

Removal of the evening rate provides no benefit to residents, only increases income for the council

This is a very poor proposal to increase the cost of parking at a time when household budgets are under pressure. I am a regular long-stay user of College Street car park and it is very unfair to increase the cost of parking after 8pm.

I think it is a fair and even still quite cheap change to parking charges

This is yet a further attack on the motorist by Southampton City Council.

Too expensive, would not go into the city due to the charges now if they are implemented.

I believe they offer excellent value for money even at the increased rates, when compared to other local councils, which are way higher! Also, would be nice to have an easy 10 hr option which covers anyone working all day in the city centre, without the shorter time periods being particularly costly.

Will drive people to not visit Southampton and businesses will suffer.

It represents a fine on visiting the city in the evening especially cultural activities such as the Mayflower theatre. It will cost more to monitor and patrol than it will raise.

Stupid idea.

The proposal says it is to encourage alternative means of transport. As a retired couple who enjoy going to the cinema and Mayflower theatre and living in Sholing where will we find alternative means of transport during the evening at an affordable cost . Taxi is at least £15 each way. Buses, few and far between or fail to run late in the evening for people like us we mobility issues. Moving the parking times from 6pm to 8pm will have minimal financial increase to the council coffers. Increase in hourly charge is just about acceptable , however using the excuse it benefit cleaner air is insulting to the people in Southampton . It is pure a money making ploy but the badly run labour council who spend money paying employees to weed the central reservation on Mountbatten Way for example

I will be personally inconvenienced by these proposals, but still support them for the benefit of all residents of the city.

The public transport is not regular or safe enough and car parking is already ridiculously expensive

you will be ensuring everyone continues to shop outside of the city and online there will be few to no retail left in Southampton

The prices proposed are not excessive. The traffic in and around the city is awful so I'm not sure why so many people choose to drive anyway. Buses are frequent and cheap. I own a car and do not drive into the city!

People have got lots of more important bills to pay without increasing parking charges.

The city council website explicitly states, part of my council tax goes towards parking.

Why, as a resident of Southampton should i pay twice for parking?

You claim that this will encourage people to use alternative transport but have supplied no evidence of this... until research has been done you cannot make changes.

Discouraging more and more people to visit the city centre will ultimately result in a drop in your venue, whilst all the while patting yourselves on the back about how much extra money you've embezzled.

This is another cost lumbered on the public in the middle of a cost of living crisis. It will impact the night time economy and will have little or no impact on air quality.

all labour councils do is waste other peoples money .

Always going after people who drive cars, it is not lke we see any benefits with road closures after road closures months on end with nobody it seems working on site.

any excuse to keep going after drivers who already pay enough a week to drive their cars.

enough is enough.

Just another tax on the everyday motorist. It will make the city less attractive to visit.

The air quality in Southampton is, according to the local Echo, among the 10 worst cities in the UK. Urgent and drastic action needed to be taken, and I welcome these plans in that vein; I do hope the additional revenue is reinvested in active travel, and public transport infrastructure throughout the city creating viable alternatives to driving.

Proposals seem reasonable and I agree with simplifying the charges.

I object to having to pay on a Sunday morning in order to go to church at St Michael's in the old town. This is discrimination. At that time there is hardly anyone around so it's just a means of raising revenue, again! We have many elderly congregation members and the buses do not have a good enough coverage at that time of day.

This is a huge increase in parking prices. Welcome to the Labour council.

Making parking more restrictive will be counterproductive and will drive people away from city centre. Already council is earning or taking away from people very hard earned money after paying tax etc through various means. Increasing another costs at some lame excuse or for a counterproductive reason should be avoided at any means. This is another way of hitting the drivers and families while all other costs are skyrocketing. So please try find ways how you can help people and stop making more ways to tax people.

Far too large an increase

I understand the need for motorists to pay for parking during the day, mostly to encourage them to use alternative transport and to raise revenue for road improvements, BUT why charge for evenings? We want people to visit Southampton and enjoy eating out and entertainment without having extra parking charges on top of expenditure. The buses do not run late and more infrequently in the evenings, so not always a viable option. Due to the evening charges, my family choose out of city pubs and restaurants to meet with friends. You should be encouraging locals and visitors into the city to socialise.

I think that maintaining free parking in the city centre on Sunday mornings will be good for trade and will encourage shoppers to arrive earlier than otherwise and is also good for church goers who worship in the city centre.

Cost of living crisis now is not a time to increase pain for residents

Charging people to park when attending religious services of any religion strikes me as being discriminatory. Hence charging on a Sunday morning seems totally unacceptable. Likewise the night time economy is going to be severely hit if charges go on until midnight. This is very short-sighted in being a way to claw back because of over expenditure.

Good idea!

For people attending places of worship on a Sunday, these people will be penalised if charges are applied before 1300 hours. There are places of worship like St Michael the Archangel, St Joseph, St Nicholas Greek church, Above Bar church to name but a few which do not have off street parking facility. As I work at St Michael's, I would be penalised every time I came into the parish. There are several more elderly parishioners who rely on their car on a Sunday, and they would be unfairly penalised.

The new proposals are particularly detrimental to visitors to the city in the evening as removes the maximum fee of £2 for parking up to midnight with the introduction of the hourly charge. This will particularly affect theatre goers as shows are typically over 2 hours and then additional time needed to get to the theatre and be seated and then return to the vehicle afterwards. This potentially means you now need to buy 4 hours of parking instead of the £2 max charge currently and will directly impact Mayflower and MAST theatre attendance.

Removing the 10 min free parking slots could mean people travel elsewhere instead, or even increase use of online services killing the high street and surrounding areas further. Southampton is not a top nightspot nor top shopping area - it is OK. Extending parking times in private roads can increase loneliness of residents with people less

willing to visit or visiting later. Public transport needs to come before making it less inviting to drive into Southampton, not afterwards. Why alienate customers and companies? Southampton has issues with drugs and anti-social behaviour: it is not a great place to be, so do people need further encouragement not to come into the city? Charging motorists to pay the full rate until midnight for off street parking will have an adverse affect on the night time economy. However, it's pointless filling in this survey as it will be forced through regardless.

#### Cost of living crisis

Reasons given are an excuse to increase tariffs. Seems as though you don't want people to come into the city. If you want the city to be affluent then don't put people off. Don't think any of the increase will contribute much to potholes or highway maintenance.

No significant increase in charges and in line with maintenance costs. Higher parking charges will help people consider how they travel into the city centre and the more people using bus, train, cycling or walking, the better. Fully support

I think that the current arrangements for Sunday and Bank Holidays should remain - i.e. no charge until 1pm. People visiting places of worship on Sunday mornings will be penalised by the change.

Very much against the removal of the shorter time parking charges from the Bedford place area , given the number of businesses in Bedford place , dentists , hairdressers, shoe and clothes shops , art shop to name a few , a single two hour parking time is simply not acceptable ! Is the expectation that all these businesses will close and we are to have another area like Portswood which has nothing but coffee shops and takeaways ?

During the current cost of living crisis which is affecting everyone - especially small businesses & the financially vulnerable - this is exactly the WRONG time to change your current parking price structure.

I understand the need for the council to raise more funds, but this is not the time to hit people with yet another financial burden.

I can't object strongly enough to this matter - especially as the roads in and around Southampton have been a disgrace (the worst I've seen in the entire country) for as long as I can remember.

Usual fleecing of the motorist so the council can build more unused cycle lanes.

These proposals are so negative towards the number of retailers who rely on people driving by and buying from their shops, especially those who are elderly or have mobility issues. This discourages people from visiting the city centre when we should be supporting people visiting, the proposals combined with those on shutting roads, creating cycle lanes and eliminating vehicles from the city centre are so far away from the mind set of the majority of Southampton residents.

Not happy about removal of 1hour option in Gloucester Square, a visit to Telephone House surgery rarely takes much more than 30 mins. A charge of £2.80 is a lot to pay and the 2 hour time is excessive for a surgery visit.

The extended time of the higher parking fee, ie extending to 8pm instead of the current 6pm, will put a lot of people off coming into the city for evening meals. This will have an adverse effect on the restaurant and general hospitality industry and instead of encouraging growth, will actually help kill off what is currently a vibrant city.

5.50 to park on the street just after 6pm when visiting a restaurant in town is robbery.

Will start looking to visit places outside of southampton where parking is free or cheaper.

#### How can this be supporting local businesses?

I think the increase in charges does not hold up. You are not repairing pot holes in this city so please do not use this as an excuse for increasing the charges. I cannot easily

get into town without my car as I do not live within easy walking distance of any bus services so to have to pay these increased charges, on top of everything else that has gone up, is not acceptable. You will drive people away from the city rather than attract them in!

I believe the changes are fair and justified. It will hopefully encourage people to consider more sustainable and/or active forms of transport.

Yet another assault on motorists hidden at the bottom of an email! Reviewed and simplified.....just doing away with evening parking charges which help the nighttime economy. Personally, as one of the 'older' generation who likes to go to the theatre, for a meal, to the cinema, I do not feel safe on public transport in the evening, or on the necessary walk to the bus stop and back. As usual this council is seeing a way to make more money out of the motorist, using the same ridiculous claims, which may well backfire.

Any increase in parking charges will reduce the number of people coming into town to shop or for evening entertainment. Buses cannot be used if you are shopping as you may need to carry many bags. As a woman I do not feel that buses are safe in the evening especially waiting at a bus stop and walking from a bus stop to my house. The only people who hire e-scooters are those who would otherwise be walking.

I notice that charges are rising considerably in some areas. You quote the cost increases caused by inflation, and I note that you state the use of the charges as helping with street repairs, etc. I am not happy that you use parking charges for this as this should come out of government grants, etc.

I am also annoyed that you want to raise charges due to inflation but most peoples wages have also been affected by inflation and are not subject to big increases as are the parking charges.

Seems like a war on motorists again. We will fight you.

Removing the flat rate for evening parking, particularly in those car parks which are Pay and Display, potentially adds unnecessary anxiety to an evening out as how long you need is outside your control. I think that having a charge period to 10pm, rather than midnight, would help without impacting revenue or availability of spaces very much.

I would prefer for parking not to get not expensive but since this is happening, the council needs to scrap the surcharge for app payment. You are effectively discouraging people from using the payment method that costs less for the council to operate. Handing cash in the machines is much more expensive than the fee charged by the app provider. Please treat customers fairly rather than with that current level of contempt.

I can understand creating a clearer pricing structure, however there is no justification on the need to increase parking for inflation purposes. Its just squeezing families again. There needs to be better alternative transport options if you want to reduce traffic in the city centre. Where's the decent park and ride options of other cities?

It is highly unlikely this will make a meaningful difference to the environment. The steady move already in progress to less polluting vehicles will already deliver improvements.

We should be encouraging visitors to the city, and there is no need to copy the behaviour of other councils without good cause.

All of Sunday worshippers will be impacted by this change in the city. Currently we have been able to park freely on Sunday morning until 1pm when most church services are over. The proposed changes would sadly impact us all. Particularly the elderly on pensions like myself. It would impact socialising after a service when church communities come together. Our church, New Community, Central Hall has coffee after the service and an opportunity to chat with other members of the congregation, this would impact many of us and we would have to leave earlier than normal if it meant paying a further hour on the meter.

Parking is too cheap in the city center, leading to massive traffic which further prohibits pedestrian, cycling, and other alternative means of transportation. It also causes noise and environmental pollution from the cars in the center.

The evening running times of city buses is poor and if residents want to use any of the many leisure facilities in the city centre after 6pm they are more likely than not going to drive down and park in the vicinity. If SCC wants to discourage car traffic in the city centre then invest in an improved bus service. Increasing car parking charges is a ploy to raise cash and to try to suggest otherwise is dishonest and disingenuous.

Don't you think that people have enough outgoings with the living crises you do nothing to update parking that is a lie the roads are what needs sorting out and that is what we pay our council tax don't try and make excuses for inflating the charges! Simplifying means the council has more money if you are going to charge for evening and Sunday make the cost cheaper hourly! London do not charge for parking Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday maybe you should do this!

Regular user of Bond Street car park to attend/teach dance classes. These new tariffs will probably mean I will attend less regularly and discourage students from regular attendance. We are all struggling with cost of living. It will affect many businesses in the area.

I fully support the proposed changes. Whilst there is a balance to be struck, these proposed changes may hopefully slightly reduce traffic in the city centre and encourage more to use public transport (which needs to have increased services). Any increased charges will also go a little way to improve the SCC budget.

There are a lot of churches in the city centre of Southampton and Sunday mornings have been free to park allowing people to attend their church and enable their right to worship. Expensive parking charges will impact this greatly. I don't think it adds any confusion by having a different Sunday tariff - eg free til 1pm. Sunday trading laws are different and everyone copes with that difference. I also don't see such a high demand for parking places on a Sunday morning that charges will make a difference in controlling that. I therefore feel it is a money raising decision that negatively impacts those who are attending places or worship.

I understand the simplification of the charging period, the split times never made sense to anybody and were difficult to comprehend, however the increases are astronomical. East Street multi storey for example, not only hours of charge changed but increase out of proportion. I do use the bus for work into town 3/4 days a week, however use car for social/personal visits. You need to improve buses before telling people to use public transport. Buses are busy, overcrowded, old and dirty and do not run on time!

These increases will kill off Southampton city centre, just when it needs supporting and reviving, for it is a pretty drab and unattractive place to shop, eat out, visit etc. Parking charges should not be introduced for Sunday mornings (when this bus service is very poor). This was tried before and the churches successfully campaigned against it. I am encouraging them to do so again. If these charges go ahead I will shop and worship elsewhere!

Just another reason not to visit the city centre.

No price increase in 10 years?

When the cost of living is already high, and bus fares are increasing, this increase is terrible for those who are struggling already. In regards to introducing Sunday morning fees this is going to impact all of the city centre churches for their morning services, most of which are an aging population and rely on being able to park for mobility reasons - how are they going to afford these fees on a weekly basis? As a member of the local bellringing band, we volunteer to ring the bells before the services - we're already struggling to ring every Sunday and having to pay for parking for this voluntary service to the Church doesn't give people an incentive to join us.

I am concerned about the introduction of parking charges during Sunday mornings. As an attendee of a city centre church I am aware that both the church I attend and others

nearby have limited parking on their our sites and do utilise available on road parking. Public transport is less frequent on a Sunday morning making alternative travel more difficult. (I can't see any proposals to increase frequency of buses on Sunday mornings.) I am particularly concerned about the impact on those with reduced mobility in congregations who are unable to consider options such as cycling.

Just another stealth tax against motorists imposed by a totally inept council.

I believe that the proposals are bad for the city, bad for local businesses and bad for church goers.

I have recently returned from France and the abundant availability of free parking is very noticeable and has a beneficial effect on its locations.

Increasing evening charges will have a detrimental effect on local restaurants and will discourage people from visiting the city.

Church goers in the city centre have long appreciated the no charge period on Sunday mornings and I believe that there is no good reason to change this.

The proposed charges are discriminating against places of worship which have no or limited off street parking facility. I refer to St Michael's, Bugle Street, St Joseph's Bugle Street, Above Bar Church, and the Community Church to name but four. The proposal to increase Sunday charges between 0800hrs and 1300hrs for example around St Michael's from £0 to £5.50 for 2 hours and £8 for four hours is a total disgrace. You talk about clean air; I drive a 100% electric car, and when I bought it, I had already lost the government grant towards EVs and the free passage over the Itchen Bridge. These proposals will seriously damage the economy of the city

You state that Southampton has not had a parking price increase for 10 years - what about the recent reintroduction of the evening charge?

For residents that live in apartments with no parking (of which you continue to build more and more of), this is the only option. The introduction of the evening charge means that I now pay £230 a month, as there are no permits available, for this area.

I invite you to treat inner city and residential areas on-street parking separately. Do your research!

This will encourage people to go shopping elsewhere and have a detrimental effect on town centre shopping. If you want to discourage traffic why not set up park and ride.

When I go on holiday I always use park and ride if I can but I also notice that town center parking is cheaper than Southampton. Hence I do my shopping out of town.

