

Representations from Businesses, Societies and Organisations to Evening Charges

1) Representation from Subway Southampton Ltd

As a local trader with three shops in down town Southampton I STRONGLY OBJECT to the implementation of additional evening parking charges. High streets are struggling with empty shops and councils need to try to help businesses support employment in town centres, not encourage people to go to FREE parking areas such as hedge end and elsewhere.

Subway Southampton Ltd

2) Representation from the Director/Founder of Asset Management IFA Ltd

Your proposal to extend the payment time for parking in Southampton until late in the evening is yet another tax on the motorist and another nail in the coffin of late night shopping in Southampton. I am frankly appalled at this proposal and ask you to reconsider! It was bad enough when you cynically extended the payment time on many car parks from 17.30 to 18.00! Give local businesses a break and stop driving business in the direction of out of town business centres like M&S / Sainsbury's at Hedge End!

3) Representation from a Partner of Coco Rio Restaurant with a Petition of 169 Signatures and copy of Article from the Daily Echo regarding reduced Parking Charges in Bournemouth

UPPER BANISTER STREET BEDFORD PLACE PARKING

Enclosed is a petition against the intention of increasing the parking times into the evening in this area. We have a restaurant in Upper Banister streetour trade will seriously be effected.

The parking here is already very costly and when the prices increased, we have lost a lot of potential customers. This also effects all the business around us.

Please see the article for parking in Bournemouth...we need to bring people in not send them elsewhere .

I have made copies of all the petition pages so please take notice of what we all have to say.

New parking rates launched to help get more visitors to Bournemouth

8:00am Saturday 7th September 2013

By Melanie Vass

A RANGE of new parking offers has been launched to try and tempt more visitors into Bournemouth car parks. Bournemouth council has decided not to increase parking charges for a fourth successive year and has launched a range of new rates.

A scheme offering two hours parking for £1 has been extended to all council-owned car parks, except for the seafront and leisure car parks, and a deal allowing commuters to pay £4 to park all day has been extended to the Central and Berry Court car parks.

Daily, short break and weekly rover tickets are also being introduced which allow drivers to park in any seafront or long-stay car parks while the ticket is valid. This means motorists can park at the beach and then move to a town centre car park if their plans change.

Cllr Michael Filer, cabinet member for transport, said: "In the current economic climate we know local people may be feeling the pinch and we are doing all we can to help motorists get good value parking in the town.

"By rationalising our charges we are also supporting local businesses by offering competitive parking rates in comparison to other neighbouring towns to help attract shoppers and visitors in to the town."

One of the areas that will benefit from the lower parking rates is [Boscombe](#), where parking will be reduced to 50p for an hour and £1 for two hours.

Cllr Jane Kelly, cabinet member for partnerships and regeneration, said: " I know that local businesses will welcome the decision to reduce parking charges in Boscombe which together with other work ongoing to improve the area will be another positive step towards boosting business in Boscombe as well as making Boscombe an affordable place to visit."

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PETITION

THIS IS A PETITION AGAINST THE PARKING CHARGE EXTENDING FROM
6PM TO 8PM Monday - Sunday in Upper Banister Street and the Bedford Place Area

It will cause loss of trade by driving people away from this area. Extra costs to employees in this area working after 6pm.

4) Representation from the Managing Director of Progressive Lettings

As a managing agent for a hall in the centre of Southampton which is hired in the day and evening I would like to object to the proposal to introduce parking charges on street and in surface car parks in the City centre. The hall we manage does not attract a lot of hirers during the day because parking has to be paid for, most weeks 6 evenings each week are booked we have already been informed by one hirer they will be looking for another venue. It is our opinion that introducing these charges will once again effect businesses in the city centre and drive people away, and for this reason we would like to register our objection to your proposal.

5) Representation from the Chair, Eastgate and Old Town Traders Association

Further to your meeting with myself and other members of the Eastgate and Old Town Traders Association I can confirm the traders view that the association objects to the original rises in parking charges as outlined in the posters displayed in the area, including the evening charges .

