | The free parking has made me want to go out again. With petrol so expensive this really helps so please keep it |
| 195 | Objecting | Keeping parking free is still encouraging people to come into the city in the evening, whilst the about proposed is minimal it's still a distraction and 'something else' to consider when making plans |
| 196 | Commenting | Reducing parking charges will encourage people like myself to venture into town to eat, drink or seek entertainment. Otherwise, I'll stay local and enjoy free parking |

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| 197 | Objecting | Totally unnecessary and this will only do damage to Southamptons commerce and businesses which are struggling. |
| 198 | Objecting | A lot of hospitality business are still suffering from the impact of covid. Providing free parking in the evening encourages visitors to these establishments. As someone who has moved out of town the last bus is at 7pm, so if I want to visit a restaurant in Southampton I am unable to rely on public transport and must drive. Having to pay for parking on top of petrol costs would make me less likely to visit. |
| 199 | Objecting | Businesses are already suffering from people using bugger chains with free parking out of the city centre. Look around all the empty units in ocean village and Oxford street, the high street will be next. Free parking means people pick to visit the city. I don't think one group of people are overusing the bays, and have never had a problem getting a space. With covid this trial has not been running long enough to see the true impact on the high street as comparing to pre covid and during covid levels is not equal. Let help our local businesses and struggling local people!! |
| 200 | Objecting | Keep them free, cost of living gone up and the Council wants to take another junk of people's money? Pure greed now |
| 201 | Objecting | Parking should remain free in the evening |
| 202 | Objecting | Have used town car parks several times since parking charges in the evening have been removed. Particularly useful to access nightlife such as the Mayflower. Very simply if charges are reintroduced then I will go elsewhere out of Soutnampton where there is free parking in the evening. Maybe you should stop pandering to the minority and reopen services such as St Mary's leisure Centre that isn't fit for purpose rather than squeeze the life out of the city as you have done before. |
| 203 | Objecting | Not enough space to park as it is, as a resident my building is issued no permits in our street! So charging parking fees makes it difficult to just own a car in Southampton and doing so in the evening too is beyond a joke. |
| 204 | Objecting | Stupid idea but then it's a Labour council so not surprised. Of course free parking helps the eve economy. |
| 205 | Objecting | If you want to encourage people into the many bars and restaurants your investing in then let people enjoy without being restricted by time!! |
| 206 | Objecting | Free parking encourages visitors to the city centre |
| 207 | Objecting | Cost of living is bad enough. Why make it worse for people? |
| 208 | Objecting | Its expensive enough as it is to go out for restaurant or cinema. This is a good thing that we don't have to pay for parking. Please don't re-instate it! Labour are meant to be on the side of the people!! |
| 209 | Supporting | We need better infrastructure. The money needs to come from somewhere! |
| 210 | Objecting | Outrageous as parking is already expensive during the day. Why are we paying council tax? To have bad roads and pay for every inch of land we step on?...soon people will have enough |
| 211 | Objecting | These charges will stop people going into town and it will affect local businesses. |

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| 212 | Objecting | I object as I come into Southampton for a hair appointment and currently have to pay to 6pm. If this is introduced I would either have to come out to put more money in at 6pm with wet and half cut hair or stop coming into Southampton and find an alternative hairdresser which would be very inconvenient. It's a shame that you are considering this at this time |
| 213 | Objecting | The lack of parking charges means people are more likely to make use of the city's restaurants and activities. They've never been difficult to access as free car parks so I see no need to reintroduce the cost, it will control the use of them to some extent but that will be because people won't go into town, not because they'd seek alternative transport. Furthermore the cost of living is high so this seems like absolute ridiculous timing on your part to introduce another cost. |
| 214 | Objecting | Reinstating parking charges is a terrible idea, businesses especially small ones need all the help and support they can get, if you introduce charges this will put people off travelling into the city, it's not as if the public can rely on public transport in Southampton as an alternative! |
| 215 | Objecting | Yet again Labour penalising the driver The free evening parking has encouraged people to visit town more in the evening. Not sure how you even got back in! |
| 216 | Supporting | They are in line with the reduced charges made by bus companies in the evening so I approve of the suggested charges. While no charges encourages people into the city to park while they use the restaurants etc I don't think car users should get a free stay. We should be encouraging people onto mass transport and not drinking and driving, which this proposal may do. |
| 217 | Objecting | Charges are not popular amongst residents in the Bitterne Ward. |
| 218 | Objecting | It makes visiting the city a lot more accessible in the evening. Also, parking in Southampton is very expensive so it allows citizens to visit the city in a more cost effective manner |
| 219 | Commenting | I think charges should be higher to discourage car use. These are way too low. |
| 220 | Objecting | At a time when retail and restaurants are find it hard, why put additional financial barriers in place to reduce visits to the city centre. Its an additional tax on working people and impacts those that can least afford it. |
| 221 | Objecting | Inconsistent approach with different administrations. It will reduce the number of people coming into town which will impact on already struggling businesses |
| 222 | Objecting | As a car driver this feels like terrible timing. I am already struggling with the costs of running a car (and house for that matter) and am worried about the promise of continued massive inflation over the next year. |
| 223 | Objecting | Crazy decision when there is a cost of living crisis. It will stop me visiting Southampton. |
| 224 | Objecting | We are in a cost of living crisis. People are struggling to even put petrol in their vehicles, and you're here trying to charge for something else. Have a heart. |
| 225 | Objecting | It's better free. I actually go in to town now to pick up a takeaway. Won't if I have to pay for parking |

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| 226 | Objecting | I am objecting purely on the basis that a decision needs to be made and stuck to - please stop chopping and changing on this, we've had charges stop at 6pm, then 8pm, then 6pm again and now 8pm again. I appreciate there have been two changes of council majority recently but the city cannot function of each party simply undoes everything their predecessors did whilst in office. |
| 227 | Supporting | A sensible decision |
| 228 | Objecting | If you want people to go into town and not use online shopping evening parking should remain free. |
| 229 | Objecting | <p>The council surely make enough in charges throughout the day. Applying evening charges only discourages people from visiting local restaurants, cinema and theatre.</p> <p>With prices of household bills and goods going up due to inflation is it really a wise idea to reintroduce evening parking fees. Let the people of Southampton and those visiting have something to look forward to. Inflation, inflation, inflation. Everything going up! Absolutely 100% idiotic idea at this time or any other.</p> |
| 230 | Objecting | Parking should be free so that people are encouraged to go to the city centre for shopping and leisure |
| 231 | Objecting | The hospitality trade is already suffering and this will further deter people from coming into town in the evening, if charges are reintroduced I will move my business to Eastleigh, where parking is free. You just need to see the comments on Facebook to know that reintroducing charges is unpopular and I am disappointed that the council is wasting money on pointless consultations. I have expressed my opinion but doubt very much that it would make any difference to the decisions made. |
| 232 | Objecting | <p>I feel safer using my car at night.</p> <p>I do not feel safe on public transport sitting at bus stops near the parks.</p> <p>Everything has gone up so this saving helps</p> |
| 233 | Objecting | It would stop be going into town and therefore impact retailers and others that's rely on footfall |
| 234 | Objecting | As a volunteer using Southampton carparks this adds a lot of additional costs for an empty carpark |
| 235 | Objecting | I avoid utilising shops in town if I have to pay for parking, as I am local and live close to town, I don't come here to make a special trip, I often would need to pop in for the occasional thing. As much as I would prefer to support businesses, if it is a toss up between ordering online with free delivery or paying for parking, I would opt for online delivery. |

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| 236 | Objecting | <p>Charging for people to access city amenities at a time of huge additional costs for fuel, energy, cost of living is just unreasonable, the city is busy because people are using it — be glad of this and the revenue it produces.</p> <p>In addition many of us have relatives that live in areas of the city with metered parking - are you seriously suggesting that families should have to pay to park to visit relatives in an evening at a time when people need as much support as possible</p> <p>Proposal to revert to a previous labour policy for the sake of it seems mean spirited and short sighted</p> |
| 237 | Objecting | <p>The proposal smacks of greed, the simple desire to increase revenue in light of increased usage of evening parking facilities as the city returns to some form of normality. The re-introduction of charges are simply likely to deter users thereby reducing the income of already struggling local businesses. To say that various schemes will be introduced to public transport will not help those with accessibility issues, have you tried to manoeuvre a wheelchair into a wheelchair spot on a bus? The turning circle is so tight the wheelchair user risked having their legs broken!</p> <p>Perhaps a happier medium would be to have a blanket charge for evening parking if there must be a charge at all. A fixed price of £2 from 6pm till 7am? Rather than an hourly rate or such. Evening charges it is feared will however impact upon local business to their detriment.</p> |
| 238 | Objecting | <p>Lots of people , including me, work in the town centre in the evenings. These jobs are generally fairly low paid bar work and the cost of parking is a fairly substantial chunk of a few hours earnings.</p> |
| 239 | Commenting | <p>I think it should be a flat rate and not different rates for different times either £1 or £2</p> |
| 240 | Objecting | <p>Me and my girlfriend live just on the outskirts of Southampton now (Totton). We eat out 2/3 times a week as a family of 4, sometimes 8 in 2 cars, and enjoy the free parking. It brings us to the city as they have a larger selection of restaurants than the SO40 area around Toton and the New Forest. It would put me off using Southampton as much if I get charged to park when I have free parking at restaurants using the same amount of fuel driving the opposite direction so we are opposed to the new parking charges.</p> |
| 241 | Objecting | <p>The restaurants and entertainment business near the city centre need to have more customers and free parking after 6pm will attract more customers in the late afternoon. Anyway, the parking demand after 6pm is not high even it's free of charge. Please consider and even calculate how much business will be impacted if parking charge is imposed after 6pm.</p> |
| 242 | Objecting | <p>The council do very little for residents and spend a lot on tourist areas. How about for once put residents first and leave evening free parking be!</p> |

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| 243 | Objecting | <p>If your in Southampton for the day , visiting etc. You have already spent lots on parking. To come back to the city to eat or look at the architecture or archaeology you have to pay again. People will stop coming die to cost. Women who feel safer to drive won't so you loose more people. If you want to make money stop the night and weekend charges</p> <p>If you want to lose out to neighboring cities/towns carry on charging..</p> <p>Your basically discriminating against those without extra cash. Your losing out on families who may wait until later to take their children out</p> <p>You get good ratings when you challenge the norm as with no charges after 6. Your likely to get incredibly bad reviews regarding the city in the evening, Travel sites will tell people to go elsewhere..</p> <p>It's really a terrible idea..</p> |
| 244 | Objecting | <p>I pay an average of £100/month for parking in Southampton city center.</p> <p>I believe this is extortion!</p> |
| 245 | Objecting | <p>Businesses are trying to build again post covid, with rising energy and food costs affecting all business and customers, it's putting people off coming into town and having to pay to park. Help business rebuild and encourage customers by cutting the cost of parking. Every pound is counting for more and more people.</p> |
| 246 | Objecting | <p>The current "free" parking from 6pm has been perfect for visiting the Town in the evening, where most shows / concerts / gigs start between 7.15 & 8pm</p> |
| 247 | Objecting | <p>Since the pandemic I rarely now visit Southampton centre, although I live in SO15 My main leisure centre is London (cinema, plays, restaurants, cultural activities etc) and I use the train and not my car for these visits. The introduction of parking fees will I ensure that my visits to the centre of Southampton decline even further, In terms of quality cultural and leisre activities (including shopping) Southampton has little to offer me now.</p> |
| 248 | Objecting | <p>The current state of the economy means that businesses are suffering, any help that can be given to the night time economy which suffered exponentially during the covid crisis should be given. The removal of the parking charges last year under the Conservatives did much to aid the recovery of the city. The reintroduction of these charges will only take the city backwards.</p> <p>Typical Labour policy, never thinking of the bigger picture only undo what the Conservatives put in place. What edivance is there as labour say, that the charges will manage the parking spaces ?? Facts and figures please. The night time economy is a vital part of the city, it has helped it to bloom. These charges, if reintroduced will only cause it to wither and die like an unwatered flower</p> |
| 249 | Objecting | <p>Money making scheme as per usual, price's go up for everything and then you expect people to pay more out for parking when they are trying to enjoy themselves. Get a grip</p> |
| 250 | Objecting | <p>Evening parking being free has encouraged people into Southampton to spend much needed money in bars, restaurants and The Mayflower theatre. With the current cost of living crisis people need as much encouragement as possible to continue spending their money to help the businesses of Southampton. If parking charges ate reintroduced it will have a detrimental affect on businesses.</p> |