Perhaps you could increase Cruise Passenger charges £5 a night in places like West Quay Multistory is very low why do we pay more in our car parks but visitor Cruising have a minimum charge for 24 hours. 7 nights £35 you could charge £10 and double this they are causing pollution as well but allowed to park for next of nothing

I am against the changed proposals in evening parking charges for the main reason that they will make the city inaccessible for many people due to the poor provision of the public transport network in the evening.

For example, I live in Bassett and can access one bus per hour in the evening, which ends too early for me to get home after events like concerts, shows, theatre etc.

Furthermore, this bus is still at least 15 minute walk away from my home and I do not feel safe walking home in the dark given the prevalence of attacks on women across the city. This is also true for waiting for the bus - hanging around anywhere in the evening waiting is a recipe for danger.

I would cycle but there are no secure places to leave a bike. You must have seen the number of bike carcasses that are scattered across the city bike racks - I am not happy to leave my bike out and risk that happening to it. I would consider cycling if the council were to install some secure bike hangers which you can (pre-)book a space in and only get access to if you have done so. These have been used successfully in other councils and have been put in existing on-road car park spaces, so no space is lost on

pavements etc.

Finally, this proposal is a farce in regards to improving pollution - if the Council really wanted to improve that they would be taking action on the city's greatest polluter: the cruise ships. Also, electric cars are becoming increasingly prevalent these days and improving infrastructure in the city would encourage more and more people to convert to them, not just the more well off and people with private driveways. If the true aim is to reduce pollution then why not give all electric cars free parking?

We can see this policy for what it is - a blatant cash grab to fill the hole in the Council's budget.

Yes to this. Higher prices are needed to help the council's finances and discourage driving and car use in the city.

My main objection is to the extension of parking charges on Sundays. Currently charges only begin at 1.00pm, so to start charging at 8.00am is not a simple increase but a huge change. There are literally hundreds of people who attend city centre churches on Sunday mornings who would be penalised by this change. That seems to me to be unfair and discriminatory.

There are many churches in central Southampton which people have to drive to on a Sunday morning. Currently they can park free up until 1pm which makes a huge difference. To change this to charge all day on a Sunday will have a massive negative affect on those churches.

It's ok to put up parking prices but how can people afford price hike that nearly doubles. I park in town for work and currently pay £5.00 a day. I will not be able to afford £9.00 a day. People are already struggling, how are they expected to find nearly £200 a month for parking? Absolutely disgusting. You say some of the increase will go to pot hole repairs, but we report these to Hampshire CC, so surely they are covering these costs and I pay road which used to go to road repairs. I expect the people who are deciding these increases have allocated FREE parking. As well as workers will be penalised, shoppers will also be discouraged to City Centre shopping

As a business we are regularly using the parking when maintaining properties in the area. We will have no other option than to pass on the charges to our customers. I can only describe the decision to increase the parking charges as a cash grab. We have no other option than to use vehicles due to the size and quantity of our equipment and tools.

Current charging levels are unsustainable and we shouldn't be pandering to the private lobby's bleating about impact on economy. However investment needs to be directed to areas outside of the town centre where we never see a warden but are expected to navigate obstructive parking and pay for permits that are never enforced

Raising parking prices is an eminently reasonable and sensible approach in light of inflation and council funding needs. It's encouraging to see a move away from the car-centric approaches adopted under the previous Conservative council. Prioritising public transport and air quality is essential for making Southampton a livable city for everyone. A promising start to the process of mitigating the costs of car use within the city, and bringing parking space revenues in line with that which would be provided by alternative uses of the space.

I strongly support these proposals. The amount of private cars travelling into the town centre is one of the worst things about Southampton. It's harmful to everyone because it contributes to dangerous levels of air pollution - like several other people I know I've developed hayfever since moving to Southampton as a result of the pollution. It's harmful to everyone because it contributes to climate change which is endangering all of us. It makes things worse for people like me who use the bus by making congestion terrible. And it makes things worse and more dangerous for people like me who also travel into and around Southampton by bike or on foot. The more the city council do to

discourage private car use and encourage walking, cycling and public transport use the better!

Given that there are less public transport options on a Sunday morning those attending church will almost certainly have to drive. Having to pay to park will limit attendance at worship for lower income families. Please reconsider the change to charging on Sunday mornings

It is completely outrageous to start charging on a Sunday morning. Many of those who are up and awake at the time are people going to church. The very church's that offer food and clothing and community to some the most vulnerable in our city. Everywhere I have lived in England has always had free Sunday morning parking it is outrageous that this being taken away.

I believe that it is unacceptable to charge for parking on a Sunday on the streets of the city centre. I am a member of a local city centre church with little off road parking. I think it is outrageous to expect us to have to pay to park to go to our place of worship. This is another money grabbing scheme from a government who is doing so little to help the most vulnerable in our community, while simultaneously punishing those charities and churches who are working on the front line. I very strongly suggest you rethink your proposal!

This is an unacceptable money grabbing scheme punishing those part of local churches in the city with no off road parking. Simultaneously taking money away from the generous who do much more than the council currently do to help the most vulnerable! Rethink this bad decision.

I am referring to wanting to introduce charges to parking around St Mary's church and Central Hall on a Sunday morning. Many many people gather ( in excess of 500) in these two churches on a Sunday and are able to do so because parking is free. There is very limited parking in the premises of these buildings, particularly in central hall where Hope school is growing. Please consider and respect the faith of those who want to meet on a Sunday morning and should be able to do so for free.

This would be such a shame for those of us who need this parking to go to our place of worship on a Sunday morning. Please don't change the parking on a Sunday.

I attend a local church in St Mary's street which has limited car parking. If these changes take place this would mean that all the members of our congregation would need to pay for parking to attend church on a Sunday morning. On weeks when I help out at church I am often there for up to 4 hours, and the cost would add up if I have to pay for parking every week.

The center already has too many empty shops, increasing parking will send people to out of town centers where parking is free. Have any of you lot ever tried to do a shop on a bus or a cycle, your just taxing people out of existence.

Thank you SCC. I support any moves to reduce car levels and improve sustainable transport options, especially cycling.

Sunday mornings are very busy as they are at Central hall and parking is VERY limited, having parking restrictions will force people to have to park elsewhere therefore increasing congestion. This means that people will have to pay every Sunday to go to church which is not correct as this should be free to everyone. This goes for St Mary's church too as new community church at central hall

There are many religious centres that operate on a Sunday morning, from churches to mosques to temples. Implementing parking charges on a Sunday morning will mean that people have to start paying to practice their faith, is that right? We live in a world of free religion, and the religious buildings that are unfortunate enough not to have a large car park, or a car park at all, will lose members who aren't in the position to pay upwards of £120 a year just to attend for many of them what is their lifeline, their community, their family. Just think about what it could mean for so many families whose only community gather on Sundays, and those who can't afford a weekly parking charge to attend.



Those families that can afford to park however and can attend these services will find parking elsewhere that's cheaper, which will massively increase the congestion in the city centre. Our congregation on a Sunday morning at Central Hall is 250 on average weekly - but we are just one of many churches in Southampton, not to mention the other religious communities in the Southampton city centre.

As both a car driver & cyclist my comment is regarding the appalling condition of roads, cycleways & control of bushes and trees along cycleways, pavements etc. If you increase parking charges EVERY PENNY should be spent on these areas in addition to other budget monies for these purposes.

Skimming off MUST NOT happen.

Please share my comments with those responsible for Fareham, Eastleigh & Winchester as you ALL have the same deficiencies in using funds properly.

Sunday mornings, and weekday evenings after 6pm, when the shops are closed most people go home anyway. The drinkers don't use cars anyway. The churchgoers (often disabled and big families) have been benefiting from the free/cheaper parking. Don't penalise them. Carers who use cars (it's an increasing condition for signing up) won't get proportionate pay rises.

The alternative - using public transport - is infrequent and unreliable, especially in those hours. Also getting more and more expensive. We're paying eye-wateringly high council taxes, yet, this city is flooding, full of potholes and overall, looks like a shanty town in many places. I can see no promises of improvement i.e. concrete, budgeted plans for proposed improvements in the reasons to believe this is not just another private pocket filling exercise.

There is no necessity for this amendment, the only reason behind it is plainly to raise funds. It may have escaped your notice, but there is a cost of living crisis. This utterly tone deaf proposal will apply yet another charge to struggling families who use the free Sunday morning parking some of these roads to attend church.

I urge you to reconsider. You've already lost my vote as a result of the idiotic 20 limit introduced on Shirley Road and Hill Lane. I trust you don't want to lose more.

There needs to be a stronger and more reliable public transport before this is implemented. It's going to hurt business within the city. Provide more public transport at a fair price then bring in measures to reduce driving.

At present it is free to park on Sunday mornings and after 6pm on Sunday evenings.

There are many places of worship in the city that are accessed by people who live across the city and beyond. By amending the parking charges you are forcing people to make a decision between attending a place of worship and spending money on necessities such as food, fuel, etc. This cannot be allowed to happen as practicing your religion and attending a place of worship is a right. This proposed change essentially will prohibit those with lower incomes from doing that, especially as bus routes are an expensive option for people too (returns being around adult £4, child £3.40).

Please reconsider this proposed Sunday change so people can practice their religion.

The current charges already too high.

For people travelling in to the city to attend churches, often the only parking option is on the street. This proposal will seriously affect those of us who wish to continue attending city centres churches.

I attend church on a Sunday morning so far parking is free until 12:00 midday. We have already changed the time of our meetings to facilitate this, people will not be able to afford to go to church I think this is deplorable

Sunday mornings are a key time for communities to gather at places of worship in the city centre. The current charges begin at 1pm which allows for people to worship in the mornings without concerns about cost. Adding charges from 8am would mean some

people would be less likely to participate in the congregational gathering times. Sunday mornings should be exempt from charges.

This will have an extremely big impact on those who need to park to attend their place of worship on a Sunday morning in the city centre.

Charging to park on Sunday mornings will badly affect people who park in the city centre to attend church meetings. For many people, this will be an extra cost that they can't afford.

I support any proposals that will contribute towards more sustainable travel. Why not consider a park and ride to reduce traffic volumes within the city?

We are a nation of all faiths, as supported by our King. This car park charge will hugely impact on thousands of Sunday worshippers/church goers.

There are few permit bays for residents to park in some areas of zone 1. For example on Bellevue Road residents are often forced to park in a pay and display bay as there are no available permit bays. Increasing charges and the chargeable period negatively impacts residents who are already paying to park with a permit in limited and insufficient bays. Can the Council ensure that bays for residents are not adversely affected? For example by allowing residents to park in pay and display bays when there is insufficient parking for permit holders.

I wish to object to this proposal on the grounds that I currently have a residents permit and struggle to find enough parking quite regularly within permit bays. This was shown recently when I returned from work to find no bays so parked in a pay and display on my road. I was then fined because my permit does not cover these bays. Can you please explain to me how I am to park and use my permit if the permit bays are all full? The increase in charges in the pay and display bays mean that I may need to pay expensive parking tickets when I've already had to pay for a residents permit.

Furthermore, an increase of charging hours and rates is surely going to lead to a decline in visitors coming to the area and using local amenities. This could be damaging to the areas.

I would like to see some provision for those who are attending places of worship on Sunday mornings in the city centre. There are many churches with thousands of people in attendance each week across the church and this would be a very disruptive to their access.

Would like to see a provision for those attending places of worship on a Sunday - people have a right to access a place to worship. Therefore charging people to park is against this act. It would cost hundreds of pounds a year for hundreds of people to attend churches on a weekly basis. Parking should not effect the right to worship

Many churches in Southampton who meet on a Sunday morning discussed & agreed with the city council sometime ago that parking charges would not be applied on Sunday mornings. I do not think this change should be implemented. At that time the city centre is not busy even when liners are in dock. Charges would disadvantage families who are part of these communities eg if they have small children or elderly people. This proposal would reverse the previous agreement for no good reason.

I am greatly concerned, and strongly object to the proposed imposition of parking charges in Southampton city centre on Sunday mornings, as well as the removal of cheaper evening tariffs.

As a member of New Community Church for 26 years, I am extremely concerned about the impact of these parking charges on the 250-300 church members for whom Central Hall is the centre of their spiritual and community life. Very few live in the city centre, so most drive each Sunday morning to worship at Central Hall (bus services are irregular on a Sunday morning and expensive for a family – we have many families – so are not a good substitute to driving). If the new parking tariffs are implemented as planned it will cost the average individual, couple or family unit £316 a year to park. (This calculation is

based on the them attending every Sunday and serving on a rota once a month which requires them to arrive earlier and leave later - resulting in a 2-hour charge 40 Sundays/year plus a 4-hour charge 12 Sundays/year. My family and I serve on a rota more frequently, so it will cost us even more).

It is these very church members who donate their money and volunteer their time to serve some of the most vulnerable in our city centre through our various projects including: Community Café (serving 80-100 homeless and vulnerable adults each Sunday), English Class (free English language classes for those with little or no English), Bake Club (a baking club for the local SO14 community), Warm Space (a weekly free café and friendly community for those affected by the cost of living crisis), Hope Community School support group (chaplaincy, volunteer readers and classroom helpers at Hope Community School).

We are just one of many city-centre churches who provide voluntary services to some the most vulnerable in the city. By implementing parking charges on a Sunday morning there is a serious risk that members of the city-centre church community will reduce or even stop their attendance, reducing the number of people volunteering and giving to key church-run projects in the city centre. Whilst I understand the need for the council to increase its income to support services in the city, to do so in this manner is extremely short-sighted. It risks seriously hampering important voluntary services that currently serve the city at no cost to the council. Not only would it be an own-goal for the council it would also financially penalise Christians for practising their faith.

For these reasons I ask the council to withdraw their plans to impose city-centre parking charges before 1pm on a Sunday, and request that evening charges are kept at a reduced rate.

I feel that the proposal will be detrimental to the livelihood of businesses in the Centre, especially those that seek to attract custom in the evening period.

As one example, I will probably not be frequenting the attractions around the Gloucester Road car park area now in the evening.

I think this proposal enhances the perception of the Council being anti-motorist . . . and before you counter with the suggestion that buses are a realistic alternative, take a look at the options provided for public transport in the Upper Shirley area.

Off-topic I know, but I must comment on the ridiculous imposition of a 20 mph speed restriction on Hill Lane, a major route in the Shirley/Common area.

How will this be enforced?

must encourage bus and active travel

SCC were good enough a few years ago to ensure that Sunday parking rules did not commence until 13.00 to allow for the many parishioners who wished to worship in City Centre churches to do so without worrying, or in some cases not being able to afford, paying parking charges. As a SCC council tax payer and a regular worshiper at St Michaels the Archangel Church in the City Centre, I am opposing to off-street parking charges on a Sunday morning and URGE the Council to ensure that Southampton City Centre church goers are not hindered, in any way, in attending and worshipping in their desired place of worship, on the Lord's day.

People shouldn't have to pay to attend places of worship on a Sunday. There are lots of city centre churches that are involved in supporting the community in many ways and this would have an affect on the support they provide.

I believe the new proposals will seriously affect people's ability to attend places of worship on a Sunday morning which would have a knock on effect on the ability of churches to do their work amongst the city

I attend Saint Mary's church (place of worship) every Sunday with my family and would be unable to financially pay for parking every Sunday as a single mother. I don't feel I should be charged to pay to attend a place of worship on a Sunday

Consideration should be given for those attending places of worship on Sunday Morning. Please consider timings for these places of worship - faith communities, particularly in the city centre should not be charged to attend worship.

I would like to see a provision for those attending places of worship on a Sunday. We have a lot of people attending church who don't have a lot of money and over a whole year the parking charges add up to a significant amount. I know that this is true for a lot of the city centre churches so would be great if a concession could be made on the streets around those churches until 1pm on a Sunday. Thank you for considering this

I come to worship in the city centre every week and for me and many others this change would cost us financially £300+ a year. Appreciate the council need avenues of funding but thought should be given to the roads around places of worship, suggest free until 1 or relevant timings. Places of worship of all faiths do so much in this city it would be a shame to see attendance drop due to an additional expense on people's lives along with the cost of living crisis.