However after consultation with yourself I can confirm that keeping the 10 minutes free in east street , extending this to the evening , keeping charges in Queensway at their present discounted rate and keeping the 2 hour charge in the high street under £4.00 will be welcome . Also having a shoppers ticket of £5 from 10-4 pm Monday to Saturday would be welcome and allow a parity of multistorey car park charges across the city centre .

6) Representation from City of Southampton Society (COSS)

I would be grateful if the following points could be put forward when the appropriate committee meets to debate evening parking.

1.CoSS is an independent body of people who take an interest in and care for our city.The society has contributed to the culture of the city in a number of ways, by sponsoring the Queen's Peace Fountain and establishing the Jane Austen trail to name two.There are other instances which will be in the city records.

The Coss planning and environment sub- committee scrutinizes all planning applications for changes in Conservation Areas, to listed buildings and for major developments.

The society considers that it is an asset to the city because of the service it gives.

2.The society meets every fourth Monday of the month at Edmund Kell Hall in Belle Vue Road, from 7pm until 9pm.

3. As you will know, Belle Vue Road falls in the blue zone for evening parking charges.

4.We request that CoSS be exempted from parking charges especially as a number of our members come from beyond the City Centre by car, there being no adequate 'bus service from the suburbs.

5.This could be achieved by the City Council issuing the Society with (say) 15 permits on which could be stated the date of the meeting and the car registration.This would prevent inappropriate use of the permits.

6.Whilst our primary concern is for our own Society, we do appreciate that churches, for example , in Bugle Sreet and other organisations such as SCMAS (Southampton City Museums Archeological Society) also hold evening events within the proposed evening paying zones.

7.I hope that our case will be heard sympathetically.Our aim is simple;to keep the city centre available to our members during the early evenings.Without their attendance at meetings the city will lose a substantial body of support

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7) Representation from the Chairman of Southampton Mineral & Fossil Society

Hello with reference to the proposed evening £2 parking charge in Southampton I wish to raise an objection on behalf of the 35 members of Southampton Mineral & Fossil Society. We were formed in 1971 and have members that live across Southampton and beyond. Since late 1979 we have had our monthly evening meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Friends Meeting House in Ordnance Road in Southampton. Another group uses a smaller room on the same evening and I'm sure there are many such clubs and organisations who use it as a meeting venue throughout the year whose members will also be affected by this proposal.

We have about 25 attendees at our meetings probably involving about 10 to 15 cars and at present manage without too much difficulty to park in Ordnance Road or nearby. If this proposed parking charge is introduced it is likely to have a major impact on members being prepared to come to our meetings. We already pay for the hire of the meeting hall, members pay an annual subscription to belong, but members subscriptions are insufficient to cover the annual hire charge and other costs of running the club - we have to fund raise to keep going.

It is unlikely that many members will be happy to pay an extra £24 per year to attend meetings on top of travelling costs and annual membership. If these parking charges are introduced and we continue to have our meetings in Ordnance Road I have very strong concerns as to whether the club will survive. Alternatively we would be forced to move out of Southampton to a different venue which in itself would then affect a couple our members who travel to meetings by train arriving at Southampton Central Station.

8) Representation from Member of the Society of Friends

I am a member of the Society of Friends (Quakers). Our Meeting house is in Ordnance Rd Southampton. The Meeting House is used by a variety of people including Alcoholics Anon, Cocaine Anon and Gamblers Anon. All these groups are set up to help disadvantaged people regain their self respect and hopefully gain control of their addiction. This increase in parking may well mean they cannot afford to continue coming. This in turn has implications for the Health Service. I hope that this may cause you to rethink the plans for evening charges and find another way to obtain more revenue.

In addition most of the houses in Ordnance Rd are student accommodation and this could add further charges to parents visiting who are already probably supporting the students financially.