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| 251 | Objecting | The extant arrangements enable those that wish and or need to park in southampton in the evening the opportunity to do so with our fear or concern if charges are required or not and also not fall foul of being ticketed for an alleged breach. Furthermore current arrangements enables local business the benefit to attract customers and or trade and therefore regeneration of southampton city centre. Southampton City Councils proposals are largely based on income generation which should not be the prime mover, particularly when considering the hardship Southampton communities are facing with higher than ever before costs of living. Therefore in summary the proposal is not well conceived nor is it putting the residents of southampton first at an untenable time. Please find away forward to continue the current arrangements and therefore continue to permit non chargeable evening off and on road parking for the benefit of visitors, residents and local businesses. Thanks for your understanding in this objection it is appreciated. |
| 252 | Objecting | If you charge me to park in the city centre in the evenings, I will chose to go elsewhere! A decision based purely on saving money at a time when we are being pinched financially from all sides. Why would you think this is a good idea? A trip into town on any evening evening reveals there are plenty of spaces even if demand has gone up slightly, it still doesn't warrant a return to evening charges. |
| 253 | Objecting | Live in the centre of town and rely on a car for work and other things. I live just outside of the zone (SO15 1GG) so I do not qualify for a resident permit and my property does not have a car park so I rely on parking in pay and display zones. With the already hard times due to increased prices of almost everything this will contribute. I already have to pay most evenings up until 6pm and then all day Saturday and Sunday which adds up. With the proposal to resuming the charges in the evening i feel this will contribute further and will also drive others away from the area whether it be living, shopping or entertainment. You would also require to pay the wages of employees to check and enforce these parking charges which for such a short period in the evenings doesn't seem worth it, with the hassle and additional stress it will put on a lot of people. I strongly object to the proposal. |
| 254 | Objecting | Cheaper per half hour charges |
| 255 | Objecting | Charges should stay as they are, free after 6pm. All prices are going up and families are struggling. It is selfish of the council to want to reinstate these charges when what they should do is remove them all together |
| 256 | Objecting | There is no need to charge for parking in the evening. People pay enough in other charges, let us enjoy our evenings without added stress of whether we can afford parking. |
| 257 | Commenting | I think that a free 1st hour parking and then a evening charge would be a better charging model. |
| 258 | Objecting | It will drive visitors and myself away from using town once again. Plus on opening your proposal map it doesn't show any road names and is totally unclear of where the parking is. |

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| 259 | Objecting | <p>I think it is an absolute outrage to charge people after 6 pm. Obviously you are wanting more money from the nighttime economy, so just another money making venture.</p> <p>To be honest you and the previous council needn't have wasted so much money making the cycle lanes that nobody uses.</p> <p>Sainsburys car park in Bitterne - people are still nearly getting knocked over on the 'cycle' 'pedestrian' walkway - cars ignore the signs.</p> <p>Spend the money wisely and you won't have to rip people off. It has certainly put me off from going into Southampton of an evening!</p> |
| 260 | Objecting | <p>People will be heavily discouraged not to come into town if they are paying evening parking. It makes no sense to do this</p> |
| 261 | Objecting | <p>Most shopping is done on line and the only time families go out is in the evening for meals and with present situation on gas and electric prices STOP burdening families</p> <p>Most cities in England has free parking in the evening why not Southampton</p> |
| 262 | Commenting | <p>Charging a nominal £2 for the whole evening is reasonable. I'd like to see any profits invested in active travel including secure cycle parking.</p> |
| 263 | Objecting | <p>Fuel Chares Bridge Charges</p> <p>If you reintroduce Parking Charges as well I would consider other options before Southampton City center.</p> |
| 264 | Objecting | <p>Removing parking charges in the evening was a positive thing to local businesses, communities and families. Reintroducing them is likely to have a detrimental effect and can only be considered a cash grab by SCC at this time.</p> |
| 265 | Objecting | <p>You should be looking at measures to reduce and remove parking charges, not increase.</p> <p>Eg. Some disability bays could easily become time specific rather than 24/7.</p> <p>You are having a negative impact on businesses.</p> |
| 266 | Objecting | <p>There are designated parking areas for residents. Charging to park will only reduce the desire for people to go out and spend.</p> <p>Especially inflation rate is not showing any slowing.</p> |
| 267 | Objecting | <p>Cost of living is so high, so car parking charges will add more misery to people and will trap people in their houses rather than going out to support the economy. Also being unable to drive to places because of car parking charges means people are at risk of being mugged, attacked or possibly raped due to the absence of police and the tendency of many people (possibly due to poverty, mental health issues or drugs) to attack males and females as is frequently reported on the news and in the papers.</p> <p>Therefore carparking charges are detrimental to many individuals.</p> |

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| 268 | Objecting | I feel that this going backwards, yet again it is the motorist that is forced to pay more. At this time with inflation is rocketing this is another charge that is not justified, the night time economy of Southampton relies on customers. You as a progressive council are yet again siphoning hard earned cash from good local people's pockets. Is this the way forward with Labour raising prices for everything in the city. |
| 269 | Objecting | Since the introduction of free evening parking it has encouraged us to visit restaurants and pubs. A parking charge would definitely make us consider alternative venues, rather than chose Southampton. We do make use of the £1 bus after 6 o'clock, but living in Rownhams means the last bus home is not always at a convenient time. |
| 270 | Objecting | We enjoy coming to Southampton for the theatre, cinema, a restaurant and such as shopping at Christmas. Public transport is difficult in the evening so not an option. Car park charges are a disincentive as money gets tighter. |
| 271 | Objecting | Free parking is a positive incentive for people to come into town, and thus benefits the local business |
| 272 | Supporting | Parking charges go some way to address the bias in favour of driving over public transport and will hopefully create some disincentive to people driving into our city. Ultimately, we need much more ambitious measures to improve access for all to healthy, clean and safe transport around our city. |
| 273 | Commenting | Parking charges should stay as they are in the evenings, no charging, it seems that, by putting the charges back in the evenings you don't want people to use Southampton? I for one would go elsewhere where there are NO charges! The cost of living is bad enough at present without more cost adding to it, we save hard to be able to go out into Southampton for an evening, I refuse to pay to park as well! |
| 274 | Objecting | Free night parking helps and supports household budgets. It also encourages people into the city to socialise bringing in much needed revenue to the hospitality industry. |

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| 275 | Commenting | <p>“The reason for parking charges is to control the demand ensuring that parking bays are not taken over by one person or group.” I don’t understand what this means, could you explain it in terms which everyone can understand?</p> <p>“While parking tariffs are not used to raise revenue, anything additional from on-street parking is used for transport related spending.” What happens to the revenue raised from off-street spending? How much revenue will be raised (on either)? How will the council spend the revenue?</p> <p>The Statement of Reasons says, “Southampton City Council is proposing the introduction of the on-street evening parking charges in the city centre. These are intended to encourage the use of sustainable modes of transport, reduce the levels of carbon emissions from transport, ensure that the parking operation covers its cost of operation and to maintain and improve the quality of parking related services offered which in turn support the evening economy and local residents.” This is totally different to the main statements given as reasons for wanting to charge! Therefore, people might agree to a small charge to raise revenue for the roads, but would they agree for the reasons you give in the statement?</p> <p>The council is planning what is a small charge, compared to places like Bournemouth. But what will stop the charges going up?</p> <p>Is the charge enough to achieve whichever version of the reasons the council wants to achieve?</p> <p>Can people get into town, enjoy a meal, theatre etc and then get a bus home? I suspect not, especially if you drive from rural areas. Has the council conducted any research as to who is coming into town in the evenings, where people travel from, why they travel, will business suffer or not? Will people really cycle into town for a night out? Most people wouldn’t, not least because of age and health.</p> |
| 276 | Objecting | This will strangle the night time economy. Quite backward thinking. |
| 277 | Objecting | I won’t visit at all we pay enough during the day let alone having to pay at night aswell if you want to get people into the town then don’t charge parking at night it will kill it |
| 278 | Objecting | Parking fees after 6pm discourages family visits to Southampton city centre for an evening meal or drinks. People are more likely to go to shopping areas like Whiteley where evening parking is free. Parking after 6pm in the city centre needs to be free. |
| 279 | Objecting | Should be free |
| 280 | Objecting | Carers support many people with meal prep in late evenings. Carers already have underpaid jobs and can not afford the additional charges that would be incurred to support those most vulnerable. |

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| 281 | Objecting | Reintroducing evening parking charges would be a very negative step. People come in to the city encouraged by the free parking, but would go elsewhere if the parking charges returned. This is a very short sighted proposal. Please do not proceed with it! Your rationale comparing the return of charges to other cities is a poor excuse, as is the "management of spaces." There is still plenty of parking to go round. Why not lead the way and be ahead of the game rather than follow the herd, keeping the city competitive and attractive, not a disincentive? |
| 282 | Objecting | People can't afford any more increases in their cost of living. |
| 283 | Objecting | If you want me to come and shop in the city centre, remove or reduce parking charges. It makes no economical sense for me to come to town when I can get it delivered for free online. Parking charges are one of the reasons people don't shop in the city anymore. If you want to compete with online shopping, you have to make street shopping more accessible and affordable. Parking charges benefit the council purse (in the short term) at the expense of local businesses. If you are running out of parking spaces, how about making public transport more affordable? Remove the physical and financial barriers that prevent ordinary folks from spending their money in the local economy. Don't make the situation worse for businesses. Be bold. |
| 284 | Commenting | The lack of decent public transport forces people to use their own vehicles to go into the city centre. Theatre and restaurants and bars need to recover from post Covid and parking evening charges will not encourage residents to reopen / maintain venues. In Bassett/Lordswood area of the city there is no bus service after 5.30pm and none at weekends. It's discriminatory when other parts of the city have regular bus services so there is no alternative to using private cars and having to pay charges to park. Incidentally have never seen traffic wardens/ car park staff working after 6pm! |
| 285 | Objecting | With free evening parking increases the footfall in the city and helps businesses in the city. Also with the cost of living crisis its another stab in the back by the city Council. |
| 286 | Objecting | It is stupid to bring back the evening charges. It does encourage people to visit Southampton in the evening especially families. It doeamt raise that much revenue so to bring it back is political suicide. |
| 287 | Objecting | I just feel that with the cost of living increases it will be another reason why people would not come into the city to spend money and visit pubs and restaurants. |
| 288 | Objecting | I live off Hill Lane where there is no evening public transport available. I have welcomed free evening parking in the city and will be very disappointed to see it discontinued. People need to be encouraged to use city centre amenities and businesses need the footfall. |
| 289 | Supporting | In case we hadn't noticed, there is a climate crisis. Ideally all fossil-fuelled transport within the city boundaries should be stopped immediately. The proposals, which will no doubt be opposed by the usual business interests, will have a very limited impact in encouraging public transport used rather than cars, and as such are better than nothing. The council needs the money, better raised through parking charges than increased council tax or cuts in services. |

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| 290 | Objecting | <p>This move has encouraged myself and my wife to travel into Southampton for evening shopping rather than shop online, also to use Southampton bars and restaurants. We are trying to do our bit to support the high street and local enterprise.</p> <p>If charges are reintroduced we will revert to using Amazon and heading into lymington for dinner.</p> |
| 291 | Objecting | <p>Ever since you introduced charges me and my family stopped going into the city center, i can understand the daytime but not the evenings, maybe if you charge you give the people of Southampton free bus service after 6pm from the money being made.</p> |
| 292 | Commenting | <p>Would like to see information on how much money this is expected to raise and what this will be used for. Thanks.</p> |
| 293 | Objecting | <p>The Council should be concentrating on getting Park and Ride we are behind the majority of big towns by not having a park and ride each side of the town.</p> |
| 294 | Objecting | <p>I don't go into Southampton much in the evening, I'll be put off more if I have pay for parking, I'd rather go to Eastleigh or Bournemouth where there currently no parking charges in the evening. Well done SCC let's keep everyone except the homeless in Southampton in the evening.</p> |
| 295 | Objecting | <p>One of the main reasons of why I will go into the city center for dinner or the cinema is due to the simple free parking. Adding the charges just adds hassle and extra fees making it less likely for me to want to go to the city center.</p> <p>Before the free parking is removed public transport in southampton needs to be improved and include more late night services.</p> |
| 296 | Objecting | <p>You will simply drive people out of Southampton to other free to park places. Pure madness Just charge charge charge.</p> |
| 297 | Objecting | <p>Free parking allows me to come on to the city in the evening multiple days a week without paying a fortune. No more free parking no more coming into the city to spend money, will go somewhere else that doesn't charge.</p> |
| 298 | Objecting | <p>If you actually want the retail and hospitality businesses to have a chance of surviving, with the massive cost of living increases, you need to NOT charge for evening parking. The public have enough to contend with and it's the least you can do to help these businesses.</p> |
| 299 | Objecting | <p>This service should remain free seeing as we are entering inflationary times and the people need help</p> |
| 300 | Supporting | <p>bring back evening parking charges but continue with the £1 bus fare after 6pm to encourage people to use buses and reduce car use</p> |