It shouldn't be an additional costly sacrifice to attend a place of worship on Sundays. This would amount to on average £350+ and there are also vulnerable people who wouldn't be able to afford attending places of worship if this is the case. I would appreciate this as a consideration when making a decision on this.

I don't think I should be charged to attend church as I go every Sunday and am a student with no income

I don't believe I should be charged on a Sunday morning when I'm trying to attend church. This amendment will impact 100s of people.

There are many churches within the city that do not have parking spaces and it would be a huge impact on many people going to worship on a Sunday. These churches do amazing work within in the city and this would hinder this. I am very against this

I do not think there should be parking charges in a Sunday full stop. For church attendees this will result in costs of over £300 a year. We have seen the demise of Sundays over the years from shops being opened etc

Please do not start charging for parking. The church is paramount to the heart of our community; serving many.

As it is written in law that everyone should have a right to attend a place of worship, so people should have ability to park without having to pay about £300 a year (£5.50 \* 52) to come to a city centre church or other place if worship.

Those coming to churches are already significantly contributing to Southampton, running food banks, job coaching, and providing many other forms of community support, they should be supported on a Sunday. Many are students who have a sole income of a student loan, and would feel the significant hit, resulting in them being less able to contribute to Southampton as generously.

Many church goers give to charities and volunteer with the vulnerable in the city. By charging for parking this will have a negative affect on how much they give - financially and time

People parking for church on Sundays, an integral part of building community across the city, means that this is an unfair levy on their freedom to attend churches in the city centre.

An increase in parking charges, particularly on a Sunday morning before 12 will disproportionately impact on church attendance and volunteering. City centre churches provide valuable support to the community eg street pastors, food banks, befriending older people, youth work and this risks people no longer being able to volunteer and provide this service to the community.

Excessive car parking charges and completely unnecessary to extend past 6pm when the City centre is dead in the evenings anyway.

I do not believe that an increase in parking charges are warranted. I think that it just the council taking more money from already highly overtaxed car owners. As for some of the money going to fix potholes, everyone knows that the council is all but broke and extra money will just be creamed off to bolster their coffers.

Proposals are unclear. It has been unclear what charges are if you park just prior to 6pm so we support a single tariff system. There is no mention of blue badge holders. We strongly urge current arrangements to continue. We also strongly object to the introduction of app based charging without retaining the option to pay by cash and card.

The proposed parking charges will Kill off places of worship, such as St Michael's, St Josephs, Above Bar, Community Church, James Street, St Nicholas, Central Baptist Church to name but a few. I suspect the council, like Central Government ARE NOT LISTENING to Joe Public, and particularly those of us who Minister in the Church, do not get paid, but are there for a good four hours on a Sunday Morning. The actions can be classed as discriminatory. To go from £0 to £8 for four hours on a Sunday morning (before 1300 hrs) is totally outrageous and unforgivably greedy. I am aware that councils need money, but stealth taxes are immoral. St Michael's where I work is the oldest building in constant use in the City and was once the site of Mayor Making as it was the Civic Church. If all that is lost, be it on your conscience. If all of these proposals go ahead, the whole council should be ashamed of itself for helping to destroy the economy of the city.

I would like to see a provision made for those attending places of worship, particularly on a Sunday morning in the city centre. Otherwise the churches will struggle to maintain numbers and we are vital for the community!

I have been a member of a church in the City centre for over 20 years. In that time we have services as well as a large number of activities for those in the Community (groups for those with pre- school age children and babies, youth groups, children's groups, men's breakfasts, women's groups, groups for those who are from other countries and learning English, basics bank and a food distribution project, CAP for those struggling with debt. The increase in parking charges are likely to impact those coming in on Sunday and also volunteers running the various projects during the week. At a time when the cost of living is really hurting families, I would ask the Council to reconsider these proposals.

I would want to see some provision made for those attending churches and places of worship on Sunday mornings where parking can be free the city car parks until at 1pm. The city centre should be easily accessible to promote local business growth as well as sustaining local activities. Faced with ever increasing parking charges, most motorists would think twice before visiting the city centre. It therefore becomes a place which people only visit when they have to, rather than being a thriving community. Having previously lived in the City Centre myself I know how frustrating it can be even simple things in life, e.g. inviting your friends over.

Why do the council need to increase street parking charges when they're raking it in off the ichin bridge toll fees. This is just the council being greedy.

Bringing in a Sunday morning charge will impact hundreds of christians trying to gather to worship. our Sunday morning gatherings, including time for community, is just over a couple of hours. Therefore it will cost £8 to park, which will be unaffordable for some people.

I have already commented on the charges which you intend to bring in on Sundays thus affecting anyone who attends church services in the city centre.

However we at New Community also feed the homeless and vulnerable on Sunday afternoons as well as provide a Warm Space on Wednesdays both of which I help out at. These increases will greatly affect us and our volunteers and I would ask that you reconsider charges in this area so that we can continue to provide these vital services.

I would like Sunday morning parking to remain free so that I can attend my place of worship

A large number of people attending church at Central Hall and St Marys on Sunday use the parking in St Marys Street, Chapel Road, Terminus Terrace and surrounding areas. This is often for more than two hours. That adds up to nearly £300 each year, which is a lot for some people to pay for the right to worship. Please consider lifting the charges for Sunday mornings. Thank you.

The charges will have a major adverse effect on city churches meeting on Sunday mornings. Especially as public transport is much reduced on Sundays.

Objecting to Sunday morning parking times being imposed.

These proposals will significantly impact on my ability to attend my place of worship on a Sunday morning. The proposals will make it very expensive to park to attend and for many of our congregation this will be unaffordable. It will also impact on my ability to attend my place of worship to volunteer and help at events in the evening, having a financial implication and also an impact on the ability of those in our community who might be able to come and provide services and support to others in the local area.

I have been a member of New Community Church, Southampton, all my life. It is a vibrant church community who serves into the city in a variety of ways. I am currently the Associate Leader, and I am honoured to be part of such a loving community.

Each Sunday afternoon, we hold a cafe for adults who are at risk or vulnerably housed. We also provide a weekly Warm Space that provides a hot lunch, coffee and community each Wednesday. We run a creative English class, teaching those who wish to learn English.

We are partners with organisations such as Hope into Action, Southampton City Mission and Love Southampton. Many of our church members work in food banks, with the homeless and those at risk.

We are also the partner church to Hope Community School, where our church members volunteer regularly, supporting local children and their families.

New Community Church are one of many churches in the city centre who serve and alleviate poverty and build community across the city centre. Our mission is to see lives changed and communities transformed. Serving our city is a vital part of who we are.

We gather each Sunday morning to worship, and many of our team will be onsite for 4 to 5 hours to make the gathering happen. Implementing car parking charges would mean that our volunteers would have to pay £8 each week to come to worship. I believe this would discourage people belonging to not only New Community Church, but also other city centre churches like St Mary's and Above Bar Church. If our church communities dwindle, we will not be able to serve our city in the same way anymore.

Please reconsider implementing these parking charges. Along with other churches, we would love to continue to serve our city. We want to see Southampton thrive - we love our city!

I object to the Sunday morning charges that will prevent worshippers attending church specifically at Central Hall and other local churches. Current charges start at 1pm which allows for worship.

I also object to the increases in parking charges when residents are already struggling with the cost of living crisis, increased council tax and wages not keeping up with

inflation, especially mortgage interest rates. This is an insensitive proposal and very badly timed.

Our family are committed and active members of a church that meets in Southampton City Centre. We often volunteer and help with children's and youth activities, which provide positive engagement for the local community. The changes you are proposing would result in a charge to us of £8 each Sunday, or £400 a year. To charge us this cost for serving the local community of Southampton on a weekly basis is outrageous and we wholeheartedly object to you the proposal to introduce charges on a Sunday morning.

The proposals penalise all those who habitually attend city centre churches to worship on a Sunday morning, including families with young children and those with disabilities or problems with mobility. Church members support & provide many voluntary services benefitting communities across the city. It is disappointing to see these people targeted as an additional source of revenue. Not everyone is shopping on a Sunday morning. For those involved in organising church services, the cost for 4 hours parking each Sunday will be a significant amount and may prevent them from carrying out this role. Please reconsider charging for Sunday mornings.

As a church member and a voluntary server of the City community, I think it is sad that the council are implementing charges on a Sunday morning in particular. I would find it a real financial burden and a disincentive to continue in my current serving roles in the community if these plans go ahead.

Whilst working voluntarily at various churches it would become financially unviable for me to continue. This would have a negative impact on the communities I serve and my own mental well-being.

Why should we have to pay a parking fee for attending Church on Sundays! This is unacceptable!!

Many thousands of people go to church on a Sunday morning. Adding a charge will make this inaccessible for many. We also strongly object to paying to park in the evening.

Paying for parking for Sunday morning will mean going to church will no longer be accessible. Also charging full price from 6-8 will mean we won't go to the cinema or out for a meal in the city centre anymore.

For those attending churches in the City Centre where there is limited parking this will unduly impact them. The removal of the evening charge will also impact activities in the City Centre as the cheap evening parking has always been an attraction of being able to attend. This will prevent people from being able to park cheaply and therefore put them off attending.

I strongly object to the proposed changes.

I attend church at Central Hall on a Sunday morning. On most occasions I am there more than 2 hours. £8 is an extortionate amount to have to pay each week to attend church. These prices are too high.

I will choose not to shop in the city centre or eat out there because the parking cost will be too expensive - particularly with the cost of everything else going up!

We attend Church every Sunday at Central Hall, with many others. To begin charging for parking would be to threaten the ability of some families to afford to attend. This would be contrary to the Council's policy on allowing residents of Southampton to practice their religion and attend worship without hindrance. Please do not charge on a Sunday morning around Churches, or in fact for Saturday mornings around the Mosques either. Thank you.

Removing free parking on a Sunday morning around the churches on St Marys Street seems entirely unneeded. None of the stated reasons for the change justify this change.

Specifically I often go to church on a Sunday morning, and there is very little demand for the parking spaces, and public transport in the city is poor early on a Sunday, leaving little alternatives for travel.

As to the other reasons, increasing the cost of parking seems very unlikely to affect most of the reasons given, its just an increased cost for those wanting access the businesses, churches and other services in the centre of the city. it would appear the council wishes to further discourage local businesses and push people to go online for all their shopping, and reduce the local economic conditions. The small parking areas affected are perfect for people who need to quickly pop into and use a local business.

Without an increase in bus services on a Sunday morning, how is this change supposed to encourage other means of transport?

I don't think anyone has ever suffered because they had to pay less for early evening parking than they expected

I attend a local church which I can only do as i do not have to pay parking on a Sunday. I am on a pension and disabled but this would still great impact my right to be able to worship

Removing the free on street parking on Sunday mornings will have a significant impact on those attending local churches - e.g. Central Hall, where people would normally park for 2 1/2 hours on a Sunday morning. Under current proposals this would cost people £8 every Sunday to park on St Mary St for a service at Central Hall. This charge seems unreasonably steep! I would obviously prefer to keep the free parking on Sunday mornings, but even if it is not viable to keep this, then the charges should be significantly reduced

I am objecting to the increase in parking times and costs, especially having to pay on Sunday mornings. These changes will discourage many from coming into Southampton I'm especially concerned about the impact this will have on the churches around the city who gather together on Sunday mornings. Many who attend the churches throughout the city will struggle to justify the charges on a weekly basis especially volunteers who give their free time to serve the local communities and invest in the city (not just on Sundays but throughout the week and evenings too) contributing to the well-being of those who struggle economically and socially. Also serving those most in need, the homeless, the lonely etc. For example, our church serves the most in need in the city on Sunday afternoons with a community cafe. Should the volunteers struggle to park and be expected to pay a hefty charge on a weekly basis then that would be detrimental to the running of the cafe and therefore really impact the lives of those who rely on this outreach programme. This isn't isolated to Sundays as a lot of our volunteers come to the building throughout the week to serve the community in different capacities so are already faced with parking charges. I fer this will be a similar concern for most churches across the city. Please weigh up carefully the gain the council feel they will benefit from increased parking charges over the important work that churches do to help decrease and relieve the council from a lot of social difficulties and challenges they are faced with.  
Thank you

I wish to strongly object to the City Council's proposal to introduce Sunday morning car parking charges. I attend a church in the City Centre and the introduction of parking charges on a Sunday morning are concerning as many of our congregation will find it challenging to pay for parking.

I have been driving to St Marys to worship in a church there each Sunday for 20 years. I've always been able to park on the street somewhere either in St Marys Street or Chapel Road or Evans Street or Terminus Terrace. Your proposed changes would require me to spend £5.50 or £8.00 every Sunday — at a time (Sunday morning) when it's mostly only church attendees who are looking to park in these locations.



Please re-consider your proposal and keep parking free on Sunday mornings (up until noon) to allow the citizens of Southampton to continue to attend church without this huge additional expense. (And if you don't exempt all city centre parking on Sunday mornings, please consider making an exception for places like the roads I have mentioned where there is little other demand for parking between 9am-noon other than from those attending one of the local St Marys churches.

We come into the city centre to attend our place of worship every Sunday morning and this change would cost us a significant amount over the year to attend church with our family. With the increase in cost of living this would significantly disadvantage us as a family and others in our church community, it would also limit the number of resources the church can offer to the local community in St Mary's including warm spaces and homeless cafe both of which are highly valued. Volunteers on a Sunday morning can currently park for free increasing our support for the local area. Please can you consider this objection and the impact of having parking on a Sunday morning.

We are writing on behalf of ourselves and all Christians who drive to attend church on Sunday mornings.

Your new proposals would cost us £8 a Sunday = £416 per year. This ignores any charges for additional evening meetings.

As Southampton City Council are aware, the social impact of the love of Christians voluntarily feeding the homeless, giving free English lessons (like myself), caring for asylum seekers, holding free parent & toddler groups, street pastoring etc etc are all vital to support the well-being and mental health of our city. Services which the city can't afford to live without.

Surely, allowing us to park freely on a Sunday to revitalise is a small price to pay. Please, please read this out at your meeting and reconsider.

20% rises on car park which is more double the rate of inflation seems unjustified and encourages some to seek alternate options to shop and socialise.

I play in an amateur orchestra that meets once a week during term time at Friends Meeting House in Ordnance Road. We start rehearsing at 7.30pm, but before then in time means I pay £1 for parking. With the new proposals, that will be £2.50 which is high cost. If we meet 30 times a year, an orchestra member will have to pay £75 per year instead of £30 per year - that is £75 on top of our members subscription of £100 per year. That seems a lot of money extra, and may well discourage community groups from meeting in the city centre.

The parking charges will adversely affect me and my life! Especially my church at Central Hall. Sunday mornings will cost me £8 and any meetings during the week. I have arthritis and find walking to and from buses very hard, though not yet bad enough for a disabled parking badge!

We have NO parking on site due to all the portacabins taking over the carpark for Hope School (which should have started building 2 years ago!

The charges going up may stop a lot of the community resources we offer like warm spaces, bake club, free English classes and community cafe, in these difficult financial times, people giving of their time free will struggle to pay the necessary £8.

Please reconsider!

The new and increased charges amount to a tax on church attendance on Sunday morning maybe this is your intention.

This will massively impact people coming to church in the city centre on a Sunday, including many on low incomes and with disabilities. The churches in Southampton City are doing a lot of work to support refugees, asylum-seekers, the homeless, those on low income. Including through events like the Big Breakfast, Basics Bank. Many of our volunteers who serve tirelessly and with great commitment will now have to pay £8.00 to park on a Sunday for just over two hours. Please consider the bigger picture here and how much value church projects bring to the wellbeing of the City.

Churchgoers to City Centre church need to park and this will discourage people from attending.

Shops are not open before 11am anyway. This is not the way to encourage people to use the city.