9) Representation from the Chairman of Northwood String Orchestra

I am chairman of the Northwood String Orchestra which meets in Ordnance road on Monday evenings. We are non – profit making and raise about £800 a year for charity. Our rehearsal time of 7:30 to 9:30 means that we shall be affected by the new evening parking charge and the effect will be to more than double our subscription. I understand from the notices on display that parking permits may be available for organisations such as ours and I would be grateful if you could give me more information. Based on our present membership we would need about 30 permits for the area around Ordnance road.

10) Representation from the Branch Director of Southampton & District Samaritans

I am writing in response to the proposed introduction of evening parking charges in an extended region of Southampton.

Southampton Samaritans are based in 11 College Place, London Road and we are extremely concerned about the possible adverse effects on our recruitment, retention of volunteers and our finances when this is introduced. During the daytime there are usually only a small number of volunteers in the building and they are catered for with our own dedicated parking spaces to the rear of our building.

Our requirement for increased availability of parking occurs during the evenings. This is when greater numbers of potential or actual volunteers attend a range of events.

These include:

Information events – more than 20 people. Held every two months

Selection events – more than 20 people. Held every two months

Interviews - every two months.

Meetings - often several in any one week with numbers from half a dozen to 20 in addition to the volunteers on duty.

We have to ensure a constant supply of new volunteers and we cannot afford to reduce the number of meetings.

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Training which is held on consecutive weeks over a 6 week period – up to a dozen people. Samaritans training is rigorous and we must ensure our trainees are not prevented from regular attendance.

Finance.

Samaritans policy is that no one should be discouraged from joining us for financial reasons. This means we may be asked to pay parking expenses to our volunteers. Southampton Samaritans has to work hard to pay the bills incurred in our normal operations. We receive no external funding and have to raise all our own funds. We simply cannot afford to fund parking expenses for so many people out of our limited resources.

If we are not able to ensure a continuous supply of new volunteers we cannot provide the service for our callers, which is our priority and the reason we are here.

Whilst we are all mindful of, and sympathetic to, the difficult financial position the local authority now finds itself in, the imposition of parking charges has very serious implications for the continued survival of Southampton Samaritans and we very much hope you will be able to find a way to reconcile these conflicting demands.

11) Representation from the Secretary of Southampton & District Philatelic Society (SDPS)

Re: Traffic Regulation Order – Evening Parking Charges

The Southampton & District Philatelic Society (SDPS) objects to the proposed Order on the following grounds:

1. The imposition of parking charges will add to the costs of up to 50 persons who attend our twice monthly meetings. The majority of our members are of the 'older generation' with limited and/or fixed incomes, and although the proposed charge of £2.00 is not excessive, it will be a deterrent to some.
2. The proposed Regulation of a single period of charging from 18.00hrs until 20.00hrs will mean that members will be paying for 2 hours when they will only be parking for 1 hour. Our meetings commence at 19.15, as do many other activities in the city, which means members are paying for an amenity, ie parking from 18.00hrs until 19.00hrs, which they do not utilise.
3. Parking in the Bugle Street area can be difficult to find, but at the present time members can use the areas marked with single yellow line, as they arrive after the current restrictions cease. With the new regulation, the restrictions of the single yellow line will apply until 20.00hrs and will mean the loss of parking for some dozen cars in the immediate vicinity of St Joseph's Hall.

The Southampton & District Philatelic Society notes from the displayed proposed Traffic Regulation Order that in paragraph 1.c 'residents, registered charities and voluntary organisations' may apply for dispensations or passes which would offer relief from the proposed order.

The Southampton & District Philatelic Society, being a voluntary organisation, established in 1932 for persons interested in philately, and one of the country's larger such societies, would wish, if the proposed TRO is implemented and enforced, to make application for such pass/passes. We would like to know whether such dispensation should be applied for by the Society on behalf of our members, or whether members must apply personally and individually. Will the process for such applications be available before the any such implementation? How and to whom must such applications be made?