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| 301 | Objecting | People only visit the city during the evening to go to a restaurant cinema or theatre, by imposing car parking charges again in the evenings will lead people away to places where there is free car parking like Whitely where you can park for up to 4 hours you will drive people away from the city and restaurants etc will suffer. My suggestion would be to charge a nominal fee for the evening of £2 from an earlier time of 1700 hours this allows people to have something to eat before going to the cinema or theatre. I think a £1 charge for 30 minutes is too high before 1800 hrs for off road parking. I think more people would come into Southampton if you reduce the prices. (Small Profit Quick Return) should be your policy. |
| 302 | Commenting | I live in Oxford Mews Latimer Street and if someone is inconsiderate to park outside my house it is annoying that I would have to pay to park so I can get into my home. Could City Centre residents be given a parking permit for either them or a visitor |
| 303 | Objecting | Car parking spaces are plentiful in the evening and thus should remain free, unlike in the daytime which is fair to charge to reduce car usage. |
| 304 | Objecting | Dear Sir/Madam, Evening charges should not be brought back as it prevents people from going out and socialising with other people. Also it prevents people from eating out in restaurants or even going to grocery shopping. It would make everyone's life miserable. I am a small business owner and the amount of customers we get after 6/7pm is unthinkable. The reason being because people park next to the restaurant and eat in peace without having to worry about getting tickets. Evening charges should not be brought back for those reasons. Kind regards Syed Agha |
| 305 | Objecting | Without free evening parking restaurants and bars will lose customers |

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| 306 | Supporting | <p>I strongly support any measures aimed at reducing the number of cars in the city centre. The pedestrianised parts of town are the best parts and we need to be serious about climate change.</p> <p>However, I hope there are also measures brought in to encourage people to cycle into the city, otherwise people will view this as the Labour council trying to damage businesses in town.</p> <p>I think it would be great if a small section of even just one of the council's MSCPs could be dedicated to secure cycle storage (even if approx a quarter of a floor, this should fit a lot of bikes). If people are charged a pound or two to store their bikes for the day, I think this would be very popular, as people are currently too worried about having their bikes stolen in town to cycle in.</p> <p>Hopefully the income raised from car parking charges would help pay to set this up, and then it should pay for itself.</p> <p>Another thing that would be good is if there is a Unilink/City Red/Bluestar bus pass which is done in coordination with city centre businesses so that a bus pass will also get you exclusive discounts in some shops in town, to encourage people to buy a bus pass to make savings. For some people this would mean the savings pay for themselves, if they shop a lot. Presumably this would be done through Go Southampton?</p> <p>I understand the council is looking for ways to save money currently due to a shortfall post-Covid, but there is no reason why this can't be done in line with Net Zero commitments. It would be great to see SCC be bold on this and lead the country.</p> |
| 307 | Objecting | People simply cannot afford it at this current time. Defer 18mths. |
| 308 | Objecting | All parking for Southampton overnight should stay free |
| 309 | Objecting | Concern about charges discouraging people from coming to the town centre in the evenings which is so important to build up the local economy and also for attendance at church events and meetings. |
| 310 | Objecting | In very difficult moment with cost of living climbing up it is a bad idea to add on additional costs on the population. |
| 311 | Objecting | I object to the proposal as most of the business do not operate/ open late and this should not impact on the Council's income. Small business, i.e. local small shop will benefit from free parking to boost their income. |
| 312 | Objecting | Did not take long for the New Administration to start killing off the City Centre again. Why not completely close Southampton to all vehicles, or start by introducing cheap, regular, reliable bus services to all parts of the City 0600 till 2359 |
| 313 | Objecting | Shortsighted and completely inconsiderate of the impact on businesses in these tough times. |
| 314 | Commenting | xxx |
| 315 | Objecting | An act of greed with no benefits to people of Southampton or businesses. |

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| 316 | Supporting | I struggle to walk home in the evenings breathing in the exhaust fumes and choking. There are plenty of cars lining up for the private car parks that never removed their evening charges. It would make more sense to subsidise bus travel and keep buses running later in the evening. This is an expensive experiment especially for those of us living in flats in the city centre with no cars and no parking. |
| 317 | Objecting | I can not agree that there's an abuse of free evening parking. On the contrary I've managed to find parking effortlessly. There's not enough evidence to support that free evening parking is causing issues in the centre. |
| 318 | Objecting | My friends and family had only started going back to restaurants and music venues in town after the evening parking charges were lifted. It was much easier knowing we could park without worrying about whether we had to pay, what we had to pay, where we had to pay it and whether we would get a ticket. If these charges are re-introduced we will go back to choosing leisure venues away from the city centre just for an easier life. |
| 319 | Objecting | I believe that free evening parking should remain as it encourages visits to the city centre. |
| 320 | Objecting | This is ridiculous. If you look at other cities around they have a lot more free parking options all day. This free parking offers an excellent opportunity to families to go to town and pay an extortionate amount in parking |
| 321 | Objecting | There are other ways to reduce pollution in the city. Electric hook up for all the cruise liners. Make bus travel free in the evenings so that people do leave their cars at home otherwise you are discouraging people from visiting Southampton city centre in the evenings. |
| 322 | Objecting | Parking charges are extortionate enough as it is in Southampton in comparison with other local areas. Only recently I was attending a gig in the city centre and there would have been a £5 charge to park for the few hours if we hadn't driven around the city to find more affordable parking. I'm more likely not to go into the city centre of an evening than catch a bus ! I've never noticed an extreme shortage of parking in the evenings I have been in the city centre so can only assume it is entirely to generate revenue and actively discourage people from coming to Southampton ! |
| 323 | Objecting | Alienating our city !! Taking money the general public don't have . Stop squeezing all we have and play fair |
| 324 | Commenting | The Council's justification for reintroducing evening parking charges appears to be spurious and an excuse to increase revenue. I would have thought visitors should be encouraged to visit. I am not sure if it is only the multi story parks. |
| 325 | Objecting | I live in the centre of Southampton and have not seen the increase in people coming in as pre covid days, and with the winter coming covid May well affect business which are just pulling through. |
| 326 | Objecting | I will not come into the city to spend my money in bars restaurants shops if I have to pay after 6pm. |
| 327 | Objecting | Disgraceful to introduce such extra charges while people struggle with rising costs of living!!!!!!!! |

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| 328 | Objecting | Offering free parking will attract more people into the city. To do this, it needs to be clearly advertised as it was not made clear to me when I went shopping a couple of weeks ago. Perhaps offer free parking during peak times/days and you will see influx of people visiting the city and spending money in shops and restaurants. |
| 329 | Objecting | SCC get enough money from council tax and business rates. Give the high street a chance to get some money in and leave the parking charges as they are: Free. |
| 330 | Objecting | I think the High Street's should be allowed this evening time of free parking to remain. It can give a boost to evening trade for shoppers and dinners who might not visit if they have to pay. |
| 331 | Objecting | The evening parking should be free to encourage and support local businesses and the entertainment industry. All parking free after 6pm. |
| 332 | Commenting | I object. Parking should be free after 6pm. There's no benefit to charging in fact you are just adding to the financial burden of people who are already suffering from a cost of living crisis . Being able to go into the city have a meal or even an evening walk around the parks etc should be a way of helping people's wellbeing. Id like to dog walk at mayflower park in the evening as it's quieter but having to pay to exercise myself and my dog ..it's crazy . Do something good for the people not your bank account . |
| 333 | Objecting | Since covid the evening bus service has been infrequent and unreliable. If you want to encourage people away from driving you need to improve their transit options first. As it is, this just feels like a petty cash grab which won't help any business or people in the city. Personally, I will not change my driving behaviour, no matter the cost of parking. I do not find it safe to sit waiting for a bus in the evening for up to an hour just to get home, particularly with the city's ongoing current spree of murderers, attacks and rapes etc. |
| 334 | Objecting | Free parking is a great incentive to actually encourage people to visit the city centre restaurants and facilities. I have parked in car parks to attend the Mayflower Theatre and the West Quay restaurants and have never struggled to find a space to park. If I had to pay to park, I would not visit these facilities so often. |
| 335 | Commenting | Could some form of permit scheme be introduced for those who are residents in town and have no off road parking |
| 336 | Objecting | There is very rarely any obstruction to traffic by evening parking, or any more than there would be if charges are introduced. These can be managed by current staff, police, systems, and it is offensive to suggest that re-introducing charges is anything more than a money making scheme. It in no way reduces pollution either. But it will have a big impact on city centre trade. I for sure, will be avoiding the city centre if charges are brought in. I have been in a few times whilst they were suspended, e.g. to the new cinema. I won't if charges are re-introduced. |
| 337 | Objecting | Free evening parking would make more people go out and spend more on other things in the evening. I have used public transport in the past, some buses take too long to arrive, having little kids I would rather use my car and use free parking. |

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| 338 | Objecting | This is the last thing that businesses, the night time economy, residents and visitors need. Residents in Southampton and in particular have to use cars as there is no alternative - not every one is able to walk or cycle due to disability or being infirm. It is not credible either for them to use public transport as significant parts of the Upper Shirley area are not served by a bus service following further reductions on service by the X11. Charging will have a dramatic impact on those visiting and needing to park on road or near their chosen destination- the losers will also be businesses and the people they employ. |
| 339 | Objecting | I live in Southampton and I do not agree with the proposals. I prefer to visit Romsey and Winchester instead. Guess you think there is a captive audience with places like the Mayflower and the stadium however I think that this idea puts people off visiting Southampton. Not sure which group are taking over parking bays as suggested and given as a reason to make an evening charge? |
| 340 | Objecting | We are experiencing a financial crisis. Parking charges in Southampton are already very high compared to neighbouring towns/cities. Charging people to enjoy evening entertainment in the city, will deter many, adding to the financial hardship of many local businesses. |
| 341 | Objecting | Our street is involved in this and it hasn't caused any issues having it free from 6pm. If anything it encourages people to go out and spend money in restaurants etc as they don't have to pay to park. |
| 342 | Objecting | I think evening parking should remain free after 6.00 in order to encourage people to come in to the city to use the facilities . Businesses need all the help possible to encourage people to use them or the city night-time economy will suffer. Buses are less than reliable for evening services and as a woman I do not feel particularly safe walking to bus stops and standing around waiting for them. |
| 343 | Supporting | It will bring in income to the city and is in line with other towns |
| 344 | Objecting | trinity road car park, Compton road carpark require 1 hour free parking followed by £2 charge. This is because many use local businesses and mosque. Then they leave. This will also help users of St Marys Leisure Centre from 6 to 9pm. There are 4 mosques and the car parks are used 3 times in the evening for the three prayers. This means £3 per person per day x 40 approx. 1 Hour free parking will give time to pray at the mosque, if anything longer then put £2 flat fee. can not treat all carparks the same. the demographics and facilities for Compton walk and Trinity road are different to Bedford place and other car parks. please consider local community. come and speak to local mosques, places of worship. Cllr Kataria can tell you more. We approached him and he told us to write in through this form. |

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| 345 | Objecting | <p>Compton Walk and Trinity Road car park should have 1 hour free parking. This is because These car parks are walking distance to small businesses, leisure centre and 4 mosques.. Muslims pray in the evening 3 times, therefore will need to pay £3 per day to go and pray. These two car parks should have 1 hour free parking followed by £2 flat charge. This will help mosques, small businesses and also St Marys Leisure centre users. stakeholders need this help especially during cost of living crises. I dont want completely free I want only 1 hour free then charge the rest which is reasonable. I understand Council requires income as well.</p> <p>There is also big issue with illegal parking outside the St Marys fire station, council parking department are fully aware. This is an ongoing issue. By giving 1 our free parking this will help ease illegal parking outside fire station which is currently not managed well by council as the council does not have resources we get told by our cilrs Toqeer, Jacqui. by introducing 1 hour free this will mean less recourses and issues out side the fire station. you can also trial 1 hour free parking for few months and see how it works.</p> <p>I am labour supporter and i dont agree with free parking but i agree with compromise please. you can speak with mosque, businesses and also parking department about fire station parking issues.</p> |
| 346 | Objecting | Cost of living crisis |
| 347 | Objecting | Once again a backward step by the administration when trying to bring commerce into the city traders. |
| 348 | Supporting | Parking charges should help to fund the parking, rather than being subsidised by everyone who doesnt drive in the city centre |
| 349 | Objecting | As a Southampton resident, since the evening parking charges were scrapped I've attended public meetings, gone to the gym, and visited restaurants in the city centre of an evening. I simply would not have done this otherwise (and, indeed, I did not do any of these things prior to the parking charges being scrapped). It's a terrible idea to re-introduce evening parking charges again. |
| 350 | Objecting | <p>This was not part of the manifesto for the new labour council and a deceitful introduction.</p> <p>The removal of parking charges in the evening has increased the footfall into the city as well as a reduction in drink driving offences as people have been more inclined to leave their cars. A reintroduction will no doubt see a reduction in footfall and increase in offences.</p> <p>Public transport across the city is unreliable and expensive. Maybe you should focus on making this more affordable and stop greenwashing people with your meaningless pledges</p> |
| 351 | Objecting | You need to encourage people into the city centre for the sake of the businesses |
| 352 | Objecting | Everything has gone up apart from wages ! Why on earth would you reintroduce these charges when these may be the only time people can now afford to shop ?? |
| 353 | Objecting | Absolutely disgusting when everything else is going up in price. So many people struggling & Southampton Council want to add more to the problems! |