This will make it immensely difficult for us to attend church on Sundays as we cannot afford that price and are only able to attend due to the free parking option of on street on Sunday mornings. We understand you need more money as a local council, so does everyone but this is a Christian country (or at least it used to be) and people should be able to attend a place of worship where they are welcomed and supported (I've had better support with debt and poverty from churches in the city centre than the council, that's for sure!) without needing to fork out on a 2nd mortgage to park. Don't you understand there is a cost of living crisis? Why raise prices to penalise people who are already struggling??

These increased charges will make it difficult for some and impossible for others to be able to attend their place of worship on a Sunday

These charges will also clearly have a negative impact on any city centre business. One has to ask with such huge increase if this is the council's intention

I'd like to know how charging more for parking will improve air quality (excluding your hope people will use their cars less often). Significantly improve public transport first and they might. However, if a person has more than one task over more than one area of Southampton, this is impossible to do by public transport in one day.

On a Sunday this will affect numerous people, especially families and older people when they attend Above Bar Church. There are areas where there is no Sunday bus service, or very limited service at the wrong times for services. It would also be difficult with several children. This is a very unfair change. Attendees will also be affected on a Sunday evening when the time is changed to 8pm. We changed our service to 6.15 to fit in with the charges.

I am objecting for the following reasons:

1. Many regular users of the city centre (on street) car parks will see a significant increase in cost.
2. Extending the core parking charging hours till 2000 or 2400 will impact those who live in the city centre or who visit to participate in the night-time economy.
3. Including Sunday morning in the parking charging regime will impact those who visit the city centre for church or sporting events.

I accept that car parking charges need to increase but believe it would be better to focus these on peak hours (when congestion is greatest).

It seems ridiculous to charge people when the shops aren't even open. For those of us who attend church on a Sunday we are faced with having to pay for 3 or more hours of parking each week under the new proposals

I drive into Southampton on Sunday mornings to attend a city centre church. This proposed new tax will mean I have to pay £8.00 every time. I call this theft and object vigorously. I pay more than enough tax already.

We attend Above Bar Church and I look after the little children in their Sunday school group so I need to be there from 9:20am until 11:45am - the new charges would cost me £8 for the morning! This is horrendous.

Whilst I know that many councils are in dire straits financially, I fear that in the long-term these charges will negatively affect our city by discouraging people from shopping in the city centre. Whilst there are some (albeit limited and infrequent) bus services into the city centre, people who are shopping often have lots of bags and therefore prefer to use their car for this purpose. I'm also concerned about Christians coming to worship at churches such as Above Bar Church: £8 is a lot of money for someone coming to worship on a weekly basis. With the bus services in Southampton being poorly connected in comparison to other cities, parking charges would mean many elderly

people who can't cycle in and are on a limited pension would no longer be able to come to church.

We have a lot of Church members who come to serve the City community very regularly at Above Bar Church. They are providing food, community, debt help, and numerous other facilities for the needy in our city. We love our city and want to continue serving it but having these extra charges will make it impossibly expensive for people to attend church on Sunday's and come to evening meetings, as well as serving in the day. These evening and Sunday mornings were previously not charged but if the charges are made, people will not be able to come to church and serve the city. Please reconsider, at least for Sunday mornings and evenings so we can continue to love our city.

As a city centre church attendee the extension of parking charges on Sundays will adversely affect me and many others in affording to be able to go to our church. I believe this adversely affects our freedom to worship God, affecting many who cannot afford such charges and will also have a greatly negative effect on the support our church currently provides to many across the city, not only on Sundays but throughout the week.

I am so sad that these charges are being proposed in the light of how many people will be affected, for whom their faith - my faith too - is the mainstay of their lives.

I would ask you please to reconsider the imposition of these Sunday charges particularly in the light of the above comments.

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]

I feel that the proposal to introduce parking charges on a Sunday morning will be discriminatory against this worshipping at the City centre churches and as such is unfair and possibly unlawful.

I don't understand why you would make these unnecessary changes. Parking at current levels facilitates people to attend churches within city centre (above bar church) without having to pay high rates that they may not be able to afford. The church itself, and members of the congregation who benefit from the church, have a huge impact on the local community and should be considered an asset to the council and local area, and therefore encouraged. Removing this option for people to park for free whilst they are worshipping can only have negative consequences, by reducing the number of people who attend church and therefore reducing footfall to the businesses around.

I come in to church on Sunday mornings from a village with no buses on a Sunday & no railway station. What other forms of transport am I to use? I am a little old to cycle. We regularly attend Above Bar Church in the city center on a Sunday morning. We have enjoyed the free parking over the last decades as we go home around 12.00. We also note that virtually no one else is parking at this time as the shops are not yet open. Unfortunately the (very high) charges will mostly affect those attending the city center churches and affect the local community work that they do.

As a member of Above Bar Church in the city centre, I object to the parking adjustments which would heavily impact our Sunday services and many of the volunteer led ministries which serve feeding the homeless and rough sleepers, children's ministry, English language services for refugees and other internationals, among many other. In order to relieve congestion in the city, we have to encourage more people to go to and from the city centre by public transport / active travel. Increasing parking charges is one way to do this. Subsidising bus travel and increasing provision of cycle stands, cycle lanes etc is the other side of this. Good to see the council trying to do both of these.

I am concerned about how these increased charges will affect people like me, coming in to the city for church on a Sunday morning.

We park in the Marlands MSCP, which is largely empty. We stay a little over 2 hours: from about 09:50 through to 12:10. My concern is that when charges start at 8am, this £1 fee will increase to £3.70. And we may be charged even more when coming in to church earlier to help with music setup and the book stall.

It seems that starting the charging window early in the day would penalise us and other church goers, and would affect our ability to serve the inner city community.

We had been opting to use the MSCP incurring a fee (rather than free street parking) to support the council in recognition for us coming in to the city by car. There are no public transport links to our rural village.

The vast majority of shops are not open at 8am, and so starting charging so much from so early will disproportionately affect those in town for other reasons, which on a Sunday morning will largely be churchgoers.

I can see the rationale for increasing fees, but starting charging from 8am instead of midday will massively increase how much we would need to pay.

I attend a city centre church. The earlier and later charges would adversely affect our community. Also many of our congregation, especially those volunteering for activities and charity work often have to park for over 2 hrs, incurring high charges in the new system.

If you would like city centre churches, and the benefits they bring, to be sustainable please reconsider the changes to Sunday parking.

I am a regular church goer in the city centre as well as a pensioner with limited mobility and income. When Sunday shopping was allowed, the council committed to not imposing parking fees until 12md to allow churchgoers to attend regularly. I will be faced with paying between £5 50 and £8 00 weekly to attend church. This is a form of discrimination against Christians and I most strongly object. Please consider retaining the Sunday parking as at present, starting at 12md.

Just such a leap in pricing whilst we have been struggling with an ongoing cost of living crisis - a bit of a price rise is one thing but this is a massive amount. I understand trying to solve traffic issues but think there will be an impact on the city centre businesses. We will all go out of town and use free parking made available there to shop. I also was so appreciative of the Sunday morning free parking as I serve and attend a city centre church. To be able to attend paying at least £5.50 (if not serving) as we arrive around 9.30/40am and don't leave until 12 noon normally, so may have to leave the end of service earlier to keep to 2 hours - or pay £8.00 for that extra 30-40 mins. If we arrive at 9am to set up and leave around 12.15/30pm to clear down it will be £8.00. Such a shame to impact church goers in this way when we are serving the city with many of our projects throughout the week, including Sundays, but will be really penalised when gathering together after a hard week of work and volunteering. Getting bus on Sunday morning just too difficult for many.

Parking for church on a Sunday morning would suddenly start costing a lot of money each week. If the free parking is in place to support local businesses opening on a Sunday morning that benefit would be lost too. Strongly object to this

Introducing Sunday charges before 12pm or after 5pm will have a significant impact on the church communities that meet in the city centre - some of whom have a huge impact on the city overall (for example, the Big Difference feeding hundreds of people per week, or Street Pastors, or Amber Chaplains working with on-street sex workers). If city centre churches become prohibitively expensive to attend, Southampton will lose many key services that are provided by volunteers. Parking needs to remain free on Sunday mornings and evenings.

We have been travelling in for Church (Above Bar Church) on Sundays (mostly mornings but some evenings after 6) for 25 years and I am disappointed to hear that the Council will now intends to charge for on street parking. This seems a strange choice given that shops are mostly closed during this period. Surely the council wants to respect those who travel into the city centre for public worship rather than implementing charges that would put some people off coming altogether?

Church goers will already pay £ to churches. This will affect attendance and donations to the church/charity. The church does so much for the community that is often quite unquantifiable. For example at new community church in st Mary's road there is a homeless Sunday meal and Wednesday warm space. If donation sdrip these will be harder to maintain. The church also contributes to better wellbeing and civic participation. The charges will impact all of this. Please simply don't start charging until 1pm so the effect is minimised.

Although this may be a small change for people , this add to all other changes happening around families , where there is a raise in price for food, bills, mortgages, gas, and go on, some people don't get paid enough money to cover all these , or a significant raise in salary to cover these, we enjoy from time to time going to town to do some shopping , going to Chruch or just walking around , and now also we need to add to this load a raise in parking fees ....which are significant if you compare them with the actual fees, there is not sympathy or mercy for people trying to maintain their families and their mental health , everything goes up (prices ) but people salaries are misery and when there is a raise is just for a laugh....stop thiss!!

The cost of living right now and Bluestar bus's price hike this is simply not acceptable. I am objecting to these proposals for 4 reasons:

1. On an individual level: I attend a central city church service each Sunday morning (Central Hall, St Mary St, SO14 1NF) with a young family and do not have the option to take an alternate mode of transport - there are no bike lanes into this area along which it would be safe for young children to ride, and local bus services to me do not run here on a Sunday morning. The cost to therefore continue attending each year would be £416 (£8.00 \* 52) which is prohibitive at a time where there is a cost of living crisis.
2. On a community level: The church I attend (and many others located in the city centre) support a diverse group of individuals, often providing practical support such as food, clothing and "warm spaces" to particularly vulnerable individuals. Introducing these charges will impede the work of volunteers in offering this much needed support and further increase the pressure on other council services.
3. On a city level: Research suggests that shoppers would return to shop at the high street if there was more free parking offered in town (see <https://smallbusiness.co.uk/high-street-free-parking-2539934/>). Scrapping free parking is therefore economically damaging to businesses across the city centre.
4. On a strategic level: The proposals do not address many of the published "Statement of Reasons" said to underpin these measures. Specifically:
  - "To manage parking demand during periods that are currently not covered by the charging hours". During the hours of Sunday morning in the roads around Central Hall (specifically Terminus Terrace, Duke Street, Richmond Street & Charles Street) there is not an excess of demand, in fact spaces are regularly empty.
  - "To encourage drivers to consider alternative means of transport". See point (1) above
  - until there is an improvement in other transport options this is a regressive measure.

- "For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic". None of the affected local roads (Terminus Terrace, Duke Street, Richmond Street & Charles Street) are through roads.

Southampton city council's war on the motorist continues. Not every motorist is wealthy. Very many are pensioners or on other fixed or low incomes but need a car to get around. This will simply cause more hardship to these people.

I now have to rely on the car for late evening and early night driving i.e. going to/from the Mayflower or a meal out since the U2B stops running after 7pm to the top end of Bassett Green Road. I don't feel safe enough walking from the University Interchange through the Flower Estate and Daisy Dip in the dark.

You're FORCING people to pay extra for parking when there is no longer a suitable bus service. Pre-Covid (2019), I could catch a U2B up until 1am from Civic Centre to Bassett Green Road.

Like the badly planned Portswood Bus Gate, you're not looking at the issues that people have and just focusing on the smaller picture.

Times for charging are too long - church goers will be hit by higher charges during services.

An increase in parking charges would reduce car use and car dependency.

increase in charges will directly impact how many times i am willing to visit and travel into the city. i will likely visit other local towns/cities more than southampton

Despite living in Bitterne we have no bus service after 6pm going into Southampton so increasing charges and extending times will simply mean we will drive elsewhere further impacting on business survivability.

If you stopped wasting Tax payers money on ridiculous schemes you would not need to continue with these stealth taxes . In business you should always look at your expenses to increase profitability .

This is a sure fired way to hit the businesses and theatres within the city centre by increasing the length of charging period until midnight. Since the Labour council took over it has admitted a shortfall in revenue and by hitting the motorist again seems their way to claw back funds.

Neither will benefit the city, especially those who live in the city who can say goodbye to people visiting. It's already sa nightmare and public transport is a joke. How about encouraging people to visit not make them decide to go on down the motorway to Portsmouth.

We should be free to worship especially on Sunday. These proposals will severely compromise the descion of people to come to church. Also the churches have many outreach projects to help those in need. These are staffed mainly by volunteers, not all of whom have blue badges or bus passes. In these times of recession every penny counts. I ask you therefor as a caring council to reconsider these proposals.

You say more and more cars are coming into the city, so that means more income from parking charges, so why put them up, just plain greed and shoppers will avoid the city and go to major retails sites where they can get everything they want, so your idea does not make sense to anyone.

I am disappointed to hear of the decision to charge for car parking on Sunday morning. This will directly impact many of the city centre church communities in Southampton and make it particularly difficult for families and the elderly to access the services of their faith communities. The same communities that give so much free resource to many in the city that are struggling.

Paying for parking will not encourage us to use public transport because it's way more expensive for a family of four to travel on the bus than it is to park.

Our Sunday services finish before West Quay opens. I expect that these parking charges will not impact shoppers or manage demand on parking, instead, they will impact faith communities across the city.

I work for and worship at Above Bar Church in the city centre. We have a large congregation who attend Sunday services. We also have many meetings and events during the week that are run by volunteers. There is a breakfast for the homeless, an English Language Cafe for internationals in our city and a parent-toddler group, to just to name a few.

The significant tariff changes will affect many, and in particular families, who are already struggling with the rising cost of living.

It will obviously also affect retail and hospitality in the city centre. It seems to me to be a scheme for generating funds for the council that may well backfire in unexpected ways.

Therefore I would plead to keep free parking on Sunday mornings and to not almost double parking tariffs!

"Season ticket prices for city centre parking will not be increased at this time but may be subject to review in due course." This suggests that you are planning to increase charges for residents!

I am in the unfortunate position of having to rely upon Gloucester Square and being a pensioner I already find that the residents ticket prices are a financial burden and increasing pricing in the future will take away my independence because I will no longer be able to afford to have a car.

This means any future travel will be conducted using public transport to which I will apply for a free pass and I understand that the council will pay for any movements I make.

I have asked on many occasions for pensioners receive free parking.

You are killing off retail and night entertainment and how are low paid supposed to cover these costs

Parking charges are killing businesses. I avoid driving to the City Centre and prefer to go shopping where I don't have to pay for parking or simply order from amazon.

Well done for increasing parking charges and making the situation worse and driving business away from the city. If the cost of running the service is too high, may I suggest you scrap it, that is zero cost.

The increases are too high given that the council assert to be encouraging growth within the city centre. The large increase proposed will increase the barrier to people visiting the city, especially those with limited mobility.

This increases would be manageable if there were a realistic alternative which there is not. For example, if you live in Upper Shirley access to the city centre by public transport is extremely difficult and impossible in the evening or on Sundays. It is immoral to punish the car driver whilst not offering an alternative. Your concern for already suffering city businesses is clearly lacking. Why are charges even necessary in the evening and on Sundays?

You have already decided to raise parking tariffs why send out these surveys when the city council ask questions after they already decided. I'm embarrassed to be a Labour Voter since school....

The proposed changes to parking charges and times on Sundays in particular will have a huge detrimental effect for all churches/faith groups within the city and significantly curtail the ability these groups have to serve the community. The majority of individuals are serving voluntarily, giving their time and meeting the cost of travel to the city and this extortionate cost of parking will mean that people will not be able to afford it. I appreciate that you are trying to make the city centre greener but but I dont believe

people drive into the city especially on Sundays if they do not 'need' too. Certainly I know from our church people use public transport or cycle where they possibly can. You may think you contributing to one aspect of city life but you will damage many many more.