An early reply to our enquiries in regard to passes would be appreciated, so that if the Regulation is implemented, we will be in a position to inform and assist our members to continue to enjoy the facility they have had in the City of Southampton for so long.

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12) Representation from the Secretary of Albion Place, Masonic Order of Secret Monitors

Regarding your intention of extending car parking charges into the evening, I am interested to know how this will affect our members attending meetings from say 5-00pm to 11-00pm. Will they be allowed to pay for the normal parking charges and the extended charges at the same time? Regarding the proposals I would comment thus: With the recent publicity regarding other councils increasing their charges, have you considered whether your proposals are legal? Increased charges to counteract parking and traffic problems during the proposed period would be considered acceptable. Increased charges to raise extra income for the Council would, in my opinion, be considered illegal. I suggest that you give careful consideration to your plans to avoid possible legal proceedings being taken against the Council.

13) Representation from the Secretary of Beach Lodge 2955 to Parking Charges at 40 Steps

I would like to object against your increase parking fees at the above location, this I seem is illegal, I would like to add most of my members are old and the fees may have impact on our meetings and we try to raise money for charity to help local people this will effect this will have by your very mean actions,
Secretary Beach Lodge 2955

14) Representation from the Secretary of Southampton Masonic Hall Co Ltd

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15) Representation from the Secretary Southampton University Lodge No 7022

Ref:City of Southampton (Off-Street Parking Places) (Amendment No. 6) Traffic Regulation Order 2013

The Southampton University Masonic Lodge No 7022 Committee met on Saturday 14 September 2013.

One of the items on the agenda was the impact the proposed extension of parking regulations from 6 p.m. I, in common with many other members come from outside the County and have to park near to the Masonic Hall. If we cannot park it will severely affect our ability to attend meetings. The meeting starts at around 5 p.m. and finishes at around 10 p.m. A two hour limitation would make it impossible to park nearby.

We have strong doubts about the legality of such an extension as there are limited traffic problems within Southampton on Saturday evenings which are the normal reason for preventing parking. Please reconsider or extend the maximum time allowed for parking in the evenings.

16) Representation from BTC Rowing Club

I strongly object to the new imposed charges which will relate to Crosshouse Hard Car Park. This is the only car park near to the two rowing clubs, Scouts and Fishing Clubs.

Training at these clubs takes place week day nights and the week-ends. To impose further charges after 6.00pm will probably deter some people from taking part. It is hard enough trying to involve youngsters in these activities without penalising Parents who will have to pay these extra charges.

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16) Representation from the Chairman of Southampton Rowing Association

I write objecting to the proposed extension of parking charge periods for the above named car park, on behalf of the 'Crosshouse Water Users Group', consisting of B.T.C. R.C., Itchen Imperial R.C., Shirley Sea Angling Club, Southampton Sea Angling Club and the 12th and 25th Sea Scouts. Together these six clubs provide healthy, outdoor recreational activity to some 400 people who regularly use the Crosshouse Road car park.

More than fifty percent of this group are under the age of eighteen, and the clubs involved provide structured, physical, water based activities 3 evenings per week and at the W/E, teaching these youngsters self-discipline, team building and relationship skills with their peers. Basically keeping some of these young persons "off the streets". Currently with the parking charges ending at 18:00 hrs. it enables club members, coaches and parents of children, to park in the evenings free of charge to watch their children partake in a healthy, fitness based activity. By extending the parking charges to midnight each day this places an extra expense on those people who are regularly using this car park to enjoy their sport.

Whilst the council provide a limited number of discounted annual parking permits, which the individual clubs distribute amongst their key personnel and coaches, this in no way covers the total membership of the these organisations, most of which would have to somehow absorb these additional parking charges if implemented. This proposed extension would mainly effect these organisations, as the general public hardly use this car park after normal office hours.

In conclusion, I would hope that the council would reconsider their proposals on extending the parking period charges on this particular car park.