

## COUNCIL – 24 FEBRUARY 2010

### PETITION

Jackie Chapman of Lance James Jewellers, Hertford has submitted a petition containing 1077 signatures as follows:

“We the undersigned, urge East Herts District Councillors to overturn their decision to increase car parking charges in Hertford from 29 March 2010, and to instead freeze the charges at their current level for the next financial year.

During these difficult times, our town centre businesses need every possible support, and this increase will deter people from visiting the town centre. It is noted that the parking charges in neighbouring Ware are being frozen, despite already being lower than those in Hertford.

We also call for the introduction of pay-on-foot parking in Hertford’s multi-storey car parks, as being the best possible way to encourage shoppers to spend longer in the town centre.”

#### Note

*Members are reminded that the lead petitioner is permitted to address Council for up to three minutes. The relevant Executive Member will respond to the petition. There is no provision for any general debate by Members, however, local ward Members may comment if they wish.*