Evening trade in the city will suffer. It is a case of clobber the motorist again to ease your financial pressures. Some of us are too old to ride a bicycle and find buses inconvenient.

•Whilst many people are already struggling financially, the proposed excessive hike in parking charges together with the extension to parking charge hours would place yet a further burden on people's finances.

Consequently, this will merely serve to discourage people from venturing into the city, which in turn will have a financially detrimental effect on shops, businesses, leisure and entertainment facilities as well as the hospitality industry. Does the City Council want to attract people into the city to help boost its economy or is its intention to drive people away?

•Some years ago it was agreed to keep street parking on Sunday mornings free, specifically to enable those wishing to attend church to do so without charge. These proposals would renege on that agreement and could be viewed as an attempt to hinder or dissuade people from observing their religious practices. It could be seen as profiteering from people's right to exercise their religious customs.

•In my opinion, the reasons given for these proposals are somewhat feeble and less than credible! Why not admit that such a scheme is primarily a money-making exercise and, in effect, yet a further form of taxation.

Whilst I understand the need for the council to bring in additional revenue, I would like to see provision continue to be made for city-centre churches, which draw in congregants from outside the city-centre area. Public transport is not always appropriate or easy to use on a Sunday and many people coming into church car-share or offer lifts to elderly or disabled people who could not manage on buses.

There is no shortage of parking spaces in the city centre and making them more expensive will just encourage people to go elsewhere, losing customers for Southampton businesses

Your proposals are not clearly laid out but I think you are proposing to increase parking charges, remove the 10 minute parking for free option. I think you may also be planning to exempt the charges for EVs?

I agree with making it as unattractive to drive in Southampton as possible so agree with the charges increasing. I also agree with incentivising the use of EVs.

Further to my previous response. I see you have a cheaper rate for a very few roads. Those will not be enough for the church congregations meeting locally. Please include Houndwell Place and other roads.

Raising car parking charges will just drive more people away from the shops. Perhaps you should consider making bus fares cheaper to tempt people to leave their vehicles at home. My thoughts are you may initially increase your income from car parking fees but, long term, this income will reduce as shops no longer find it viable to remain open with reduced footfall. You will then be in a situation where very few people will go into the centre as there will be so few shops to make it worthwhile and you will also be losing out on business rates as shops are forced to close.

I use roadside parking to enable me attend church, and shop before busy time commences.

Charging roadside parking result reduction in my discretion resources to support the church, and impact my commitment to serve at church when I do not have money to funds to pay for parking.

Also, it means that I will reduce visits to shop during morning time as I will have paid restricted time, and if I plan to shop for longer, I am likely to avoid road side parking and



instead use the car parks in the malls which would result in empty spaces and not much financial benefits to the council that have increased the prices.

I attend St Mary's Church and whilst we have a carpark it get full very quickly and many people park on the streets surrounding. I feel introducing charges before 1 o'clock penalises church attenders. I don't see that there would be a major increase in revenue generated by the time change particularly around St Mary's area. I strongly object to this proposal.

I understand the drive for cleaner air in the city. During the week I can catch a blue star bus or city link bus to go to Central Hall St Mary's St for my volunteering role in Warm Spaces and an elderly support group. But on Sunday morning the bus service is very limited. Please keep free parking on Sunday mornings until 1pm so that I may practice my faith at Central Hall

Southampton is already an absolute dump. I never go into town to shop as it is awful, dirty, messy and full of people sleeping in doorways. So if the charges are even higher I will not ever go into the town centre. For what we get this city is horrible badly run by a bunch of idiots.

Free parking Sunday morning allows people to attend church

Weekly use parking on a Sunday morning to attend church service and charging for parking will have a significant impact on this.

My weekly visits to the city centre are on Sunday evenings to attend church - as I have done for the past 30 years. The significant increases in parking charges proposed provide a disincentive to less affluent worshippers to attend. This would be to the detriment of local residents given the many services the churches in the area provide - such as help for the homeless, language cafes, parent & toddler groups and support for people with addictions. When I park on a Sunday evening, the car parking spaces in the Marlands car park are typically less than 20% occupied and the traffic is usually light. Therefore, some of the rationale advanced by the council for increased charges on Sundays cannot be supported by the evidence.

Much like the last consultation, no good reasons proposed or a clear statement of what the actual problem is other than a generic series of bullet points. Indicative of a decision already made in order to increase revenue from parking and from fines.

Specifically:

Point 1 - no indication or evidence given that extending charging hours will make any difference to this.

Point 2 - what amenities? Generic and meaningless statement without evidence.

Point 3 - meaninglessly small contribution considering proximity to port, number of port movements and nature of marine fuels (HFO+EGCS, VLSFO and MGO). No evidence provided of proposed effect on air quality of these measures.

Point 4 - no evidence provided of an actual problem in extended hours (early Sunday morning parking congestion in Southampton is not a thing). On the point of inflation - decreased buying power = less money in people's pockets so 'luxuries' like popping into town are likely to decrease. To follow this logic through, to manage demand driven by inflation and maintain at current levels, council should be reducing parking charges.

Point 5 - fantastic, we love clarity. Could it be considered to reduce the charges to achieve this?

Point 6 - see point 4 above. No evidence of excessive parking demands provided on e.g. early Sunday morning.

Point 7 - no comment; unable to speak for anyone else.

There is a local church which welcomes people from all walks of life in all financial situations and bringing in charges for Sunday mornings will have a huge impact on the number of people able to attend a city centre church. A church that provides community, opportunities, support getting out of addiction, drugs and homelessness. Giving people a

reason to carry on in life. By bringing in the charges some people will still come but a lot of people won't which will have a determinental impact on a whole cohort of people which will have implications to the council across different areas .

I understand the need to increase parking charges but really hope you don't increase the parking permit price for residents. We use Gloucester Square car park and have seen a big increase in day trippers parking here. I think there is a fine line between putting people off driving in and parking and increasing parking charges to pay for roads etc. if you put them up too much people won't drive in and you could end up with higher charges but less profit. Please don't penalise the residents, we already contribute with the parking permit and council tax. Thank you for reading my comment.

Obviously I am not happy about any additional costs to drivers.

Sunday morning charges particularly harsh

As it is the day I drive into town to go to church.

Fuel prices and insurance costs have both gone up by about 30 percent this year..

Keeping a car on the road is essential for my work out of town at least 9 months of the year.

Average 30 miles to work per day .

45 weeks per year approximately.

Regards

Sunday morning charges will stop people accessing faith services - this aspect of the change seems unnecessary and will dis-proportionately affect faith groups.

Charging for parking on Sunday mornings will negatively impact upon attendance at churches and other religious buildings that have no parking of their own - there are many in the city centre. Parking has always been free for this precise purpose. Is the council happy to be seen as not supporting religious attendance?

Revenue generated profit of £667 million from combined local authority parking operations (both on and off street), an increase of 12%.

Surplus is down to rising income, and a decline in transport operating costs by local authorities. Local authorities have reduced their running costs by 10% for on-street and 2% for off-street parking.

Statutory powers to impose car parking charges derive from the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA 1984).

Money raised under sections 45 and 46 must be placed and for dealing with any surplus funds which includes expenditure for other transport purposes. Section 122 imposes a general duty on local authorities exercising functions under RTRA 1984 to "secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking on and off the highway. Contravention of the Act. R (Attfield) v London Borough of Barnet [2013] EWHC 2089 (Admin). The court held that the Council's purpose in increasing the charges for resident parking permits and visitor vouchers was to generate additional income to meet projected expenditure for road maintenance and improvement, concessionary fares and other road-transport costs and reduce the need to raise income from other sources, such as fines, charges and council tax and that this was UNLAWFUL. There was no evidence that the increase was required to cover increased running costs of the parking scheme.

The RTRA 1984 is not a revenue-raising or taxing statute and did not authorise the Council to use its powers to charge local residents increased parking charges with the purpose of raising surplus revenue for other transport purposes funded by the General Fund. The Council's purpose in increasing the charges for resident parking permits and visitor vouchers was to create a surplus and was not therefore authorised under the 1984 Act and therefore its decision to do so was unlawful.

It is worth noting that in the Barnet case, the court did recognise that authorities have "a discretion to set charges to reflect its parking policies ... [and are] not restricted to levying a charge only to cover the base cost of running the scheme". When setting

charges it is acceptable to recognise and plan for dealing with any surplus; budgeting for a modest surplus does not render the scheme unlawful or evidence any unlawful revenue raising motive. Indeed the court recognised that "it may be prudent to budget for a surplus to allow for unforeseen expenses, shortfalls in other years and payment of capital charges/debts".

SCC should be mindful of the relevant statutory parameters and ensure that their car parking charges remain lawful.

High court ruling. Mrs Justice Lang said the 1984 Road Traffic Regulation Act "is not a fiscal measure and does not authorise the authority to use its powers to charge local residents for parking in order to raise surplus revenue for other transport purposes". In his report, Dr Elliott said the law clearly stated that on-street parking fees and penalty charges can only be set with the intention of "relieving or preventing congestion of traffic" and covering the cost of administering the schemes. He explained strict rules state that any surplus, with only minor exceptions, must be spent on contributing to the cost of off-street parking, public transport, road improvements and environmental improvements. "Councils should not set out to raise money for these or any other purpose. Having viewed the application, SCC have not recorded anything [public democratic policy], to prove they have considered the points raised above. Neither have they proved, on the balance of probabilities, pollution will not increase on current 'excessive' levels. Southampton being, in the top tier of most polluting cities in the UK.

For decades, SCC have failed to reinstate a sustainable tram network, effective, reliable, 24/7 public transport system, reduced pollution from the port, cruise ships or t

Originally the parking charges were restricted to between 12.00 and 18.00 on Sundays because many people attend churches in the city centre during Sunday morning and evening (not in the afternoon - the main shopping period). Nothing has changed. It seems wrong to penalise people for attending their places of worship on a Sunday.

The sudden sharp increase in parking charges on Sundays and evenings will directly impinge on the Above Bar Church community's ability to meet to practice our faith and to serve the local community. Above Bar Church meets on Sunday mornings and hosts evening events and this charge could put off visitors and unfairly burden regulars. Additionally, anyone serving on a team (helping with children's work, set up and pack down, refreshments, etc.) will have to pay £8 every time. This is an outrageous sum, especially when you consider that they are already making the sacrifice of time and energy to make local people feel valued and cared for.

As an attender of Above Bar Church who usually parks in Sussex Street I am very concerned at the proposed increase in parking on Sunday mornings.

Frequently being involved before and after the service in a voluntary role it seems I shall now have to pay £8 each week.

Surely as the car park is almost empty when arriving at about 9.15 there is clearly little demand until the shops open later.

Some of the reasons for the increase are reducing pollution, allowing for inflation, Managing demand and facilitating passage on the roads.

As I get in at a quiet time I am adding little to off peak pollution, which is best solved by more direct targeting.

The increases are way above inflation, and on the final points travelling in at off peak times does manage demand and facilitating passage.

Surely in these times of financial stress the charge can start at a more reasonable time on Sunday, bearing in mind our Church hosts a weekly Basic Bank, CAP meetings to help financial problems and hosts other events aimed at those on the streets and others wanting to improve their English.

Please do not penalise those who are of Faith and are helping poorer inhabitants of Southampton.

I regularly park in the city centre in the roads where the prices are being raised. I am an active member of Above Bar church, and as such, the main reason that I would park in the city centre is for church-related activities rather than for leisure activities. The proposed changes to prices of parking will be a huge added cost, not just for me, but for all those in my church community, and those that benefit from the services the church offers at a time when costs are already high. If the proposed changes go ahead, it will cost me at least an additional 12 pounds per week to attend church on Sunday and volunteer in the group that I help with mid-week. I know this will be true for all the volunteers that support the work of the church, and some will simply not be able to afford it. The knock on impact will be on these services. Most of the work that the church does exists to serve the most vulnerable in our society. There is a Basics Bank (food bank) runs on a Monday morning helping to tackle food poverty. The rise in parking prices will impact our clients as well as volunteers who might park their cars in the city centre. On a Tuesday evening I volunteer at a global gathering group, an international outreach which aims to support refugees and asylum seekers. I know that the church also runs English language lessons, Big Breakfast (a free breakfast for the homeless and vulnerable), a children's club, a youth group, a group for the elderly, a group for toddlers and many other activities. Everyone who comes to the church for any of these activities and services will find it more difficult to access them because of the increase in costs. I believe that the volunteers for these groups will also be hit hard. A large proportion of people in the city on Sunday mornings, and on weekday evenings will be those participating in these sorts of charitable activities, and the proposed price changes prevent these good works continuing. This will have a massive negative impact on our community and the city.

I do think that these proposals are quite harsh at this time of rising prices.

1. The churches in the city centre are doing a tremendous job supporting the community very often the marginalised or homeless or lonely these charges will create a further burden on the volunteers who need to transport food and equipment at times like Sunday mornings and evenings in the week.

It will reduce trade in the city for shops and businesses, we don't need more places to stop trading.

Lastly it is not the time to make the residents of our city pay for the miss management of parking charge recovery.

I object to the charging on a Sunday morning as many city centre churches gather in the morning and support the local community in many ways. For example running community cafe at Central Hall, in St Mary Street (This provides food for the homeless and marginalised and many vulnerable people use their own vehicles to get support from the Christian Communities on a Sunday morning. The cafe serves both as a means to feed the hungry and provide friendship and support in other ways.

Charging so early in the day on a Sunday morning would deter those who provide the services and have to drive in to arrive early to set up/prepare for the morning. It would also deter many vulnerable and older people who cannot get around without the use of a car from accessing this support.

Also charging until 8 pm in the evenings would deter people who drive into the city centre to enjoy a night out and could reduce the night time economy or make it unviable for those working in the night time economy to actually work (as many are not paid very well).

Parking charges being introduced on Sunday mornings will impact on those attending church communities, many of whom have limited finances. Attending a church is an essential part of many people's lives not only for spiritual teaching but also for friendship

and social support. Putting a barrier in the way is very disappointing and will impact negatively on this aspect of life in Southampton.

This proposal will act as a disincentive to people coming into the city centre. It particularly impacts church attenders who often arrive in town early before shops are open. The rise in charges will impact those least able to afford it.

I think it is rather insulting to think that users can not understand the current evening tariff when actually this proposal will put costs up at a time of day when there are a lot less, if any, buses. Breeze is not a realistic public transport for a lot of people and can't be used late at night anyway. Tackling public transport before putting up prices prohibitively would seem sensible. Many places I visit charge less than these proposals for parking yet seem to have a thriving town centre and cultural economy. A lot of places do offer free for half an hour, or a small amount for 1 hour which encourages a quick turnover without hugely penalising those who need just a brief visit.

I go to Church at in the city centre on a Sunday morning and also attend evening meetings there. If the parking charges are bought in for a Sunday morning then I will have to strongly consider leaving the church that I have been part of for 15 years as I cannot afford an extra £22+ a month to pay for the parking charges. I live on the outskirts of Southampton and have a family of 4 and therefore it is unrealistic to walk/cycle and the bus would cost me more. The shops aren't even open that early on a Sunday and therefore I can only assume that it is greed to start charges for parking so early.

I feel they will be detrimental to businesses and shops in the City Centre as people will opt for out of town shopping areas. They will also have an affect on people wishing to attend many of the City Centre churches on a Sunday morning, especially families or others who might have to use public transport. These churches do a lot to support people living in the City and meeting on a Sunday can give a sense of belonging and community.

How will these changes affect disabled Blue Badge holders both TIMEWISE and CHARGEWISE please.

I support the adjustment of parking charges to account for inflation, so that those parking are no longer increasingly subsidised by all taxpayers. I suggest, at minimum, linking charges to inflation going forward.

We have been very grateful for how the council has kept Sunday mornings free of charge to allow us to access worship at our church and other churches across the City free of charge. Introducing charges will significantly impact the opportunity for those of all backgrounds to attend church.