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| 354 | Objecting | You want people to visit Southampton it brings in revenue too shops and bars |
| 355 | Supporting | Driving to our city centre should not be encouraged and should have a cost element. This also helps protect available parking for those who really do need it . i.e. blue badge holders. |
| 356 | Objecting | Cost of living has increased, increasing parking charges after 6pm is unwise and likely to drive people away from smaller businesses in the city |
| 357 | Objecting | Killing the restaurants and shops business in the town and eg Saints evening games |
| 358 | Objecting | Parking in the evening is good for the economy. Cleaner air is great but with the filth spewed out by cruise ships I would suggest focusing on them for revenue. |
| 359 | Objecting | Only after money from people that are already struggling to pay bills! Absolutely disgusting but in no way surprised! Anything to line the pockets of the rich while emptying the poor!! |
| 360 | Objecting | Life is expensive enough. This will discourage people from spending money which the traders rely on. Pure council greed. |
| 361 | Objecting | Insufficient evidence to support this proposal. Will actively dissuade persons from visiting city centre traders |
| 362 | Objecting | We are trying to attract more people into the city centre to keep the business that is already struggling financially. Parking charges will deter people from visiting |
| 363 | Objecting | Parking charges should cease overnight. People can then enjoy an evening out without the additional fee. Business will be detrimentally effected if the charges are reintroduced. It's shocking that any council would be so out of touch with the needs of the city that they would consider this at a time when prices are soaring and wages are not rising to meet inflation. Utterly disgraceful. |
| 364 | Objecting | It's expensive enough as it is to go out. Pay for bridge pay for parking pay for fuel your all taking the mick wanting more. If a family or a couple want to go out in the evening for a treat they shouldn't have to find an extra few quid on top to pay for parking when the town centre is empty at night. |
| 365 | Objecting | Don't agree that traffic has increased in the evenings, I believe your just trying to raise money for the council cheaply. |
| 366 | Objecting | In a time of cost of living crisis driving people away from the city in the evenings does not make sense |
| 367 | Objecting | The cost of living is going through the roof and this will just dissuade people from going out in the evening, harming businesses |
| 368 | Objecting | At a time when everyone is struggling especially businesses it just seems another nail in the coffin for the city centre |
| 369 | Objecting | Prices are going up enough all the labour council want to do is tax tax tax then waste our money on stupid bus lanes |
| 370 | Objecting | People are already struggling with price increases. I sometimes go in to town shopping after 6 as I don't have to worry about parking charges. What do I do if you charge to park in the evenings! |

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| 371 | Objecting | With that Cost of living crisis Parkind after 6 should stay free This proposal is a tax on one people |
| 372 | Objecting | The only reason for evening and overnight charges is for the council to make money. |
| 373 | Objecting | It will stop me going into town in the evenings. As I don't drink taking the car for me is not only the easiest but safest method for a woman on her own. I am also a cat sitter so visit clients cats in flats in the city centre for half hour visits. The majority do not have parking. When I only make £6.50 for each visit deducting petrol costs is bad enough, but now I will have to pay another £1 to park. I will have to give up my income source and turn to benefits. |
| 374 | Objecting | Sick and tired of the council's greed |
| 375 | Objecting | This is ridiculous all parking should be free after 6pm! Typical money grabbing counsel trying to ruin our economy for short sighted gains. If you want our shopping and restaurant areas to boom make parking cheap or free, period! Everything you do deters people from Southampton, we will be a ghost town before too long! Also instead of looking at what other cities are doing why don't you take the lead and do what is best for Southampton. |
| 376 | Objecting | Objecting to evening parking charges |
| 377 | Objecting | I would no longer visit in the evening if charges were reintroduced as they are unnecessary and the proposed prices are high! In a cost of living crisis an additional expense is not what people need. |
| 378 | Objecting | People are struggling to feed their families and pay their bills. This is wrong, free night parking gives a small relief from worrying about another outgoing payment and enables families to enjoy and relax without the stress of this on top. |
| 379 | Objecting | Living in Southampton I see no evidence that parking has significantly increased in the evenings to warrant the reintroduction of charges |
| 380 | Objecting | Why would we think this is a good idea! |
| 381 | Objecting | I can't afford to pay to park or ride the bus as a family of 4 so the evening were when we used to go to town to avoid unnesecary parking charges. If this comes to place I will not be going into town |
| 382 | Objecting | First you remove the non multi storey car park, this is one of the safest, well lit and easy access for women and now you want to charge. The town is busy because there are no charges! |
| 383 | Objecting | There is a cost of living crisis open your eyes! |
| 384 | Objecting | I make more effort to use the city centre knowing parking is free after 6pm. If parking charges are implemented, I will be less likely to continue visiting the city centre and go elsewhere |

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| 385 | Objecting | Free parking encourages people from outside of the city to come into Southampton. It doesn't just help the struggling night economy it also encourages people to visit friends and relatives in the city centre, breaking down social isolation. If you genuinely want to help businesses in the city and support the residents who live in town then don't introduce parking charges at night |
| 386 | Objecting | With the cost of living going up, it is ridiculous how the council would want to introduce overnight parking charges, people rely on there cars to get to work and now they are having to pay more money just to park outside or near there own home! People who are unable to work but have cars would not be able to afford this, it is an extra £100+ a month roughly. Why not introduce permit parking for the residents that this will effect! I commute to work 2 days a week and work from the home rest so I have to pay for parking during the day! Now also we are having to potentially pay for overnight parking it is ridiculous. |
| 387 | Objecting | This is outrageous. The reasoning is poor, and despite protestations to the contrary, this is yet another way to drain the Southampton community. You want to encourage growth in the City, but penalise those who try to support local businesses or venues. It's another example where you give with one hand whilst take from the other. This is such an easy win with the Southampton community, but again the Council choose to penalise. I thought voting for change would make a difference. Sadly I am being proved wrong again. It doesn't matter who is in, they penalise just the same. |
| 388 | Objecting | Parking charges at night penalises the 9-5 who don't have the luxury of a given car parking space. It is absurd, particularly given the current rate of inflation, to bring in parking charges at night. Another blow to those working minimum wage. I am lucky to have a car parking space with my place in the centre of town, although many people are not, and despite the fact I am neither a minimum wage worker, nor do I work 9-5, it is clear to see who will be feeling the extra cost of this decision should it go through. It also states that the revenue goes back into the transport for the city. It is clear the extortionate amount already gained from every single street in Southampton having parking charges covers the transport. The SCC should probably look at the infrastructure required when permission is granted for new flats being built all the time without a thought to the increased parking requirements. Or perhaps the thought of squeezing more people into the city centre, pushing up demand for parking, "warrants" the parking charge increase suggested. It doesn't. |
| 389 | Objecting | The vast majority of people have never had so little disposable income, with everything going up in price. To impose such charges is hitting people even harder and is unnecessary. Scrap this idea now! |
| 390 | Objecting | Why add to further costs... leave it free to park |
| 391 | Objecting | I think it helps to bring people into the city to the cinemas and theatre if there are no charges in the evening. Buses aren't always on time and after a certain time you can be waiting a while for one. |

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| 392 | Objecting | <p>I am in favour of encouraging people to use public transport and improving air quality.</p> <p>However late evening and weekend services are often poor, with buses such as the X4 stopping early evening and not starting till nearly lunchtime on a Sunday.</p> <p>Also for those of us who live in the city centre without any space for visitor parking the reduced parking charges have been a great opportunity to have visitors round whilst avoiding what can be prohibitive parking charges - eg all day on a Sunday would be nearly £10!</p> <p>I would be interested to see the evidence that the streets are more crowded. It feels like this an understandable measure to raise money, but at a time of the cost of living crisis I don't think the case is made to reintroduce charges at this time.</p> |
| 393 | Objecting | <p>It's hard enough for people to afford to go out already and for many it's a long deserved treat. To have to pay even more for parking is a disgrace. The council should be ashamed</p> |
| 394 | Supporting | <p>I support evening charging.</p> |
| 395 | Objecting | <p>People deserve the right not to have to pay for parking in the evening. All local businesses will benefit from people still going out and enjoying bars, restaurants, live music, theatres etc without the extra costs of parking. The rise in cost of living is already effecting how we live without having to worry about that also. You bunch of numpties!!</p> |
| 396 | Objecting | <p>We all know that Labour hates the motorist, you only have to look at what a mess they have created around Southampton, now let's just kill off the evening night life in the city, the council have done a pretty good job of it so far, you should be encouraging people to,come into the city at night, albeit shows meals & other entertainment not driving them away</p> |
| 397 | Objecting | <p>no need to reintroduce as not used unless by football supporters.</p> |
| 398 | Objecting | <p>I do not own a car or a motorcycle now. I walk in the city but it seems to me that car and motorcycle owners are just seen as cash cows for the council.</p> <p>Between tickets fro. Traffic wardens and parking charges and in top if that , the high cost of running a vehicle , I wonder how detrimental reintroduced after hours parking charges will be ,especially for bars and entertainment venues.</p> <p>I think the council is once again cutting off it's nose to spite it's face</p> |
| 399 | Objecting | <p>Outrageous that you're looking to increase parking charges during the evening. People work all day and contribute more than enough to taxes as it is, they shouldn't be punished for only being able to go shopping at specific times of the day.</p> |
| 400 | Objecting | <p>All evening car parking charges should be dropped to encourage people to enjoy and support local businesses.</p> |

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| 401 | Commenting | <p>People will go to other places, night venues etc like the new forest pubs where parking is free, or Ronsey parking after 4pm is free.</p> <p>If you do have to reintroduce evening charges make them £1 after 6pm, Like many surrounding cities, West quay is £2 was previously £1 evenings.</p> <p>Or make the of road car parks only £1 E.g outside west quay swimming pool etc</p> <p>Also needs to advertise shop closing times more E.g west quay as like a ghost town most evenings</p> |
| 402 | Objecting | I can't believe you want to introduce these again |
| 403 | Objecting | There are always empty spaces outside our flat and many residents close to the Town Centre do not qualify for parking permits during the day. However as residents like myself commute to work, only parking bays are used in the evening. The cost of living is increasing and this will cause difficulty and cannot afford to pay for parking in the evening. Residents will move out due to this situation. The parking bays will therefore remain empty anyway. Either parking permits need to be supplied at a reasonable fee just for residents or free evening parking should continue. |
| 404 | Objecting | The City is turning to a Ghost town as it is, evening parking charges will affect Restaurants, Theatres and such. And it WON'T deter people from bringing cars into the city they still will, so whats the point . More money for the council, thats what this is all about !! Bad Idea!! |
| 405 | Objecting | <p>The introduction of parking charges past 6pm harms local residents who already have little parking available and will decimate the already struggling evening commercial sector who need every customer they can get.</p> <p>The new building developments, built on Southampton city council land, have limited to no parking for residents let alone visitors. The introduction of these charges will discourage support for these new developments which is embarrassing given the council's involvement in them.</p> |
| 406 | Objecting | I live outside of the city where public transport costs can be quite high, particularly if a family are travelling in for an event. Having free parking is a huge incentive for those outside of the city. These proposals and the added cost will be yet another barrier in stopping people from being able to access the amenities and events if they live outside of the city. |
| 407 | Objecting | 2 hours for an evening charge seems pointless. Would be understandable if it was several hours etc 5pm-9pm. |
| 408 | Commenting | Evening charging is a nightmare if you want to pop in to Southampton to do a brief shop after work. not only do you have to pay for 1hr at 5.30pm, if you shop beyond 6pm then you end up paying for an additional 2 hours that you do not need. By all means extend the chargeable time period but not by a compulsory 2 hours. Let people pay for what they use. |

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| 409 | Objecting | I work in Southampton as a doorman during the evenings. Therefore I work from the start of the evening up until around midnight- early hours of the morning. I'm not able to take public transport like buses, as I will have no way back home by the time I finish work because the buses are not running. If evening parking charges are introduced, it will be coming out of my pay, which I cannot be payed if I cannot drive to work and park my car during the evening hours. Introducing evening parking charges also means that there will be a reduction in visitors to the city centre, and that means that businesses will lose even more customers. I know that there has already been a reduction in people visiting the city centre in the past couple of months, as this has resulted in the closure of neighbouring business where I work. I think it is unnecessary and unjustified to introduce evening parking charges. I also feel it is unfair that I should pay out of my wages to pay for parking every time I go to work when I am working to prevent crime and increase the safety of Southampton and it's venues, and also working in venues which must adhere to council licensing by having door staff, like myself, during these evening hours. I'm making this comment in support of the rest of the doorman in Southampton that could also be affected by this change. |
| 410 | Objecting | If you want to encourage people to use the city centre and increase productivity for businesses, scrap the charges. This move will prohibit people coming into town causing a down turn in revenue |
| 411 | Objecting | With the rising costs endured by everyone, notably fuel, I would not travel into Southampton in the evening and then have to pay parking charges as none of my friends will do so either. It is going to have a major affect on businesses who will be suffering already as people have less money to go around. |
| 412 | Objecting | it's just another tax! |
| 413 | Objecting | No evidence has been presented to justify increasing evening parking charges. You say "we have seen those wanting and needing to park finding it harder" Where is the evidence of this? You also say "There is currently no evidence to suggest that free evening parking charges have either directly resulted in growing the local economy or made parking more accessible" Have you looked? Where is the evidence to suggest it hasn't? I will only speak for myself and not generalise - Free evening parking has made Southampton more accessible for me and I will not be visiting the town centre if these charges are imposed, this will act as a deterrent. In these difficult times would it not be better to support businesses instead? |
| 414 | Supporting | Good idea - discourage cars from the city centre as much as you can. Motorists are already hugely subsidised compared to public transport and cycling. They don't need any extra support. Thanks |
| 415 | Objecting | The reinstating of parking charges makes it more expensive to use the city centre and discourages people bringing in their business to our city centre. . Cars are essential to many people as buses do not always run at convenient times.It will drive people to use out of town facilities to the detriment of our evening / night time economy. |