This change will affect 100s of people who depend on meeting on Sunday mornings for their spiritual and mental health. The parking charges as they are discourage people from staying on an extra 20 minutes or so to have a tea or coffee. These are such vital parts of community for many, many people from diverse backgrounds. It's important that these places of worship are encouraged by the local council because these people give back to their communities when they are well looked after.

[REDACTED]

I would like to see a provision made for those attending places of worship, particularly on a Sunday morning in the city centre.

Would like to see free parking in and around places of worship on Sunday mornings, in the city centre.

I regularly attend a Christian church service on Sunday mornings in the City Centre from about 9.45am to 1130am. My understanding is that many years ago an agreement with the Council was put in place, partly for church goers on Sunday mornings, to not have to pay for on street parking until 1pm. This new proposal to pay for on street parking from 8am is awful. One could easily slide into a £5.50 payment. If someone is involved in the music/refreshment preparation this could easily extend to £8. I hope this is not intended

as an attack on the Christian community but in dark moments its not too difficult to think so. There are many Sunday morning Church services in the centre and it seems quite reasonable to think it will adversely affect a large number of people. Unless I am missing out on something, Southampton City Council are keen to promote community cohesion and good mental health. Regular attendance at a Sunday morning service do exactly these things. Shopping outlets don't normally open until 11am on Sundays and again one wonders who are these parking increases aimed at?

I would like to see a provision made for those attending places of worship, particularly on a Sunday morning in the city centre.

I would like provision to be made for those attending places of Worship particularly in Sunday morning in the City Centre.

I believe that the proposals are fair and will make the tariffs easier to understand. I am not happy with the separate daytime evening charges as I have been caught out previously and received a penalty charge notice which I paid. So I think that the continuous charges will be easier to read and understand.

I am very disheartened to read that you are proposing to introduce parking charges all day on Sundays whereas before it was from 12noon or 1pm and up until 6pm. As a church goer it will be hard not just for our family but other larger families to now have to pay to park in order to attend a weekly community activity that benefits many. We do try and cycle to church as this is beneficial on many levels, but some weeks this may not be possible and serving the wider the community means spending time with others. The longer we spend time helping and supporting those in our congregation who are in need or even simply serving in the church, it seems the more we will need to pay since it appears that if you need to park for any more than two hours the only option is to pay the 4-hour tariff of £8.

As the cost of living affects everyone, this additional charge will impact those attending all churches in the city centre greatly, easily over 1000 people each week roughly. Please strongly reconsider if these increased charges are truly necessary vs the impact on those not only attending church services but serving in the church to help the wider community. Many thanks.

I would like to see a provision made for those attending church and other places of worship particularly on a Sunday morning in the city centre.

██████████

When Sunday trading laws were changed it was widely accepted, if not a legal requirement (I'm not sure about this) that churches would not be disadvantaged. Your proposal will deter those who come to church services by car especially the city centre churches. The churches are very beneficial to the city in ways that you may not appreciate. Their members are more likely than the average person to be street pastors, Samaritans, help the homeless, or support other causes and charities. The church I belong to is St Michael the Archangel, Southampton's oldest building and brings many visitors to its doors. It is open seven days a week, entirely manned by volunteers, and receives no state funding. If this were to close due to falling members the city would lose this footfall.

As a member of a church that will be directly affected by these proposed changes, I will be directly affected and in the middle of a cost of living crisis, it would be yet another weekly cost that will add up very quickly for me. On top of this, it makes it difficult for volunteers to be able to serve projects such as Community Cafe and Warm Space, which are doing so much good for the city. These are often older people, who are unable to walk or cycle into the city.

I understand the need to be less reliant on our cars, and welcome initiatives to encourage people to cycle and work more often. However, this doesn't feel like the best way to achieve that. As a driver, I don't mind being inconvenienced, but I do mind extra costs being lumped onto people unnecessarily. Particularly with evening charges

changing (when cycling or walking is less of an option) and Sunday morning charges disproportionately affecting faith communities, often consisting of families and elderly people who may have no choice but to drive. It feels more like a money-making exercise.

**Yes parking should be increased along with the promotion of public transport**

**This is appalling, I would like to express my objection to the introduction of parking charges before 1pm on Sundays.**

I find the arguments put forward for the changes to be quite unconvincing and would lead to more harm to the city than benefit. My particular objection is to Sunday morning parking from 8am. At present the main group of people using parking at this time are church goers to city centre churches. Shoppers generally arrive much later in the morning (often when they have to already pay). Given the charge for each attendee who drives in would be £4 (as most services will be over an hour), for a year this is effectively a tax for church attendance of £208 a year as most people go most weeks. With, I estimate, 500 cars at a minimum parking for church each Sunday, the council would be earning £10,000 a year from the Christian community. I'm sure other faith groups would be similarly affected. I feel this at a minimum is profiteering from people who make a big contribution to the good of the city and at worse is borderline discrimination.

**Acknowledgment:**

For many years there have been no parking charges on a Sunday morning which has helped those attending church services in areas where parking is managed, and we are grateful for that concession.

While, as a regular church attender to a city centre church I would ideally like to object to the introduction of parking charges on a Sunday morning, I can acknowledge the need to manage limited parking spaces through parking charges, especially when you factor in the expense of Sunday trading.

**Objection:**

It is possible that introducing charges on a Sunday morning may push church attendance down even further at a time when it is needed the most, especially in those of lower incomes, making church attendance a middle income privilege. I believe that church attendance is very important for mental and social health and should not be discouraged whatever faith a person holds. To create a barrier based on affording parking charges could be seen as socially irresponsible and possibly financially discriminatory, therefore I would like to register my objection to introducing parking charges on a Sunday morning.

**Support:**

To introduce a single continuous charging period that encompasses both day and evening charges will make things much simpler for your customers (I recall having to try and write instructions for customers whose parking would extend from day to evening tariff and it is indeed complicated). I wish to register my support for this single continuous charging period.

**Compromise suggestion 1:**

With regard to tariffs on and off street I would like to suggest a rate for 3 hours of parking be introduced across all on and off street parking to facilitate church attendance. Our church for example opens at 0930, service begins at 1000 and disperses between 1130 and midday. A three hour charging band would provide for unhurried attendance and social interaction, prayer and would be a positive mental health benefit to attendees. Currently, and in your proposed tariffs there are a number of parking places jumping from 2 hour to 4 hour tariff bands with a significant price increase. This would be a fair compromise to allow for church attendance.

**Compromise suggestion 2:**

I wonder if I could suggest a compromise for those who arrive at church early to set up the building and stay after the congregation has dispersed to clean and secure the building. This would include faith leaders, musicians, building managers and possibly hospitality volunteers and those who actively serve the community on behalf of the church.

(Example) In the quays car park those with gym membership have a 3 hour parking permit. Would you consider introducing a 3 hour parking permit for such church individuals?

This could be managed by the church just as the quays is managed by active nation membership. The council and church could work in partnership to ensure fair issue and management of such passes to be used in off street parking only on a Sunday morning or other times when the church is actively supporting the local community (community café on Sunday evenings perhaps?). I am sure you could negotiate free or minimal (administration) fee for such permit. This could also be extended to our Muslim and Jewish brothers whose holy days are not Sunday and would certainly be seen as a positive interfaith benefit particularly for the councillors whose portfolio encompasses transport and faith.

**Additional consideration:**

Introducing parking charges on Sundays and increasing charges for evenings could lead to reduced visitors in the city, may I suggest you work with bus companies to provide more regular public transport services in these periods which currently run reduced 'Sunday' services. This would offer people a more environmentally friendly alternative to driving to the city thus assisting in your aim to improve air quality and reduce demand on parking by promoting effective and reliable alternative transport options.

Support changes to improve air quality and encourage public transport use.

City centre parking should be free after 6pm. An 8pm end to charges affects theatre goers as performances begin at 7 or 7.30pm.

I hope Sundays will not be affected.

I note that you are proposing to begin charging for on-street parking and parking in car parks at 8am on Sundays rather than at 1pm as at present. This will have an adverse effect on those who attend our Quaker Meeting House in Ordnance Road on Sunday mornings. We are the only Quaker Meeting House in Southampton, so some Quakers are obliged to travel by car, and it would be a shame if any of our members, or indeed any members of other religious denominations were prevented from attending their place of worship because of parking charges.

Having reviewed the proposals again, I would add to my previous response --

I think that the proposal to extend the charge period and increase parking charges would serve to exacerbate what is already a difficult business (and cultural) environment.

Given the continuing loss of shops in the city and current decline in High Street footfall, this move would I believe be a mistake.

Were the proposals to be enacted, I can only foresee more people turning to out of town centres or being encouraged to shop on-line. This would lead to further city centre shop closures with attendant loss of employment.

It could also lead to streets currently outside the charge zones becoming clogged and more heavily parked.

The gain in carrying out this proposal is far outweighed by the potential permanent damage to the life-blood of the City.

I would ask you to reconsider.

increasing the cost by between 20 to ~67% is not i would suggest something that would encourage more people using private vehicles to the city; commuters, unless they obtain some employee discount will unlikely benefit by these increases; with the work from home status more embedded will only encourage people to reduce their commuting spend by reducing their commute.



If you are going to double the fees then improve the facilities. Otherwise leave them at the rate they are. Unlike portsmouth's gun wharf, there's little attraction to come to Southampton these days unless you're cruise traffic. Encourage local business and leave the fees alone. Otherwise you don't deserve a vote.

I am supporting parking charges for the city centre. As there are a good bus service to the city centre. As an alternative.

Helps manage parking and encourages shift to public transport.

I regularly worship at Above Bar Church in the city centre. The proposals to increase costs of parking will affect many people coming to the church. I find parking at Marlands a problem as the spaces are so narrow. I have parked at GuildHall I think it is, where it has been free til midday. At present my older husband benefits from a blue badge card which is great. When he is no longer with me then I will have a problem. Please consider these difficulties for parking in the city centre.

Introducing charges during the evenings would discourage use of the city centre at those times when restaurants and the arts so greatly need the custom. Southampton should aim to become a city with bustling evening scenes suiting all residents, and lack of parking charges in the evenings can only encourage this

We should be discouraging car use and promoting bus and train travel to the city centre. In addition, if people are prepared to pay for dinner in a restaurant or theatre tickets a small increase in parking charges shouldn't pose a problem.

I support reducing congestion and improving air quality in the centre of the city. I am willing to contribute to that by paying more for parking.

For the past thirty odd years, policy in the city has prioritised personal car use and failed to incentivise using public transport. These plans are something of a rebalance, but are far from Draconian.

Car parking charges should reflect the cost of their provision, and incentivise use of public transport.

seem necessary

Bad decision

We must do everything g we can to support efforts against climate change. The proposals should help dissuade people from driving into the city. Also they will help the council to plan for future spending in the light of government cuts to their budget.

I find it surprising that car parking charges are to be increased -and from 8 – 8pm – possibly not for the reason you are thinking!

Travelling to any city one wants to know that car parking charges are reasonable and that it is possible to travel easily around the city. As Southampton Council have chosen to focus on pedestrians and cyclists – that is OK – but for Southampton city I consider that one vital ingredient is missing. If cars are so restricted in the city – then there must be park and ride facilities available – so that visitors can park and travel into the city by bus – but Southampton does not appear to have any park and ride facilities. So, for whatever reason they have never invested in such – then it is rather self-defeating to expect people to visit Southampton if visitors cannot get easily to where they want to be, and also have high parking charges to pay.

Result: people will choose not to visit Southampton – but to visit one of the nearby towns which treat visitors well – and Southampton shops will lose trade. Less money for the council to spend and even people living here will themselves decide to move away and choose a more friendly town.

Rather self-defeating wouldn't you agree?

So sad – roads near a bus route will become full of cars – some already are.

Coming into Southampton by coach to a very small hub is rather depressing.

House prices will decrease in price as people move out because the big shops in Southampton will have closed.

The council will then not have enough money for the basic services.

Councillors – please wake up and take this seriously – if you really want Southampton to

thrive.

One last point - someone mentioned to me that when Sunday trading was begun there was an agreement by the council that there would be no payment until 12 noon/1pm on Sundays to allow people to park and go to church (of whom I guess there are well over 1,000 people on a Sunday morning, and slightly less than that on a Sunday evening). Agreements need to be upheld.

Thank you for reading this.

I think these parking charges are really going to affect churches in the city centre. I currently have to drive to my church due to where I live, I cannot get there by public transport. If I wanted to go to both the morning and evening service with these new parking charges I would be paying £11 every week just to attend church which builds up to be quite a large expense. Furthermore, those that help at church (for example the music team or children's team) will have to be at church for longer and so will have to pay even more than just a regular attender of the church. This could cause people to step down from certain voluntary roles due to the expense which would make the running of the church and the church services very difficult. I think the parking charges should just be kept the same as they currently are. I think the impact that changing this will have on not only churches but local businesses is too large and therefore no changes should be made.

Yes to increased charges. We should not be subsidising motor vehicles in a climate crisis.

The existing charges are already expensive. I do not feel that any increase would be justified.

I was glad to see Mayflower Park remained at low cost.

The proposal is detrimental to the city community and in particular the local churches who serve the community in numerous ways.

These proposals are very heavily negative towards visitors to the city centre and do not form part of a balanced set of changes across the wider infrastructure - they are just "charge people more to park at all times". The boldest change is to charges on a Sunday, which have become very significant.

Thinking of us as a family, the bus would be good alternative to parking. However we are a family of 5 - to get the bus into town without the government's price cap (which expires with October) would cost £18. Why not make bus travel significantly cheaper for under 18s? This would help them get into the habit of using the bus more. Since our children hit 5 years old it's too expensive to get the bus for a trip into town.

Thinking of the Sunday charges, there are a number of churches in the city centre - because the city centre isn't a big residential district, the congregations of these churches are from outside the city centre and travel in. Some congregants will cycle, but a number will need motorised transport. For a church service, the time is fixed and the bus services on a Sunday are not as flexible as during the week. Therefore a significant number of people will drive in. With the previous charging structure on a Sunday, it was possible for churches to arrange their service times to make the cost of parking minimal. With the new structure this is not possible.

Each church is served by teams of volunteers who don't get paid for their time. For a church service of 90 minutes, an attendee could pay for 2 hours' parking. This will generally be £2.80 now - or £12/month. However a volunteer is likely to be required two hours before the service start, for setup and rehearsal - this means a charge of around £5 - or £20/month. This is a lot of money for something that was broadly free before.

Is the council's desire to dissuade people from travelling to the city centre? Having been a regular 'parker' on a Sunday, and in the evening, I haven't generally perceived that there's been a difficulty with demand. Certainly the only time I might struggle to find a space is on a Saturday in the day. Therefore I am convinced that these changes aren't justified by managing parking demand.

The only other possible reason for the Sunday parking changes is the "single clear tariff". A simple tariff structure is desirable, at what cost? The addition of PayByPhone across the city has already significantly improved the tariff situation by simplifying the interface for those who use the app - enter your parking time, see the proposed cost on screen!

Please rethink the charge changes which are not incremental or inflation related - they are surely steep enough to drastically change the habits of people and force them to shop and visit elsewhere. If this happens, then everybody will lose.

People's standard of living has generally been badly affected through the steep increases to the cost of living. There are many who rely on their cars who are not easily able to walk or catch public transport. This is just another nail in the coffin and so far removed from the policies of the previous administration.

This proposal will affect many people in this city in a serious way. We are currently in a cost of living crisis and many people are struggling to make ends meet. An increase in parking charges is unnecessary and shows a total disregard for people's well being as they might not be able to park in their own city. Furthermore, it is proposed that we will now be charged to park on Sundays which is horrendous. We have never charged on parking on Sundays and bank holidays and we should not start now. Most churches in the city do not have onsite parking and their attendees park on the street. For many people, charging parking on Sundays could make attending church financial unviable. It is not acceptable to take this right away from people to worship and find community, especially in this time of crisis. I urge you to consider how people are struggling financially right now and how this Sunday parking charge could stop many people from expressing a human right of religion and faith.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposed increases to car parking and on-street parking charges. I read the supporting information with interest. I have no particular objection to the increase in car parking charges, but I do think it is a stretch to justify this based on improving air quality, reducing congestion and improving traffic flow. I would be very surprised if these car parking increases, if implemented, would make any meaningful difference in these areas. I suspect this proposal is more about increasing revenue for the Council (for good reasons) and it would be more transparent for this to be acknowledged and that increasing car parking charges is a simple, equitable(?) and straightforward way of doing this.

If there is a real commitment to improving air quality and reducing congestion in the City centre, there needs to be a radical, forward-looking approach that would need to consider a ULEZ or similar and other measures that act as an effective deterrent to driving in to the City, alongside seriously subsidised public transport, all of which is likely to be a voter loser if recent events in Uxbridge are to be believed.

On the other hand, there is the issue of our declining historic city and town centres, battered by the rise of online shopping, the decline of the hospitality industry, the pandemic, and now the cost-of-living crisis, the result of all of which is empty, boarded up shops and reduced footfall. This threatens the future of our historic city centres and Southampton is no exception. The City centre has significantly diminished as an attractive place to visit in the last decade, with closed shops, a dominance of national and global chains, a near total absence of independent shops, a conspicuous presence

of the homeless, drug-addicted and mentally ill, and too much litter and detritus blowing around the streets. Increased car parking charges may only provide another reason not to visit the centre of this historic maritime City, including some of the finest medieval town walls in the country.

West park RD MSCP should have some charges for 1 hr stay also.

Many people come here just for short while eg visiting students /help moving in/out , dropping off collecting something from library etc.

As resident who live across the road I often have visitors coming to my house for 20-50 min max.

In most days 1 hr parking charge would be enough, but there is no charges like this at this multi storey car park at the moment. 1 hr single charge for this parking would be greatly appreciated please.

Thank you

There is a distinct lack of investment in public transport connectivity throughout the city, meaning that for many car travel is the only sensible option to get to work, school or for leisure activities. For the latter sector, whom I imagine are struggling to recover losses from the pandemic years, increased charges with extended evening hours will no doubt result in fewer people travelling into the city centre and instead taking their custom elsewhere. If buses had a regular reliable timetable covering more of the city and surrounding areas perhaps there would be less objection. I do not support the increases. Whilst I recognise the Council's desire to make the improvements outline, especially those of air quality and the use of alternative means of transport, I would like to point out the following.

I am a member of Above Bar Church and attend every Sunday morning. I am in my 80th year and now find walking quite challenging some days. The nearest public transport to my home is half a mile away and takes me about a quarter of an hour to walk. The bus also only runs every half hour and I would need to get a bus that would deliver me to Portland Terrace 25 minutes before service time and 15 minutes before the doors open. In the summer that wait is tolerable but in winter it is daunting. Consequently my wife I travel by car and park in either Sussex Road or Palmerston Road where we can currently park free of charge. Since we would need a little more than 2 hours, the next proposed charge point would be 4 hours.

Might I respectfully suggest that the current Sunday morning concession of free parking until 1pm is retained. If the proposed charges are introduced I shall have to look for an alternative place of worship, which at my age, will not be easy.

Best regards

██████████

The price to park is already too high it should be lowered

While I fully support the aims of improving air quality in the city and encouraging drivers to consider other means of transport, bringing in parking charges on a Sunday morning will almost certainly negatively affect the attendance of the many religious communities that meet in the city centre on a Sunday morning. A downturn in attendance will lead to a decrease in the provision and effectiveness of the many social action projects that these communities do, which are relied upon by some of the most vulnerable in our city.

The city is not busy at these times, by forcing parking charges, there is a higher likelihood that there will be less people coming into the city.

Public transport links are not great either as they only start entering the city from 08:00/08:30 and then run hourly after 17:00.

There really will be less of an incentive to enter Southampton knowing that I'd also have to pay for parking...

Introducing parking charges on Sunday mornings and Christmas Day has the potential to seriously damage church attendance in the City Centre, and thereby damage church communities themselves. When one considers the enormous contribution churches make to the life of the city, does the City Council really want that?

I am writing to protest most strongly that your current proposals regarding city centre parking discriminate against the church-going community in the city on Sunday mornings, which amounts to several thousand people. I am primarily opposed to the timings rather than the charges themselves, although I do consider the price increase to be too great. As for the timings, I wish to request that the current commencement of charges at 1pm be continued, in order to facilitate public worship by the sizeable church-going community which, in addition to its own corporate gatherings, is involved in many community-related & charitable events, which benefit the wider city population in general, and the less fortunate segment of that population in particular. I trust that you will give serious consideration to my comments, and many similar which I am sure you will receive from elsewhere, and abandon the currently proposed changes. With thanks.

I object to the extension of charges on Sundays which will disadvantage people wishing to park during morning and evening church services. It will also affect parking on weekday evenings. Otherwise I appreciate that our council need to look at increasing income.

I can't see the need for parking charges to start on a Sunday at 8.00am. There is hardly any traffic then, shops are not allowed to trade till 11.00am-5.00pm. This means the "parking officers" will be paid with no work to do. Please read the Council's original meeting minutes setting up the charging times that are operating now. The Members were really surprised just how many people attended churches in the city centre & they were only too happy that people attending churches morning & evening should not have to pay to park for this privilege. They could see the impact charges would have for individual, families & churches. This will be a backward step & will add extra expense to church attenders especially during the stretch on household budgets. This may well mean that people will stop attending churches in city centre & go elsewhere. If this happens it will mean that the city centre churches will not have the volunteers to carry out the many ways that they carry out the support they give to Southampton City Council services (which the council depends on). This will affect more people in the communities than you realise.

You want more people to be coming into the city by bus rather than car. I would come into the city on a Sunday a.m to attend church but there are no buses from Sholing at anywhere near a convenient time. On a Sunday there are at least 50% less buses than other days when surveys have shown that Sundays are the second busiest trading days of the week - surely you need to get more buses on the road before starting charges at 8.00a.m I will probably have to find another church to go to rather than pay carpark charges - I have been attending the same city centre church for nearly 50 years. We have over 400 adults plus 100 children attend each Sunday. We have people come from over 30 different countries with us seeking to support many in these communities with their

wide & varied needs - they certainly won't be able to pay parking charges.

I can see why parking charges need to rise but I think it is totally wrong that there will not be any charges for a 3 hour stay - the proposal goes from 2 hours & then 4 hours. What is

the reasoning for this ?

Once again I cannot see 1 reason why Sunday parking charges should start at 8.00 a.m & that the parking times should stay as they are now.

I ( a single female)come to Southampton from quite a distance in the evening to take part in cultural activities. The car park available does not feel safe and the current charge already seems high for a virtually empty car park. A further increase is likely to be the tipping point and I will no longer come.

At the height of the cost of living crisis, to increase the parking charges to such extreme levels show the utter contempt the council has for Southampton's residents. All this gives me increased confidence that the council has acted irresponsibly with its finances, and is punishing the people instead for its financial mismanagement.

The impact of this cannot be understated. Local businesses will be affected as people are disincentivised to go to town. Sadly, the charity sector will also be unduly affected, as the combination of the extended time frames to implement these charges as well as the significantly increased charges will mean that their volunteer base will find it increasingly unviable to operate (often during evenings and sunday mornings). At a time of national crisis, where there is increasing need to increase business interests as well as the present increasing reliance on the charity sector, this shows just how short sighted those who have made this decision are.

I urge you to stop these plans, in the interests of all people in Southampton, but particularly for those whose finances are being squeezed more and more who just do not need decisions like this right now, as well as for local businesses and charities and those whom they serve.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond. I attend a City Centre church along with hundreds of off people of all ages from new born babies - those in their 90s. The new charges on Sunday morning will seem like a tariff on going to church. For those arriving early to prepare for services (technical refreshments for the social aspect of meeting, creating community) and stay after everyone has left to clear up could present a bill for 3 - 4 hours parking.

Some of us can change to using the buses but they are not always reliable or, indeed, some have no service on a Sunday morning.

Back in the 1980s (I think) the Council proposed car parking charges for Sunday morning and representation was made from the then ministers of City Centre churches to request the charge did not apply until mid-day. The Council at that time clearly had no idea of the number of church attendees in the centre and, in response graciously allowed free parking until mid-day.

I trust the same consideration will apply this time.

Thank you for reading these comments.

I am very sad to read of these proposals especially as they apply to Sundays. Given the paucity of suitable bus services on a Sunday for a large number of people with limited mobility or with young families using a car is the only reasonable option. Many are unable to afford taxi's and the parking charge makes a further serious dent in their income at a time when the cost of living is already a challenge!

Furthermore the Christian churches in the city have sought to work with the City Council to support and help the City in many practical ways especially during Covid but continuing to the present day.

It would be great if the City council could continue to support and work together with the churches to help the city to flourish in every way.

I remember that a number of years ago when Sunday parking charges were introduced the Churches in the City made representation to the Council on behalf of the many hundreds of people attending the City Centre churches on Sunday mornings and the Council graciously agreed to postpone most on street parking charges until 1pm on a Sunday.

I would love to see the same consideration extended to the Christian community on this occasion and trust that the council will consider this sympathetically.

You're proposing to start charging on Sunday mornings. People go to church on Sunday mornings. The more disadvantaged, like large African families, come to church by car. After the church supports the city by providing massive food distribution projects (eg. Basics bank) and assists the city in supporting families (Safe Families) saving the Council money, the Council then decides to target Sunday morning. Please don't do this. It's just wrong. This is as lightly worded as I can make it. I'm holding back.

I object to the proposed termination of Sunday morning freeparking in the old town and city centre. This will have a significant impact on those travelling in from other parts of city and further afield for Sunday worship in all Christian, and some other denominations, places of worship. Public transport is limited at this time, making journeys difficult. A readjustment of the start time back to midday, would represent a small loss of income for the council as most journeys for Sunday shopping are made after midday. I trust this will be carefully considered before any further changes are made.

A group day ticket on the buses has recently returned to £8.50 - I don't have an issue with that but it should provide a useful benchmark for the parking prices.

I am a member of a Church that meets in the City Centre and, generally, I use off street parking. This can be both on a Sunday and also a week day in the mid evening. On behalf of the Church I have been supporting City Council tenants who were isolated and lonely during the Covid lockdowns and followed up those links in the post Covid period. Sometime those visits are late on a Sunday morning when the free parking makes visitng easier.

If the changes are to be made would it possible for Churches and other places of worship to have access to free or discounted parking vouchers to be used in specific locations to allow their members / attenders to park for the purpose of attending those places of worship and / or engage in the chartiable activities of those religious communities in supporting the people of the City?

I feel the public are not being listened to

I am against the proposals for 3 reasons - these are personal reasons, because of the impact it would have on city centre churches, and because of the impact it would have on the city:

1. My family currently park in the city centre on Sunday mornings to attend church. We do not have an alternative means of transport that is affordable (it is too far to walk or cycle) and getting the bus as a family of 4 would be too expensive. In addition, our nearest bus stop is a 20 minute walk away from our home and we can drive into the city centre in that amount of time on a Sunday morning. The proposal would mean we would incur parking costs just to attend church, and on the many Sundays when we get there early to help out on a team, the cost would be considerable for 4 hours. We cannot afford this weekly. The same applies for those that attend the Sunday evening services (after 6pm).

2. Not only would the parking charges make it costly to go to church for us, but it would significantly reduce the capacity of the church (Above Bar Church, although this is not the only city centre church) to serve the local community. This is because church members, including myself, would be put off volunteering on the teams at church because it would mean a significant cost, e.g. parking for 4 hours instead of 2 hours just to attend the service and not get there early to help out. Church will not happen without teams of volunteers to run it, nor would the activities that the church do to serve the local community. Listed as part of your reasons for increasing the hours of parking charges was to encourage us to seek alternative transport and to reduce traffic. What about those of us who do not have reasonable alternative transport? And there is no traffic on Sunday mornings, therefore that is not an issue. I would like to add that our electric car is zero emissions so we do not contribute to air pollution in the city (I share your desire for a greener planet and city). In addition, the morning and evening church services happen when the shops are shut and therefore the traffic is minimal. By extending your parking charges beyond 1-6pm on Sundays you will be affecting people's right to worship and help out in the city centre.

3. For those that your new increased parking charge hours would impact, it will put off visitors to the city centre. This will not only affect volunteer services as previously mentioned, but it will also affect businesses if fewer people are travelling to the city.

It increases the cost of taking part in voluntary work - in this case amateur orchestra practice starting 1930 ++ - and increasingly makes the use of inner city places less viable. This reduces the life of the city in cultural terms possibly driving such activities to outer areas where such strictures do not apply.

Please continue with free parking on Sunday mornings to enable those people who attend a Church service to go

It is ridiculously expensive to park in Southampton. Other cities (Winchester for one example) charge NOTHING to park after 6.00 pm.

These charges are killing the Night time economy in this city. I have travelled to Winchester to eat out and go to the theatre for this very reason. And I am not alone in this. The council already charge very high council taxes.

Disappointing.

The parking charges are too expensive and the extension to 8pm is unwelcome.



My wife and I are objecting to the proposed change in the parking charges specifically on a Sunday. Although we are in our 70s, when we want to visit the centre of Southampton on any day except Sunday we would cycle from our home in Shirley. There are no bus stops near us but we have bus passes anyway. For many years we have attended Above Bar Church and, on Sundays, we invariably travel to the City Centre by car as we often have books and other items for the needy of the city to benefit from. Carrying such on a cycle is not convenient. With the proposals, to adjust the existing Sunday parking facilities' times within the City, put forward by the council it would mean that we would be required to pay £8 twice every Sunday, to take our car to the City Centre for morning and evening services. Many people arrive at Above Bar Church to help set things up and don't leave until after 12 noon. As things stand at present, with free parking in the Civic Centre until 12.00noon and then free from 6.00pm, and with on-street parking free until 1.00pm and after 6.00pm, we are able to attend church without parking charges. As you know, Above Bar Church and many other cooperating churches within the City Centre do much good work in providing help for the disadvantaged and marginalised folk, who benefit from free food and clothing, within the City and it would be most discourteous and detrimental to relations between church and Southampton City Council to charge church-goers for parking during church service times. Sunday mornings and evenings, when shops are not busy, are not busy times on the roads and allowing the status quo to remain for the future would have little effect on the Council's finances, but would be greatly welcomed by church attendees like us. We wonder if Southampton City Council appreciates the negative effect such charges will have on visits to the City Centre churches and businesses by their proposals. Also I expect the way above inflation hike in the parking fees would have a negative effect on footfall for the retailers in the City Centre. I doubt whether any of the shop owners in the City Centre are in favour of the new charges and their hours of operation. I suspect that football fans would be strongly against the proposed weekday and Saturday charges when they come by car to support their home team. Is Southampton City Council really a Southampton supporter?

Please reconsider free parking in the city centre on Sundays before 12md. This has been graciously allowed by the City Council since Sunday parking charges were introduced to allow the many hundreds of people wanting to access their places of worship on a Sunday morning and has been recognised and appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration.

██████████ Southampton resident.

1. Increasing City Centre parking charges just makes it a less attractive place for shoppers who will more and more prefer out of town shopping and result in more closures of City Centre shops.
2. Charging on Sunday mornings will make it more difficult for those who worship in Churches in the City Centre. Sunday morning bus services are inevitably less frequent than at other times and take longer.

I am a pensioner of limited means, and regularly attend church in the city centre every Sunday morning. Bus services from my home are not always reliable and attending church greatly contributes to my social, mental and spiritual welfare. I always park opposite the Central Library, returning before 1pm, having performed necessary church duties. Please consider the needs of older people such as me when considering Sunday morning parking charges. Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

██████████

As church warden at St Michael's Church in the City Centre (opposite the Tudor House) I am very concerned about the introduction of parking charges on Sunday mornings. Not only will this discourage people from coming to church but it will be a problem for all of us who have to arrive early to prepare for the services and stay until after they have finished. The church has no parking spaces of its own. The City Centre churches

contribute greatly to the life of the city and to threaten their viability in this way could do a lot of damage. I ask you to reconsider this proposal.