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| 416 | Objecting | <p>I am objecting in reference to the changes that specifically affect Anderson's Road (a residential area). The current parking situation allows for residents of City Annex (a block of flats with no associated car park) to park on the road at a cost of £5.50 a day. This is an additional cost of living of £165 per month.</p> <p>These additional charges would add a further £2 a day to these charges, taking the total cost of parking a car near our home to £225 a month - a big jump.</p> <p>This is particularly significant, as there are no council resident parking permits available for this area, and this has not been taken in to consideration with these changes.</p> <p>I understand this is to bring the on street parking in to alignment with the rest of the city, however this is a quiet residential area, and therefore will not benefit from the majority of the proposed reasons for change.</p> <p>If a quarterly parking permit was made available in this area to residents only, then this would offset the additional costs and ensure it's visitors (specifically on match days) who are affected by this cost, and not the residents having to pay an increased amount for every day of the week.</p> |
| 417 | Objecting | <p>I disagree with these proposals. As a single woman I want the safety of a car in the evening - not waiting for a sparely timed bus and having to walk home from a bus stop</p> |
| 418 | Objecting | <p>The current system works and allows those with electric cars and not able to have a charger at home to charge their cars overnight.</p> <p>The reintroduction of charges at the height of the cost of living crisis will be counterintuitive.</p> |
| 419 | Objecting | <p>This will absolutely stop me from going into the city centre in the evenings. I struggle to afford fuel so to have a backwards step and charges once again for parking in the town in the evening is a step too far (back). The removal of these fees meant I could take my daughter to use the wonderful park facilities in the town centre but sadly will no longer be an option.</p> <p>I wonder also how significant this will be to the businesses in the centre who are trying to recover from the pandemic and who no doubt benefitted from the removal of the charges. I would imagine, many people looking for somewhere to eat and drink will reconsider the town centre in favour of many options with free parking.</p> <p>I feel extremely disappointed in the new labour administration for proposing this step at a time when personal and business finances are being squeezed considerably. This seems terribly shortsighted.</p> |

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| 420 | Objecting | With the current cost of living crisis, this is a terrible thing to do to compound people's suffering in an already very difficult situation. No regard for people's welfare at all. |
| 421 | Objecting | Why is the local Labour Party so against the car? I get that we need to do more for the environment but the electric car does exist? You are hellbent on spending millions of pounds making the city harder to get into. Where is the logic in that? Roads are how money streams into our city. You can't take your ikea furniture home on a bike. Plus who pays for the roads to be maintained in the first place? The motorist! Not people on bikes who pay nothing! I have lived in this city my whole life and I am fed up with you turning the city into a cycle lane. The city is an embarrassment because of you lot. If we want a nighttime economy we need free parking. Do you want businesses to shut and in turn the council get less business rates? All the stats show that the cycle lanes are rarely used and that Bedford Place saw a drop in business when you closed it off. Stop forcing your green agenda on our city! The car is the most prominent form of transport for a reason and with electric and hydrogen it can be environmentally friendly. I have noticed more friends and family suggesting meeting in the city in the evenings because of the free parking. Listen to residents please! |
| 422 | Objecting | As a regular user of Southampton off street parking (specifically the various multi storey car parks) I have found free evening parking to be a terrific incentive to come in to Southampton, rather than the plethora of other choices in the surrounding areas. The car parks are rarely (if ever) more than 50% full and allow me to access businesses that have been hit hard by the pandemic. I feel that for the council to be attacking businesses just when they need additional help due to the cost of living crisis is both wrong and an act of self harm against the city. |
| 423 | Objecting | I belong to a small group who meet at 7.30pm every Monday evening during school terms at the FMH on Ordnance Road. We are the Northwood Sting Orchestra, which started in Southampton in the 1920s, holding concerts twice a year raising money for local charities. We pay £95 subscription to cover cost of hiring the Hall, to pay our conductor's expenses etc. Each member parking in Ordnance Road or adjacent roads in parking meter spaces would incur a £1 charge (from 7.15 - 8pm) each rehearsal, which would cost approximately £35 a year, almost 40% more. Whilst I applaud the Council's wish to encourage use of public transport, our members live in a 15 mile radius, many in villages without evening public transport. We encourage car sharing. Charging for parking meter spaces would encourage us to park in permit holder spaces (after 6pm) which would cause a nuisance to residents. I urge you to reconsider. |

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| 424 | Objecting | <p>This seems to be an exercise in revenue generation and the provided reasons are laughable.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This makes no sense whatsoever. What bearing will parking charges have on the flow of traffic especially in the evening when most business traffic has already left the city and therefore is the quietest time? 2. "For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Which "road" is specifically being referred to? If the word "roads" was meant to be used then these amenities should already be covered by the councils budget. 3. "To improve air quality." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How will these parking charges magically improve the quality of the air? Unless again the intent is to reduce traffic in to the city thus in turn reducing commerce. 4. "ensure that the parking operation covers its cost of operation and to maintain and improve the quality of parking related services offered which in turn support the evening economy and local residents." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is hard to believe that the extortionate rates of daily parking charges to business users is not enough to already cover these costs and forcing people to pay for something that was once free is not a great incentive to attract people to the city centre in the evening. This also counters the first argument of facilitating the flow of traffic, the council wants to support the evening economy which would require more people to enter the city thus having more people use the roads. <p>Quite frankly this seems to be an act of seen to be doing something, when actually it is just overturning the previous councils decisions for the sake of it.</p> <p>A fairer option would be a flat rate of £1 after 6pm.</p> |
| 425 | Objecting | <p>I believe that the impact of introducing evening charges will be disproportionately negative for the few cars that it would actually affect and subsequently reduce the footfall of the city centre of an evening. If there are parking charges people will choose to go elsewhere where there are no charges. The amount of money collected will likely be insignificant.</p> |

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| 426 | Objecting | <p>Having to pay for parking would reduce the number of times that I spend money in Southampton city centre restaurants in the evenings. Culture and recreation in Southampton seems to be very centralised (with a few exceptions like Portswood and Shirley), so good access to the centre should be maintained for all residents.</p> <p>There is currently no viable public transport from where I live (Upper Shirley, it takes around an hour by public transport including walking to the bus stop, compared to less than ten minutes by car), and my wife is too scared to cycle or use an e-scooter in typical Southampton traffic. It also does not feel safe to short-cut through the common at night to access cycle paths down the avenue. Fear of bike theft and perceived lack of secure bike parking in the city centre would put me off cycling to City centre restaurants and attractions too.</p> <p>I will strongly support measures to reduce car-use in the city once realistic alternatives have been put in place.</p> |
| 427 | Objecting | The parking is expensive as it is if you work in town and to add to the amount paid per day is too much especially in the current climate! |
| 428 | Objecting | Will affect business as current climate is already challenging and additional charges are just not needed! |
| 429 | Objecting | People literally do not park in the city centre in the evenings, and there is no traffic either. I live in the heart of Southampton city and if anything the streets are empty in the evenings. |
| 430 | Supporting | Evening and weekend parking should remain free |
| 431 | Objecting | <p>The separate evening tariff is too complicated. If you have to introduce evening charges, just extend the time the daytime tariff ends.</p> <p>Reintroduction of evening charges will have a negative effect on the evening/night time economy.</p> |
| 432 | Objecting | Evening parking charges should be kept at zero, because they encourage the use of restaurants, cinemas etc beyond normal shopping hours. This stimulates the city's economy which is still recovering from the effects of Covid-19. |
| 433 | Supporting | In this age we should be encouraging use of more environmentally friendly transport. Parking fees are an important source of income to the Council and those who choose to drive should pay. |
| 434 | Supporting | I think the proposed charges are fairly modest and in any case we should be encouraging people to use public transport, where possible, during the evenings. The £1 evening bus fares are an excellent incentive for this and I hope that policies like this can continue. |
| 435 | Objecting | I'm objecting to evening parking charges to increase footfall in the city centre during traditional off-peak times to support local businesses. |

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| 436 | Objecting | Dear Southampton Council, I was disappointed to discover by chance that you are planning to re-introduce evening parking charges in many streets and car parks in Southampton. I live in Hedge End and love coming into town to go to the Mayflower Theatre, the cinema or to use any of the excellent restaurants. There are sadly no trains or buses which we can use to get home after these events so we almost always travel in by car. We would choose to use public transport if it existed for getting home afterwards - but it doesn't. What a shame that we will now have to pay more just to use the excellent facilities that Southampton offers. It is more likely that we will use Eastleigh for our evenings out in future as parking there is still free after 6pm. |
| 437 | Objecting | The buses in Southampton have been cut so the majority have to take cars out in the evening to see a show or meet friends or we can't get home - now you are re-introducing evening parking fees, I will be going elsewhere for my entertainment as tickets, food etc cost so much now and SCC are kicking us when we are down...very unhappy and disappointed in you |
| 438 | Objecting | It's tough already without the added expense. It worked really well before for years with no problems. It was the normal way of living. I parked in Marlands a few times after 6pm since the introduction of evening parking charges were removed, it wasn't taken over by hordes of cars. There was always plenty of spaces. It helped me a lot with saving money and removed my anxiety. Big mistake voting Labour. For the first time in my life of 46 years, I will no more. |
| 439 | Objecting | Paying to park at night is absolutely disgusting as you have to pay to park everywhere during the day, this will really put me off dining in Southampton as it is just more charges to pay. Disgraceful. |
| 440 | Objecting | Free parking in town is a bonus. The cost of living is up as it is and is the cost of an average night out. Choosing not to drink and park for free should be welcomed. |
| 441 | Objecting | With the cost of living rising, visiting shops restaurants and cinemas, brings business to Southampton. By charging for parking people will not visit the city and take their business elsewhere |
| 442 | Objecting | It is hard enough to afford going into town so to pay parking in the evening will make me go to our of town shopping areas |
| 443 | Objecting | Do I really need to comment. It's obvious why I'm objecting. The country is a mess. No one has any spare cash & to pay the already high parking charges during the day just feels it's another way of getting your money that we don't already have. But to be able to go out in the evening & know you won't have to pay a parking charge helps people to get out & about & helps with mental health who might otherwise be stuck indoors. |
| 444 | Objecting | When the cost of living is so high why make it even harder for people to go into town during the evening by enforcing this. Shame on you SCC. |
| 445 | Objecting | You will be killing off any chance of a business getting through the massive price rises. The main town will turn into a ghost town. This will all be down to you and when you are told to resign by the public, don't say you had nothing to do with this parking charge which killed a town centre 🙄🙄🙄 |
| 446 | Objecting | Cost of living is through the roof and this is just an additional hit to residents and visitors pockets when money is already tight. |
| 447 | Objecting | It's completely unnecessary and will cause damage to local businesses. |

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| 448 | Objecting | Price increases in every aspect of life at the moment, reinstating parking charges after 6pm will put people off shopping/going for dinner etc and therefore less money put into the economy. Give us some relief in this expensive life I beg |
| 449 | Objecting | Times are tough enough, not going to be good for local businesses as people will seriously think about wether its worth the money |
| 450 | Objecting | This would be a backward step whilst businesses are endeavouring to rebuild after the pandemic. Reintroducing the charges will certainly deter me from visiting Southampton in the evening when there are out of town places I can eat and drink without having to pay to park. |
| 451 | Supporting | I think we need to see less cars in the centre of town. Ideally, I would like to see the whole of the city centre car free. Parking charges should be reintroduced to discourage journeys into the city and encourage use of public and active transport. |
| 452 | Objecting | Can barely afford to eat out let alone pay for proposed parking fees on top |
| 453 | Objecting | I wish to object to the proposals as a city centre resident, because I have a disability and the reduced parking charges have meant my family have been able to visit in the evening, which has been a lifeline of support. |
| 454 | Objecting | I object to the proposals based on the need to stimulate the night-time economy in the city, from bars, restaurants, theatres, arts centres and clubs. I feel with the cost of living crisis being experienced by many, these proposals will lead to less people visiting the city during the evening, with a fall in visitors and revenues for smaller businesses in Southampton. |
| 455 | Supporting | I prefer that money to be spent on sustainable transport |
| 456 | Objecting | Short sited if current climate. |
| 457 | Supporting | I strongly upport this proposal, as with traffic levels increasing post covid there is no justification for reducing charges in order to attract more traffic into the city. In fact we should be discouraging traffic and encouraging more sustainable methods of transport. The charges are not that high - certainly no higher than what it costs to come in by bus! |
| 458 | Commenting | Charges should be levied to park on public streets in evening as well as daytime and should be higher than those charged in designated carparks so to keep streets safer for use by vulnerable users for the purpose of 'passing and repassing'. In Council owned carparks, charges should be lower, eg half, those for on street parking. |
| 459 | Objecting | I think there should be free car parking from 6.00pm |