I come into town 3-4 times a week to carry out voluntary work at Above Bar Church. I teach English as a second language to immigrants/asylum seekers. The increases are very steep, particularly for people like myself on fixed incomes. These steep rises could affect the teams of people I lead, who may feel they cannot afford these charges. Much valuable voluntary work which contributes to our community could be affected.

I object to the introduction of parking charges on Sunday morning before 1pm. This will affect all the City Centre Churches in Southampton who had previously and historically negotiated with the Council this period of free of parking on Sundays specifically for people to attend services without having to pay in order to hear the word of God. As a deputy Church Warden at St Michael's the Archangel Church in Bugle Street, I have to come early (by car) on Sunday mornings together with other volunteers to attend to various duties before the service. We have to park in the street as the Church has no private parking and neither have other City Centre Churches.

The Church plays a vital part in the life of the community and beyond, welcoming visitors from cruise ships, holding Civic Services, supporting charities, etc. Please do not introduce charges on Sunday mornings as this will reduce the number of people attending services and threaten the very existence of these places of worship.

I also object to the removal of the 10 minute free period from the pay and display parking places as this is such a useful period of grace for anyone needing to do something quickly! It's real little gem for the people. Please don't take all the nice things away!

As a member of above bar church I feel this will have a massive impact on people attending church, it's a massive monthly cost to incorporate and feel longterm it will impact congregation size and ultimately diminish the work the church does in the city Please could you confirm if on street parking parking in Rockstone Place SO15 2EP will continue to be free after 6pm on Monday to Saturday? This road currently has special arrangements for free evening parking to support evening groups and services at St Edmund's Church. Thank you.

I am older adult ministry coordinator at Above Bar Church, we have a vibrant older adult community out of Above Bar Church and run over 12 activities a month, attended by over 100 older adults throughout the week, including a Tuesday meeting that is attended by over 60 older adults that do not fit into the blue badge criteria. Many of them do catch the bus however as their mobility declines many also drive and share lifts especially during winter months and adverse weather conditions where they are at increased risk of falls. By increasing the prices you are penalising older adults with mobility issues already on fixed pensions, increasing the risk of isolation that they are already experiencing and also the volunteers we depend on to help run these events.

I am writing to object to the imposition of parking charges on Sunday mornings in particular.

I am a member of New Community Church which meets at Central Hall, St Mary's Street. My husband and I live in Hedge End and have no choice but to drive into to the church meeting as the bus service takes so long (more than an hour each way). Our church site has a VERY small car park so most church members have to park on-street. This means that we could potentially have to pay between £6 and £10 each Sunday (up to £40 a month!) just to come to our preferred church! This could possibly be more as we are involved in other activities of the church eg the community cafe that feeds homeless people on Sunday afternoons or any events that may occur in the evenings. This for us would be quite simply unaffordable and we would very sadly have to consider how many times we attend church services and what ways we could be involved in church life.

There are many families in our church who, I am sure would be in a similar position. The potential consequence of this would be reduced church attendance which in turn would have a major impact on the churches ability to serve the local community both on a Sunday and indeed during the week eg less manpower to serve the Warm Spaces initiative which has been highly successful, less volunteers to support the education of children at Hope Community School to name a couple.

I would therefore be very grateful if you could reconsider the proposed charges for Sunday mornings in particular.

We consider that the proposed increases will adversely affect businesses within the city as shoppers and theatre goers are most likely to be deterred by these increases.

On a Sunday morning many people come into the city to attend church. There should be free, unrestricted access to people practicing their religion and these parking restrictions would remove this unrestricted access. Church also serve the local community through projects such as free hot meal cafes and food banks. The changes in the on street parking would make a considerable difference to churches ability to run these and provide the services that serve so many vulnerable members of our city.

Sunday morning is not a popular time to be in the city for shopping and consumerist activities. This amendment seems to be a pocket-lining measure rather than one which is in the interests of the people of Southampton.

We are writing to you as leaders of ten city-centre churches. Between us we represent 3000 people who attend weekly Sunday services in the centre of Southampton. We do understand the financial pressures that local authorities are under, and that costs of parking must inevitably rise from time to time. However, we ask you to reconsider the proposed implementation of Sunday morning parking charges, which we believe will adversely affect our church congregations, and our ability to serve the city through the many community projects and support services that we run.

The majority of our church members do not live within walking distance of the city centre, and therefore drive to church. Most of our churches have little, if any, on-site parking. The proposed Sunday morning parking charges would cost the average individual, couple or family unit £316 a year in the Inner Zone, or £208 a year in the Outer (Short Stay) Zone. Currently they park for free. Whilst we encourage the use of public transport as an alternative, this would incur similar costs and is not always practical, especially for the elderly and disabled who rely on lifts to get them to church.

We are concerned that these additional costs to attend church would cause some of our members to come less often, or to stop coming entirely. Our Sunday worship services are the very heart of our church communities, and our community projects would not exist without these services. It is our members, who gather on Sundays, that sustain our community projects through their charitable giving (many 'tithe' 10% of their income) and

by volunteering their time at other times of the week. Many of our congregations have yet to fully recover post-COVID and even small reductions in Sunday attendance and giving can have a significant impact on our ability to sustain our projects. By supporting vulnerable communities, many of these projects take pressure off council-run frontline services. Reduced congregational giving and fewer available volunteers, caused by a decline in Sunday attendance, could make some of these projects unviable. This would have a detrimental impact on some of the city's poorest residents, and add additional pressure to council services.

Below are some of the community projects we run:

English language classes, youth/children's/family/womens/older people/internationals groups, CAP Debt Counselling Centres, addiction support, support services for asylum seekers & refugees, Iranian Community, several food banks, multiple Warm Spaces, several homeless cafes, Homework Zone/Youth Club, iExplore (Friends International), B-Fit (Bollywood/bhangra dance sessions), Winter Homeless Shelter, The Hazel Project (mentoring with the homeless), Christmas Café (homeless café), Bake Club community group, Hope Community School chaplaincy and volunteer support team, Baby Bank (clothing bank), Children's holiday club, Home Care Agency, Marketplace Social Supermarket, Meeting Place Café, Exercise classes for elderly, Path mentoring programme for unemployed, Love Christmas initiative, Caring for ex-offenders, Mental Health Cafe.

We understand the considerable strain on council budgets in the current climate, and wish to support the council in serving the communities of our city, but believe these proposals risk considerably hampering our ability to serve those very communities. Therefore we ask that you scrap the proposal to introduce Sunday morning parking charges (and Christmas Day charges), and keep parking free until 1pm on Sundays.

[REDACTED] Lifechurch  
[REDACTED] Above Bar Church  
[REDACTED] Central Baptist Church  
[REDACTED] St Micheals the Archangel  
[REDACTED] Greek Orthodox Church of St Nicholas  
[REDACTED] Saint Mary's Southampton  
[REDACTED] Riverside Family Church  
[REDACTED] Lighthouse International Church  
[REDACTED] New Community Church  
[REDACTED] Saint Edmunds Roman Catholic Church

I object to the new charging period of 8am-8pm in the City Centre. I feel it will effect night time economy due to not having easy accessible parking to go out for an evening. I object to the new charging period of 8am-8pm in the City Centre. This is due to a number of reasons, it will have an impact on high street businesses and local shops due to restricting the parking provision of people in our city centre. It will also make it harder to find a parking space. Difficulties will be added to our evening and night time economy in which delivery drivers can use the parking free of charge when supporting the local economy. The charging period will be difficult to enforce and is not cost efficient. The parking charging ending at 6pm is useful as it allows the council to earn revenue and then encourages people into our city centre after 6pm, when shops are still open to allow them to have an evening meal or go shopping supporting local jobs. It will NOT support a switch to other modes of transport, I already ride a bicycle and still object to the charges as the damage is worse than the benefits. It will cause people to drive around further and increase emissions due to looking for free parking spaces. Already limited, the free parking after 6pm currently will not be abused and by moving the charge to 8pm you will just isolate those, especially those with accessibility needs who don't have a

blue badge. Please think about supporting people and the community and do not introduce the charging after 6pm (to 8pm) as it will harm many stakeholders and businesses while delivering very little benefit.

Many Church members will be affected by this proposal. This is extremely unfair on families, particularly poorer ones, and elderly people who depend on their cars for transport. People attending Churches should be exempt from this charge and have the freedom to worship in Church on a Sunday without fear of being forced to pay.

I would like to object to the proposals to stop the flat rate evening charges eg 2.00 between 6 - 8 pm and no charge after 8 pm.

This has encouraged me to consider coming into the city centre after work to visit West Quay, the cinema, Mayflower theatre and restaurants, for example, and to car share. Paying a nominal fixed charge allows customers of all venues to plan an open-ended visit to the city centre without considerable extra expense, and without the need to top up the parking meter if they overstay their original visit plans. Admittedly the pre- and post- 8pm charges could be merged.

In addition, I belong to a music group of over 100 members who meet at the 1865 venue every fortnight. I currently pay 1.50 to park between around 6.45 pm and 9.15 pm on or near Oxford St. Under your proposals, it looks as if I would need to pay for 3 hours parking at a cost of 3.30 - 3.70 ie over 100% increase. Membership of our ukelele group is free to all, we perform for charity, and the only optional cost is to purchase a drink at the venue to cover the costs of the bar staff. In doing so, no one is prevented from participating and we support a local music venue on a night they might otherwise have no income. There is no bus service from where I live that would allow me to reach the venue without walking some distance alone at night. There may be other voluntary organisations whose members will find these changes disadvantageous if their activities take place in the evening.

I feel that the proposed car parking charges would affect those people who would like to attend church and have limited mobility in an adverse way. They may have to rely on lifts from those who have cars. Those who do have cars will have to pay a large sum, not just a £1 or £2 fee to park for 2 hours or over to attend church. If we do have to pay for parking on Sunday morning a lower fee would be reasonable, not a large amount.

Ref: (City Centre) (Amendment 2) Order 2023

(Off-Street Parking Places) (Amendment 1) Order 2023

Dear Sirs,

Acknowledgment:

For many years there have been no parking charges on a Sunday morning which has helped those attending

church services in areas where parking is managed, and we are grateful for that concession.

As a regular church attender to a city centre church I would ideally like to object to the introduction of parking charges on a Sunday morning, I acknowledge the need to manage limited parking spaces through parking charges, especially when you factor in the expense of Sunday trading.

Objection:

It is possible that introducing charges on a Sunday morning may push church attendance down even further at a time when it is needed the most, especially in those of lower incomes, making church attendance a middle income privilege. I believe that church attendance is very important for mental and social health and should not be discouraged whatever faith a person holds. To create a barrier based on affording parking charges could be seen as socially irresponsible, discriminatory against those whose with impaired mobility and possibly financially discriminatory, therefore I would like to register my objection to introducing parking

charges on a Sunday morning.

Support:

To introduce a single continuous charging period that encompasses both day and evening charges will make things much simpler for your customers I wish to register my support for this single

continuous charging period.

Compromise suggestion 1:

With regard to tariffs on and off street I would like to suggest a rate for 3 hours of parking be introduced across all on and off street parking to facilitate church attendance. Our church for example opens at 0930, service begins at 1000 and concludes between 1130 and midday. A three hour charging band would provide for unhurried attendance and social interaction, prayer and would be a positive mental health benefit to attendees. Currently, and in your proposed tariffs there are a number of parking places jumping from 2 hour to 4 hour tariff bands with a significant price increase. This would be a fair compromise to allow for church attendance.

Compromise suggestion 2:

I wonder if I could suggest a compromise for those who arrive at church early to set up the building and stay after the congregation has dispersed to clean and secure the building. This would include faith leaders, musicians, building managers and possibly hospitality volunteers and those who actively serve the community on behalf of the church.

(Example) In the quays car park those with gym membership have a 3 hour parking permit. Would you consider introducing a 3 hour parking permit for such church individuals?

This could be managed by the churches just as the quays is managed by active nation membership. The council and churches could work in partnership to ensure fair issue and management of such passes to be used in off street parking only on a Sunday morning or other times when the church is actively supporting the local community (community café at Central Hall on Sunday evenings perhaps or Warm Space on Wednesdays, serving the needs of the community in a vulnerable city centre location, SO14) I am sure you could negotiate free or minimal (administration)

fee for such permit. This could also be extended to our Muslim and Jewish brothers whose holy days are not Sunday and would certainly be seen as a positive interfaith benefit particularly for the councillors whose portfolio encompasses transport and faith.

Additional consideration:

Introducing parking charges on Sundays and increasing charges for evenings could lead to reduced visitors in the city, may I suggest you work with bus companies to provide more regular public transport services in these periods which currently run reduced 'Sunday' services. This would offer people a more environmentally friendly solution.

I feel strongly that the Council should retain free parking until 1pm on Sundays.

I object to this proposal as a frequent visitor of a friend that requires support with her mental health who resides on Rockstone Place these parking restrictions just make accessibility so much harder and giving the rise in living costs its abhorrent that the Council is stinging individuals with increased parking costs. I would understand if this was restricted to applying to commercial vehicles only etc.

I am a resident of Rockstone Place, which forms the entirety of Zone 18. We strongly object to any further parking restrictions in Z18, and petition again for residents to be permitted to apply for a limited number of visitor permits (for example 10 per annum, for Z18 or even in adjacent zone 5 or zone 1).

Rockstone Place is principally a residential street, though is also used sporadically by visitors to the nearby court buildings, "The Workstation" at no.15, and patrons of St Edmund's church (two or three evenings a week, and Sunday Mornings).

Current limits on P&D parking (8am--6pm, max 4hrs) are already a serious hindrance to friends or family visiting for a few days, resulting in unnecessary movement of vehicles from one road to the next hopping between various restrictions, or "dumping" them on other residential streets further away... all of which is both inconvenient and detrimental to the environment.

In the evenings and at weekends the road is typically at least half empty, and it is a rare occasion (apart from during mass) when there are no spaces available at any time of day/night/week.

We struggle to see any benefit to the residents and users of Rockstone Place from the proposed changes. From the "statement of reasons" the proposed restrictions will not affect points 1 or 2, and arguably worsens point 3 (air quality). Point 4 -- no objection to tariff increases in line with inflation. Point 5 maybe... however our road is rarely used apart from residents and church-goers. Point 6 is totally irrelevant in Rockstone Place -- there is no problem with demand outside of the existing charging hours. Point 7 is also somewhat tenuous.

In conclusion :- despite several requests we have never received justification as to why Rockstone Place is singled out for "different" treatment, and we object to the extension of restrictions beyond the existing hours.

My husband and I attend a city centre Christian Church (meeting at Central Hall , St Mary's Street ) and greatly value the current free parking available on a Sunday morning and cheaper rates in the evening.

Most people will be there for over 2 hours for a meeting and some who assist with stewarding or other duties might be there for considerably longer.

Others are also present on Sunday afternoons or during the week to run the community cafe or other initiatives to serve the community.

This could mean quite a large financial outlay for some people so we would be grateful if consideration could be given to this.

These new proposed parking restrictions are not in the best interests of the community. In a cost of living crisis, extending and increasing park costs are not in the best interests of residents or visitors to the area.

These restrictions mean that people attending mass at st edmunds Church will no longer be able to attend Sunday morning without a cost attached to worship. Secondly, as one of the only areas without visitors permits, increasing the cost and extending the hours of zone 18 makes it much more difficult for residents to get support from others. This will have a negative impact on the housing market as well as Trade within the newly refurbished Bedford place area.

Ultimately, increasing costs and extending hours is benefiting no one in this community. It is a blatant excuse to tax families and individuals and dressing this up as anything else is an insult to your constituents.

I disagree with the proposals, particularly on Sun and evenings. Though is good to expect people to use alternative ways to cars, some public transport is not good on Sun and evenings. Those who go to church, many families included, need to bring the car. I don't think they should have to pay to park. I want the it to remain as it is now. Please!