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| 460 | Supporting | <p>I support the reintroduction of parking charges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to reduce the amount of motor traffic into Southampton's dense center, increasing safety, decreasing pollution, and allowing more space for other purposes, such as dedicated blue badge parking, bike parking, and pedestrian spaces. - so drivers pay for the public space they take up for their convenience <p>I live in Southampton, and I've owned a car in SO15 and SO17, but do not use it for trips within the city, unless I occasionally have to move something heavy around. Within Southampton, I walk, cycle, or occasionally take the bus.</p> |
| 461 | Objecting | <p>People are already having to be more careful about spending money given the cost of fuel, heating etc. If free parking charges are stopped it will be more of a deterrent not to shop/ spend money .</p> |
| 462 | Supporting | <p>I think we have a duty to encourage alternative forms of transport to make our cities cleaner, safer, and more pleasant for people.</p> |
| 463 | Objecting | <p>Restaurant and other business will be effected with this move. Help city centre business</p> |
| 464 | Supporting | <p>I support the proposals to encourage more people to walk, cycle and use public transport to get into town.</p> |
| 465 | Objecting | <p>It's so much better free- encouraging people to come into the city and spend money in cafes and bars, also going to theatre and cinema. Buses are so reduced in evening, parking is essential</p> |
| 466 | Supporting | <p>Something has to be done to make active travel and public transport preferable to driving around the city. This tiny measure will help redress the balance very slightly.</p> |
| 467 | Supporting | <p>Strongly agree with daytime charges. Mostly agree with overnight charges. Better yet would be to make all bus travel max £1 any trip, with nighttime "guard" to encourage people to switch to bus.</p> |
| 468 | Supporting | <p>The perception that parking can ever be 'free' ignores the impact cars have on people in the urban environment. Re introduce charges and reduce the number of short car hour journeys. Ideally price the parking at the point where it makes people think and use sustainable means instead</p> |
| 469 | Supporting | <p>We should be encouraging people to cycle or use public transport rather than subsidising driving by providing free parking. There is no evidence that free parking helps retailers.</p> |
| 470 | Objecting | <p>The proposal does nothing to encourage active travel. Instead it discourages active travel, and encourages car use (often single occupancy), which results in congestion, and increases both air and noise pollution for residents of Southampton.</p> |
| 471 | Supporting | <p>To encourage people to walk, cycle or take public transport when travelling into the city centre. Also to reduce the number of vehicles in town thereby reducing air & noise pollution as well as improving safety for pedestrians. Maybe some of these parking spaces and be reused for cycle lanes, widen footpaths or add vegetation.</p> |
| 472 | Objecting | <p>I think it's a bad idea, this will steer public away from city centre and other evening parking spaces, the businesses will suffer.</p> |

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| 473 | Supporting | I don't think people who don't have access to a car should be having their council tax supporting parking for car owners. |
| 474 | Supporting | I don't think cars should be able to park for free. It is against the principle of active travel. |
| 475 | Supporting | Free car parking is a terrible idea, it just encourages more driving which is bad for the environment, bad for people's health and creates a horrible street environment. Any city with any aspiration for the future should be charging for car parking, making it harder to drive at speed, putting in segregated routes for pedestrians and cyclists in a proper network and supporting the decluttering and high quality management of our public spaces, and planting bloody trees! If you want to throw money at something, support public transport (get the mobility hubs built yesterday) make public transport fares cheaper, improve interchanges between modes. Literally any of these would be better than free car parking in the one bit of the city that every mode of public transport goes to! This shouldn't even need a consultation. Just get on with it! |
| 476 | Objecting | Given the fiscal state/lack of income, of SCC, I think its only fair that we all help to bring income into the city coffers. Many people who do come into the city are residents out of the city, where evening parking charges apply! Why should Southampton be any different! |
| 477 | Supporting | Proposals look sound. Parking charge is minimal and I assume it doesn't affect resident's parking (which could impact lower paid residents) |
| 478 | Supporting | I don't own a car, this is unfair on those that don't have a car |
| 479 | Supporting | I absolutely and totally support charging money for motorists to park in municipal parking spaces. If anything you should charge much more, IE the true economic cost of providing the parking spaces. End subsidies for motorists now. Motorists are the enemy of well run cities. |
| 480 | Supporting | Any funding from reintroducing parking charges should be reinvested into Active and Sustainable Travel |
| 481 | Supporting | I am overwhelmingly in support of charges. Please use this money to fund more sustainable and green travel infrastructure |
| 482 | Supporting | The charges should never have been removed and it is right that they are being reinstated. To improve air quality, help local facilities and encourage active travel it is right to discourage vehicles in the city. |
| 483 | Supporting | I don't own a car and don't support free car PARKING |
| 484 | Supporting | Getting people out of cars in Southampton is absolutely essential. This would make our roads safer for all, our air cleaner for all, and would raise a healthy amount of money to subsidise other modes of transport. This is a NECESSITY!! |

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| 485 | Objecting | <p>There is no evidence that free evening parking is economically beneficial to the southampton community.</p> <p>At least 30% of those who live in soton (voting age) do not have cars.</p> <p>In the evenngs it's is quiet. It's easy and safe to cycle - no parking charges ever.</p> <p>The city should be spending money on its citizens and residents - low parking charges subsidises out of town visitors.</p> <p>If you have already paid a king's ransome for a concert/theatre ticket, you can afford extra parking costs.</p> <p>It is not the job of the councils to subsidise parking when it can not subsidise other beneficial activities for its least wealthy residents.</p> <p>Parking, like car ownership, is a privilege, not a right. Pay for privilege</p> |
| 486 | Supporting | Southampton should discourage travel to the city centre via car. Those in the city should use public transport where available |
| 487 | Supporting | People should not be encouraged to drive to the city centre which is something free parking would do. It increases traffic and is also detrimental to the environment and air quality. Money gained from charging for parking should be reinvested into improving public transport. |
| 488 | Supporting | Free parking encourages unnecessary driving and removed necessary funding from the council. |
| 489 | Supporting | The income from evening charges will support the Council in providing additional active travel such as walking, cycling and busing. |
| 490 | Supporting | I do not believe motorists should be given free parking in our city. |
| 491 | Supporting | Car Parking needs to be priced higher so public transport is a more attractive option. The governments National Bus Strategy is clear that local authorities need to ensure city centre parking charges are priced to support bus travel as the cheaper option, along with bus priority measures such as bus lanes and bus gates. Southampton received zero bus funding in the latest BSIP round, because the previous administration were too focussed on short sighted populist measures to make driving into the city centre cheaper and ripping out bus lanes. |
| 492 | Supporting | If anything, the parking charges should be higher than that proposed. Cars should be deterred from entering the city, for safety and health reasons for all. More encouragement for active and public transit should be made. |
| 493 | Supporting | We should absolutely be pushing cars out of the city centre, im not sure additional charges are entirely the best way forward, they are annoying to the wealthy but crippling to the poor. BUt its a step at least |

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| 494 | Supporting | City Centre parking should not be encouraged by any forward thinking council with an awareness of the importance of cutting omissions and improving air quality in line with today's climate crisis. |
| 495 | Supporting | Parking charges should be reintroduced as there has been no evidence of improvement to nighttime economy |
| 496 | Supporting | We should be looking to discourage driving into the city and if people find £2 fee unaffordable, they would not likely be in a position to put money into the night time economy |
| 497 | Supporting | We need to do as much as we can as a city to improve air quality and encourage more use of public transport |
| 498 | Supporting | I would love to see the funds use to have free public transport or improve cycle lanes in the city centre or bike security rather than subsidising car parking charges. |
| 499 | Supporting | They are a good idea, as the current free parking scheme brought in under the previous administration is essentially a tax cut for car drivers and disincentivises more sustainable forms of transport. Also, the costs proposed now are not so high that they will be prohibitive if you needed to go to town, but they might make locals think twice about driving when they could walk/cycle/get the bus. |
| 500 | Supporting | Completely support the reintroduction of parking charges to the city in favour of supporting active travel in order to attempt to reduce congestion and pollution |
| 501 | Supporting | Car users should be encouraged to walk, cycle or use public transport, adding these evening car parking charges would help with that |
| 502 | Supporting | I feel reducing/removing the charges last year was a mistake, so I am pleased to see them re-introduced. We need to be reducing our reliance on private cars in the interests of reducing congestion and reducing pollution. If we are to help promote active travel and modal shift, then encouraging people to, say, travel on BlueStar for £1 after 6pm, or cycle into the City Centre, will be much more appealing if these methods are cheaper than the cost of driving and parking. Additionally, the removal of these charges did nothing to help those without vehicular access - if I remember correctly, BlueStar's £1 fare was done of their own volition and not as a council scheme. The removal of parking fees seemed like another scheme to benefit car drivers, whereas everyone else was simply forgotten about. With the re-introduction of fees, those that still choose to drive and park can then be contributing towards the upkeep of the city by paying these fees. |
| 503 | Supporting | People need to be encouraged to use public and active transport to get in to town. Re-starting parking charges will encourage this. |
| 504 | Supporting | Evening parking charges should be re-introduced in order to provide the council with additional revenue in these stretched times. |
| 505 | Supporting | Free parking disadvantages everybody accessing the city centre by other modes. Furthermore it encourages the least sustainable mode of travel which is damaging to the health of every resident in the city. |
| 506 | Objecting | Local residents should not be charged more for parking than any other city residents |

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| 507 | Supporting | At the moment buses cost a lot more than they should. Parking should cost - of course - and buses need to be cheaper. It's much better for the environment of the city and county and planet if private cars are not subsidised and buses are subsidised. How else will we ever keep a livable city/planet. No-brainer. No free parking. |
| 508 | Supporting | If there withdrawal of the evening parking charge has had no effect, then it's a pointless loss of revenue. |
| 509 | Supporting | Free car parking just encourages unsustainable journeys into our city centre and district centres. The revenue from car parking should be used to support sustainable travel. |
| 510 | Supporting | I am in support of the charges being brought back in. Seems reasonable. |
| 511 | Objecting | I object |
| 512 | Supporting | <p>Providing free parking comes at cost to city residents, with beneficiaries including those who live outside the city who make no contribution to the costs.</p> <p>Free parking encourages people to drive rather than use alternative forms of transport, contributing to existing congestion in the city.</p> <p>It deprives the city of income that could be invested in encouraging movement away from car reliance in the city to public transport and active travel measures instead.</p> <p>Free car parking is completely at odds with what the city ought to be trying to achieve in its transport policies.</p> <p>Car parking charges and policy should be set an appropriate level to help achieve the city's transport & environmental aims.</p> |
| 513 | Supporting | Soton has a big car problem. City centre is a dump and not good for people. Reducing car numbers would help with this. |
| 514 | Supporting | I would prefer any support with travel costs to go into mass public transport rather than privately owned vehicles |
| 515 | Objecting | What is the point of this, are you now trying to kill the evening restaurant trade for families? This is the demographic of people who are out early evening. Who else parks in town at this time. Disgraceful |
| 516 | Supporting | Encourage use of public transport |
| 517 | Objecting | It is very important In this climate emergency to encourage walking and cycling in all towns and cities. Free parking encourages car use and car dependency and takes space away from those wishing to travel by other means. |
| 518 | Supporting | <p>Taking cars into Southampton need to be discouraged, drivers need to pay for the facilities that they use and use of public transport encouraged.</p> <p>Ps Southampton had electric buses in 1930 (trolley buses)</p> |

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| 519 | Supporting | Free parking encourages unnecessary car use. Cities in which parking is really difficult (except for disabled and immediately local residents - in their own street) are much more people friendly cities and have much better air quality and less noise. And paradoxically most businesses do better as well. I would support any measure which minimises easy parking in Southampton except in proper car parks. |
| 520 | Supporting | Revenue from parking can be used to invest in sustainable transport. |
| 521 | Supporting | I think is essential to charge for parking. Driving cars into the city needs to be disincentivised and public transport needs to be made cheaper and more reliable and accessible. We have to reduce pollution. |
| 522 | Objecting | There is absolutely no need to bring back evening charges. All the talk about controlling the parking spaces, I've never heard anything quite as patronising as that. Most of the parking spaces in the evening or empty, there is no demanded control situation going on. In the evening, Southampton needs the trade, needs people in to support local restaurants and pubs, and charging us to park there when There is no high demand, there is no person or persons taking over parking spaces and bays, one of the joys of going into town of an evening is that you can park for free. I feel that there is a underlying reason for this, perhaps environmental, bringing back evening charges for the second two hours or a small amount for six hours it's just Money making and I find the reasons for bringing back the charges, given in your document, misleading and patronising. As a woman who either goes into town on her own or with the children, getting the bus or a taxi is either unsafe late at night or expensive. If I can drive us safely To our location and back to our front door, taking responsibility for myself and my family, I don't know why Council want to make money from me on this. |
| 523 | Supporting | Discouraging driving is an important part of driving sustainable transport |
| 524 | Supporting | I support the introduction of parking charges in Southampton city centre as it should encourage people to use more sustainable modes of transport to enter the city, thus reducing congestion, pollution, and making the city a more pleasant space to walk, cycle, and be. These measures should be combined with improvements to public transport (increased services, lower fares) and more direct, continuous, protected cycle infrastructure so that people feel safe to travel in the city outside of a car. |
| 525 | Objecting | Hitting hard working people in the pocket again !!! |
| 526 | Supporting | Charge for parking. Make buses low cost. |
| 527 | Supporting | When parking is free or low cost, the costs are passed onto people who don't drive or choose more sustainable modes of transport. There is also no evidence that parking charges deter motorists from entering cities. Making parking free encourages more people to drive, therefore adding to congestion and noise and particulate pollution. |
| 528 | Supporting | Reasonable charges encourage more responsible car use and parking, as well as use of sustainable transport methods (public, walking, cycle, etc). They also provide funds to compensate for the damage caused by cars (e.g. air pollution). I support the reintroduction of charges. |

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| 529 | Supporting | <p>I support the reintroduction of charges--primarily to bring much needed revenue back into the coffers. There is no robust evidence that free parking in a city centre environment supports economic growth. I'd encourage SCC and other LAs should do more monitoring and evaluation of these policy changes, particularly as Go! Southampton now has a number of Springboard footfall trackers in the city centre and high street.</p> <p>As there's no robust evidence that free parking in city centres supports growth, there's presumably also no evidence that small charges will disincentivise drivers, so probably can't be claimed as a win for climate policy.</p> |
| 530 | Objecting | Negative impact on local businesses and local residents. We should not be increasing the costs for local residents at a time when disposable income is under such pressure. |
| 531 | Supporting | <p>I think as a city we should be doing everything we can to reduce traffic and support sustainable transport.</p> <p>This should involve encouraging active forms of transport, public transport including more frequent commuter and "shopper" trains, walking and cycling.</p> |
| 532 | Objecting | <p>As a newly opened Business on Southampton High Street, we consider this proposal would most definitely be a factor in discouraging our customers from visiting our premises, and also feel that the reason for the imposing of this charge is because we have opened this business and made enormous investment in the town, and in this area of Southampton which is in need of improvement and regeneration. And this could be seen as a way of increasing revenue because this car park will be more used than before in the evening. I feel that the Council should be backing new businesses which create both employment to the town and boost the councils revenue in the long term without this parking charge. We have already been Levied to the tune of £20,000 for a "Late Night community Safety Facilities contribution" , a charge which no other town on the SouthCoast where we have premises has put in place Our customers leave around 9.30, earlier than the Cinema and other night time businesses in the town, and I consider this charge to be another example of the council 'Cashing in' and placing a charge on a business which is putting an enormous amount of effort and investment in rejuvenating an area of the town which otherwise will be left to fall into disrepair and demise. In these times when all businesses have been through a vary difficult 3 years (3 Bingo Clubs have closed in Southampton in the past four years). I would ask the Council to reconsider imposing this charge on our customers at least until this and other planned changes in the area come to fruition. Myself and our landlord were both told that there were no imminent plans to impose charges in this car park before we embarked on this venture. And I believed that the council wanted to bring business and footfall back to the High Street in Southampton</p> |
| 533 | Supporting | I support reintroducing parking fees. People should be encouraged to use other transport and fees should be used to fund other forms of active transport |
| 534 | Objecting | The Council needs to realise that the health of the city centre requires easy and cheap access by car drivers. The free parking scheme is first class and must be retained. |

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| 535 | Supporting | I completely support the proposals to re-introduce evening parking charges in Southampton. The charges were an uncoded policy, based on no evidence that they were beneficial, and it would be better for residents in Southampton if some income was derived from people who want to park in the city in the evening. |
| 536 | Supporting | I support these proposals on the basis that, a) free parking is not free - withdrawal of these charges is subsidised by Southampton Council taxpayers and the money could be better spent on other services; and b) air pollution in Southampton city centre is unacceptably high, evening parking charges may encourage people who live close enough to make journeys by other means if they can. |
| 537 | Supporting | I support the reinstatement of evening and overnight parking charges on the basis that there is no evidence currently available of the benefits this has brought at a considerable financial cost to the city council. Neither is it clear who derives the most benefit from the reduction in parking charges with a lot of anecdotal evidence suggesting that many of these are non resident in the city - in effect subsidised by Southampton City Council Tax Payers |
| 538 | Objecting | the original purpose of the plan of free parking is to encourage people back to the city centre to support local businesses, it could also attract people from elsewhere to come to Southampton for dinner or shopping in the evening. While significantly high inflation rate in the UK, people are already not willing to consume or dine in, if the free parking time is changed from after 6 to after 8pm, it will discourage people to come to have shopping or dinner in the city centre when all shops are already closed after 8. |
| 539 | Supporting | We need to encourage use of public transport or other means other than cars in our city centre. |
| 540 | Supporting | We need to do more to discourage private car use and encourage people to use more environmentally friendly methods of transport. |
| 541 | Supporting | I support the reintroduction of these charges. It is necessary to limit the impact of increased traffic flow from an environmental perspective and European studies consistently show that the service economy greatly benefits from a quieter, less polluted atmosphere in city streets. Is there any possibility of Southampton following the Manchester example in the running of city buses? Better active travel provision will enable people to leave their cars at home. Colin MacQueen |
| 542 | Objecting | I think, given the current cost of living crisis the city council should be thinking of residents and local businesses and not trying to justify thier stance on pathetic green issues. |
| 543 | Supporting | The council needs to do all it can to promote public transport/cycling rather than car use |
| 544 | Supporting | free parking was never backed by the majority of people. It was passed due to the Tory Council's wishes. We need to encourage people to take alternative means of transport into the city and so if cheaper public transport and re-introducing parking charges does this then this should happen. |

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| 545 | Objecting | I just visited the beautiful City of Ely. Was pleasantly shocked that parking is free. Thought then wish Southampton could learn from their council. Now I see you are planning to increase the already extortionate parking charges. It's disgraceful. |
| 546 | Objecting | Introducing car park charges will discourage visitors into the city centre and so decrease business. |
| 547 | Supporting | Charges for car parking encourage car users to consider alternative, less carbon intensive forms of transport. It reduces congestion and encourages people to choose more healthy, active travel options. |
| 548 | Objecting | <p>This is the wrong decision to take for Southampton as it will hamper the night time economy and put people off from coming into the City to socialise in the evenings. This policy would make Southampton much less competitive City and in time could mean some businesses having to close thereby reducing jobs in the City. The current policy of free parking after 6pm should continue as many residents, tourists and businesses feel this has a positive effect to the lives of everyone and ensures Southampton is place where everyone is able to visit easily.</p> <p>I therefore object to these night time parking charges after 6pm.</p> |
| 549 | Objecting | Not good for business |
| 550 | Supporting | I think that free parking only encourages traffic into the centre and am in favour of reducing car use. I think these proposals will discourage driving into Southampton and encourage public transport use. I am in favour of them. |
| 551 | Supporting | I am supporting the re-introduction of the parking charges as outlined in the proposals. When over a third of residents within the city of Southampton (including myself) don't have access to a car, it doesn't seem fair that council taxpayers' money is spent subsidising those that do. The money could be better spent extending the popular £1 evening bus fare scheme, providing a fairer opportunity for people to visit the city centre in the evening. |
| 552 | Supporting | parking should cost as buses cost - should be more as often more than 1 person, so maybe cost of bus ticket for 2 or 3 people. People need to be encouraged to use public transport so that's where any money should go |
| 553 | Supporting | Parking should cost money - there is no reason why it should be free! The land is probably worth a lot in a city centre. Or put in wider pavements or bike lanes instead of the parking places - that will make it much nicer and WILL help the local economy - there is plenty of research. |
| 554 | Supporting | Either replace the parking places with pavements and cycle lanes (better for economy) or charge what the land is actually worth! It should NOT be free. |

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| 555 | Objecting | <p>Introducing evening and over night parking fees will be extremely detrimental to local businesses as if it wasn't hard enough already with the rising cost of living. We want Southampton to be a CULTURAL hub where tourists can come and enjoy our wonderful city WITHOUT cursing our restricted city centre parking issues!!</p> <p>There is limited fun in this town as it is please just let residents and tourists park without worrying a bloody parking fine in the evenings.</p> <p>You've got the day time.</p> <p>Let us have the evening.</p> |
| 556 | Objecting | <p>I vehemently object to this proposal, especially at a time when the cost of living is rapidly increasing and we are recovering from a global pandemic. Not only will overnight parking charge impact families who enjoy are city centre in the evenings, and who are already feeling the pains of inflation, it will also impact local businesses and could dissuade people from supporting our local economy. We should be encouraging more people to visit our city centre and seek to minimise obstacles preventing them from visiting our city.</p> |
| 557 | Objecting | <p>In my view if you are asking people to pay for evening parking in the current economic climate they will choose to visit the city centre less which will then have a knock on effect to businesses.</p> <p>I frequently take advantage of the free parking and have not had an issues finding parking spaces near the different venues I have visited.</p> <p>This is not the time to be asking people to pay additional unnecessary charges.</p> |
| 558 | Objecting | <p>I object to the proposals as these car parks have been free overnight for a long time and people who use them is because they do need a place where to park overnight. Charging them (they are most likely citizens of southampton) seems a little bit taking advantage of citizens</p> |
| 559 | Objecting | <p>Public transport is unreliable and expensive. No safe way to get home only by car or sometimes dodgy taxis. Free parking the evenings supports the night time economy.</p> |
| 560 | Supporting | <p>There is no evidence introducing on street evening and overnight parking charges will harm the night time economy. This may well push people into using public transport and not taking their cars which would be beneficial</p> |

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| 561 | Objecting | <p>I am absolutely furious that evening parking charges are being brought back in to evening parking. In this time of inflation and rising cost of living, it is just an extra added rise in cost that is not needed. I have really enjoyed being able to go into Southampton city centre in the evening knowing that I don't have to pay for parking. And this will most definitely discourage me from evening trips into the city centre to avoid the parking charges.</p> <p>One of the rationales given is to reduce pollution in the air and to encourage public transport use. As a 30 year old female, I would absolutely not use public transport in the evening alone due to fears of safety, especially in the light of recent murders such as those of Sarah Everard and Sabina Nessa. Has female safety been considered in this proposal?</p> <p>In addition, where the economy has fallen and a recession is likely to come later in the year, free evening parking gives an incentive for residents to come in the city centre and boost the economy by going out to eat, shopping at West Quay and visiting the theatre without having to worry about the extra charges of parking. However, with this extra irritating charge, it will cause people to be less likely to venture into the city to avoid the parking charges, and may in turn have a further negative effect on the economy of Southampton.</p> <p>Please consider the above before bringing in evening charges.</p> |
| 562 | Supporting | As a cyclist, I support the proposal. I think cars should be discouraged at all costs - noisy, dangerous, dirty things! |
| 563 | Supporting | I support the City Council asking people to pay to park their cars in the evening. |
| 564 | Supporting | we need to charge for the purpose of parking control, income generation, and to promote greener and active travel. |
| 565 | Supporting | We should be encouraging the use of alternative means of transport e.g public , bike not cars |
| 566 | Objecting | <p>The commercial damage to the city center will be significant in my opinion. I live in an area outside the city where bus access is very poor and trains don't go into the city only Winchester. This is significantly effect my ability to go into the city for leasure and make it much more expensive. My household have eaten out much more since the parking charge changes due to the significant saving.</p> <p>I am also astonished at the timing of this. In this climate!</p> |

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| 567 | Objecting | <p>Thank you for the consultation.</p> <p>I respectfully request that the proposed overnight charges are scrapped. My partner uses West Park MSCP every night to park. I use the car park for half of the week when visiting my partner. We are both public workers who have to use our cars for work.</p> <p>As you will note, the majority of people who park in West Park over night (of which there are not many) reside in Gantry Court and Empire View.</p> <p>As you can tell by the scaffold, these buildings are currently unmortgageable due to cladding which is thankfully being removed. All are on variable mortgages and are unable to remortgage. This, on top of the current cost of living crisis, makes the additional money required for 2 cars to park here over night very difficult to accept. This was a great benefit to living here and we appreciated the Council for helping us.</p> <p>In addition, I note the reasons provided are to improve air quality. I appreciate improving air quality is a key aim but wish the Council would be honest that this is to increase revenue. It is physically impossible for myself and my partner to travel by public transport for work (unless we have a 2-3 hr journey every day and we need our cars to meet work demands) and also meet caring demands for family. Therefore the reasons for the order proposed are not accepted and, in reality, improving air quality is an unrealistic justification to change parking restrictions and I question the the actual benefit behind this change.</p> <p>The additional cost is unacceptable to us in the current time and will make the current cost of living situation much more difficult. It is an unfair change with little public benefit.</p> |
| 568 | Objecting | <p>In a time where households are struggling with finances because of the cost of living crisis and the high streets are suffering a new Labour council comes back in and they want to increase charges when the Tory party scrapped them. This is a party who is not for the working class, utterly shameful</p> |
| 569 | Objecting | <p>Introducing additional parking costs to the city is a disgrace and very short sighted. At a time when high street shops are already becoming a thing of the past, the city needs to be encouraging residents to visit local shops and restaurants, not creating more barriers. The city will become like many others with boarded up empty shops, making people avoid the city and bringing crime and shame to is all, while residents are forced online to buy their goods and have food brought to them - both of which have a far higher, but hidden, environmental cost - negating the target to make the city appear greener. The modest income that will be generated will make no difference to improving the amenities and will just get lost in the black hole budget of the city. It will also be exceeded by the lost business rent and rates for those that cannot absorb more lost trade at a peak time of people popping out after work. There is therefore no tangible benefit to these proposals, but a real cost to the high street.</p> |

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| 570 | Supporting | Any measures that reduce people's choice of cars for travel should be supported: evening parking charges could persuade people to take buses, walk or cycle which would improve air quality in the city, make streets pleasanter for those not driving, and play a part in addressing the climate emergency. |
| 571 | Supporting | I support parking charges as it discourages traffic in these zones, making them more accessible for residents |
| 572 | Objecting | There is no parking issues and no proof that it creates greener travel. You are giving the Torys the council back if you go ahead with this |
| 573 | Objecting | I do not think it is fair to institute parking charges past 6pm. I am already inconvenienced as a resident in St Mary's during stadium days with no parking spaces after work on these days. Cost of living is high and having to pay £1 every day even though it looks small adds up! |
| 574 | Objecting | <p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>I am one of a small handful of dedicated Volunteer Front of House personnel at the Mast Mayflower Studios, within the Cultural Quarter of Southampton City Centre. As such, we are called to staff the Theatre as required, on a regular basis but at irregular times.</p> <p>As Volunteers, it will not come as any surprise, the majority of us are Senior Citizens and do not live close to the City Centre. Consequently, as Public Transport to the Venue is either infrequent or not in operation particularly late at night, it is necessitated we use our own Vehicles for transportation. Hence, the use of nearby Parking facilities is unavoidable.</p> <p>The primary reason we have all enrolled to Volunteer our unpaid services at the Mast Mayflower Studios is to support, foster and promote the struggling Arts in the Community.</p> <p>I fear the proposals, to introduce additional Off Street overnight Parking Charges, will of course impact on our preparedness to expend and sustain the further Tariffs.</p> <p>I note, with interest, the current 12 month Free Parking Permit afforded to The Quays Staff.</p> <p>Could not Southampton City Council (who are already Sponsor the Mast Mayflower Studios) afford some form of concession or dispensation to these proposed additional Parking Charges, for requisite Volunteer personnel, please?</p> |

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| 575 | Objecting | <p>The proposals unfairly disadvantage and disproportionality effects residence within the zones but particularly within Zone 18 which covers Rockstone Place. Zone 18 residences are not allowed to have visitor permits and so anyone wishing to visit them has to pay a fee to do, within the day or evening when most want to be social. This is inconsistent with other areas that have either no parking permits or are allowed visitor permits. This potentially isolates people and limits there ability to enjoy their homes. If you insist in continuing with evening charges in this area then grant the residency the ability to get reasonably priced visitor permits to be able to support guests visiting. Note that not all visitors have the ability to use public transport to access the area or are travelling from much further away.</p> <p>The increase in cost of residence parking permits is also extreme and inappropriate. The cost is increasing from £60 to £900 a 15 fold increase, when many are struggling with the cost of living increases and it is only getting worse, with the full impact of fuel price rises not fully realised. This policy does not help to reduce the number of cars on the road in this areas as already it is not full in the evening and would only be turning the residence into a 'cash cow' with no advantage to them (the infrastructure is already installed in the street) and this does not discourage those travelling into the city to consider alternative means of transport as they can not get a permit. Many of the residence have no choice in where to park as the regency building are listed and there is no ability for them to create parking, in addition there is no accessible bike storage either within the majority of building or on the street that is SECURE (hoops in the road are not secure) which again does not allow the residence to explore other options. All that may happen is the council just move the problem else where within the city. Be proportional in your application and consider significantly higher costs for those that want more then one vehicle. Also why is the church given a special window within the parking charging times for the service? If we are all being discouraged from driving into the city it should be universal to all people, shops and organisations.</p> |
| 576 | Supporting | <p>We should be encouraging people to use public and active transport to both come to and get around the city. The air quality is already poor and facilitating more car driving is a backwards step.</p> |
| 577 | Supporting | <p>Absolutely support the reintroduction of parking charges, we must deter car users away from the city centre not encourage them.</p> |
| 578 | Supporting | <p>I fully support the reintroduction of parking charges. We need to encourage and subsidies forms of transport that are better for our health and our environment.</p> |
| 579 | Supporting | <p>The council should definitely not be subsidising private car parking, considering how expensive it is for the council to subsidise - these are better going into other council services.</p> |
| 580 | Supporting | <p>An over abundance of vehicles negatively impact cities, measures to reduce this improve the lives of all. Southampton has adequate means to travel without a personal vehicle.</p> |

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| 581 | Supporting | <p>When these were removed there was a lot of opposition on a number of grounds from environmental ie incentivising car use and not in line with Govt policy that is encouraging active travel.</p> <p>I think evening charges of up to £2 are not unreasonable compared to other cities on the south coast. My preference in light of the pressures of cost of living is to first re-introduce off street charges again. On street mostly affects residents and needs a package of affordable options eg season tickets priced at a reasonable level plus a rolling programme of investment in alternatives including safe storage for bikes and safety measures at bus stops.</p> <p>Inner city residents on council estates pay £100-150 for parking pa so would expect prices to be closer to that figure than the previous offer</p> |
| 582 | Supporting | <p>I live in the city centre and the pollution here is awful in places, there are far too many vehicles (particularly private cars) entering the city.</p> <p>I support the council's aims to encourage sustainable transport. Public transport will only be popular if it's a viable alternative to cars. The previous Conservative administration took money away from these initiatives to fund free evening parking.</p> <p>This was not done on an evidence basis. During lockdown in the GTRP call-in, they even misled the public by saying road capacity on arterial routes into the city had been halved due to the creation of temporary bus lanes, despite roads like Millbrook Rd West being unchanged. Their comments also show they don't consider bicycles or buses to be real transportation, as though they don't represent people who use those forms of transportation. Royston Smith MP also said words to this effect in the Daily Echo and even the House of Commons which surely raises questions as to whether he misled parliament.</p> <p>I'm not saying that parking shouldn't be affordable but if a council is serious about tackling pollution and traffic, they should be doing all they can to encourage other more sustainable forms of transport. Free evening parking does the exact opposite of this.</p> |

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| 583 | Supporting | <p>In the OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER in point 2.1 reference to column 9 should read column 8. The removal of vehicles should be extended to include those contravening article 2.3 and possibly 2.4 and possibly 2.5. Article 2.9 could be modified to include "except where explicitly signed as allowed." or similar in order to provide future provision for overnight stays in vehicles such as motorhomes without requiring modification of the order e.g. at Crosshouse Hard.</p> <p>In (CITY CENTRE) ORDER in 2.2 c and 2.4 c and 2.6 c and 2.8 c and 3.12 c and 3.16 c and 3.18 c and 3.29 c and 3.33 c addition should be made of a time limit, or that the use of the waiting or loading vehicle is continuous and proceeds in a timely manner. In 3.37 all vehicles should be subject to the same time limit as detailed in column 5 of schedule 10 absolutely. Article 2.10 should be deleted in its entirety, it is an offence to drive on a footway except crossing it for access. There are no access routes affected. Article 3.9 (The removal of vehicles) should be extended to include those contravening articles 3.13 and 3.17 and 3.34.</p> <p>If applicable in these orders charges that vehicles removed and stored may be subjected to should be included, or the ability to levy charges for removal and storage, if this is suitable. It is important that vehicles causing obstructions, parked in the wrong bays, or stopping loading areas being used as loading areas are removed promptly, charging for removal facilitates that. Similarly vehicles used in construction, by the council, or for undertakers/weddings etc cannot be allowed to indefinitely use a space they are not entitled to or block it for legitimate users, hence my suggestion of a time limit for certain types of these vehicles that seem more prone to waiting for long periods. They should be allowed to wait or load there for the minimum time necessary to enable their use, and only if waiting or loading elsewhere is genuinely unsuitable, having to walk slightly further is not a suitable reason.</p> |
| 584 | Supporting | <p>I'm supportive of the proposal to reduce pollution and improve accessibility of pedestrians. It must also be followed up with actions to provide a more affordable public transportation.</p> |
| 585 | Objecting | <p>A tax on people at a very difficult time. Also, very bad for business.</p> |

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| 586 | Objecting | <p>The consultation documents are at best confusing, if not deceiving, as the published map clearly excludes Rockstone Place from the city centre pay and display green outer zone. Conversely, trawling through the 90+ pages of the Draft Order reveals that Rockstone Place is in fact included in the proposed evening charges from 6pm to 8pm.</p> <p>Many years ago Rockstone Place was predominantly commercial/offices, however for at least the past 10 years these properties have been almost exclusively residential. The principle reason for retaining 8am – 6pm P&D, rather than residents permit only as per the neighbouring parking zones, appears to be facilitating short term parking during working hours for the nearby court buildings. There is very little demand for non-resident parking outside of weekday working hours, except for occasional events at St Edmund’s Church. During evenings and weekends there are typically plenty of unoccupied spaces.</p> <p>Visitor permits are for unknown reasons not available for Zone 18, Rockstone Place. This, combined with the 8am start and max 4 hour stay, is a serious inconvenience to family and friends when visiting residents of Rockstone Place. This often results in visitor’s vehicles being moved around between different short-term spaces comply with restrictions which is entirely unnecessary, inconvenient, and in fact detrimental to air quality and other environmental concerns.</p> <p>Rockstone Place was not previously included in pre-pandemic evening charges. Introducing them is unlikely to reduce non-residential parking, as there is very little in the first place, but merely add additional constraints to any visitors of said residents by further restricting the hours they can visit with respect to the maximum stay.</p> <p>I oppose any additional charges or restrictions in Zone 18 without provision being made to residents for a limited number of visitor permits, in line with neighbouring zones. Furthermore, I would strongly argue for the removal of all weekend restrictions in Zone 18 as they provide no tangible benefit to residents. Removal of restrictions is unlikely to have any negative effects as there are better and more convenient parking options for anyone visiting the town centre or local amenities.</p> <p>Addressing the Statement of Reasons of The Order with respect to Rockstone Place:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rockstone Place is sufficiently wide that the existing on-street parking does not inhibit any class of traffic by road or pavement. 2. Introducing evening charges to Rockstone Place will make no improvement to the local area. In fact, quite the opposite in hindering residents enjoyment of their properties by further restricting the duration in which friends and family can easily visit. 3. There will be no improvement to air quality by introducing evening charges to Rockstone Place. Non-residents that park in Rockstone Place in the evening will most likely continue to do so, as they are typically visiting friends/family or attending the |
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| | | church. As outlined above, visitor permits or removal of weekend restrictions may actually reduce the number of unnecessary vehicle movements and have a positive impact on air quality. |
| 587 | Supporting | The removal of charges was unjustified by the Conservative Councillors, and they ignored the original consultation that had 91% opposed to scrapping charges. There is no evidence that says removal of parking charges or making parking easier helps businesses by any significant amount, and in this case there was no evaluation of the effect the removal of charges had. Drivers contribute a small amount to businesses compared to pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users. Reimplementing charges will help discourage driving in the city and will enable the collection of revenue once again, as the original scrapping of charges cost £1m+ and was detrimental to bus companies - as stated in the Bus Service Improvement Report. The charges must be reinstated. |
| 588 | Commenting | Southampton must be bucking the trend, raging inflation, runaway energy costs people going hungry. Is it really the best time to reintroduce nighttime parking charges. Unbelievable. |