

Off Street Car Parks' TRO July August 2022 - FORMAL OBJECTIONS

URN	Objections: Description Summary	Specific Element Objection	Town or Village Location
1	This new charging structure will make my day to day life very complex where I have to remember to go out every evening after 8pm to buy a ticket for the car park for the following day especially on weekends when I will be at home.	Evening Charge	Ware
2	Please don't go ahead with the money free parking in Hertford. My family and I often drive down on a Sunday and go to the museum, Hartham park, a cafe, then the sweetie shop, drop books at the library, go to Micks Barbers, pick up stuff from PoindStretcher, buy a gift from one of the shops of Fore Street then route around the charity shops for toys. Often we pick up a piece of fruit from the organic shop or go to the chemist too. Money is already tight so discouraging people from our town is not going to help the local shops. Can you consider this an official objection please? If not, to whom should I write?	Sunday	Hertford
3	I am writing to object to the plans to scrap free parking in Hertford and to extend the charging period to 8pm. I feel this will deter people from coming into Hertford for short shopping trips and for dinner in the evening which will impact the shops and restaurants. We are currently in a cost-of-living crisis so residents and shop owners need financial support, not more costs going up!	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Hertford
4	I am shocked to hear about the plans to remove all 30 Minute free car parking and hertford and surrounding areas and wish to register my objection. The council should be encouraging people to come into town rather than putting them off. At a time where every household is seeing increases and local businesses are struggling, this is NOT the area where the council should be seeking to increase revenue.	30 Mins Free	Hertford
5	Just writing to object to the proposed scrapping of 30 min free parking. This I believe will be detrimental to local businesses and will push shoppers elsewhere. I would almost certainly carry on to towns such as Welwyn Garden City to shop and do errands. If I'm paying for parking for quick errands, I'd rather go somewhere with more choice. I should point out that I do regularly walk into town and support using less cars but I think charging for all parking will be detrimental.	30 Mins Free	Hertford
6	I understand that consultation is underway to reduce the current free parking time of 30 minutes to zero. I am emailing to vehemently oppose this change. I think that this will do immeasurable damage to small local businesses because it will discourage residents from using our high streets. I do hope that this change does not come to fruition.	30 Mins Free	Hertford
7	Losing the free parking for half an hour will have a negative effect on the feel of the town and on the businesses in the town. I often need to pop in briefly for small errands. I usually drive as I am doing this in between work or on the way to collect children from school. If I had to pay 90p to park briefly I would not come into town at all and would take my business to wgc or hoddessedon. The free parking also ensures a regular turn over of cars which increases the chances of finding a space. The free parking after 6 and Sundays means the town becomes a busier more vibrant place at this time and not having to clock watch for the carpark times ensures a much more relaxed day (and money more likely to be spent in town). 8pm free parking would push the evening trade later eg many people go for a meal at 7pm or 7.30 pm ( or a theatre showing would start around that time). People may then begin to delay coming into town until after 8 which would impact businesses or put off people from coming at all (especially when it would be free to park in wgc and the range of restaurants is comparable or arguably better).	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
8	Removing the free 30 minutes will ensure no one pops into town for a quick trip to the post office or to buy a birthday card. Removing the 6.30pm cut off will make families less likely to eat in town and more likely to go to an out of town eatery with free parking. I believe these changes would worsen our struggling high streets and not support or encourage residents to use and spend there at all.	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Hertford, Ware
9	The impact on local businesses will be felt and the already struggling high street in Hertford will, I believe, disappear completely.	30 Mins Free	Hertford, Ware
10	as a pensioner I nip into town after 18.30 to do some food shopping when the traffic has eased, extending this time makes it too late for me and as you are also removing the free 30 mins, this introduces another extra expense when I really don't need it. Most visitors to the town will have left by 18:30 so I feel you are penalising local residents,	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening	Hertford
11	An increase in charges will only reduce footfall and deter people from visiting our lovely town.	All Elements	Hertford
12	the effect of removing the free 30 minute option in these car parks will impact these towns and high streets massively. Yes the council may make a little more money but they will lose massively on shops vacating premises, the emptying of the high street, an increase in danger and congestion on the roads and around schools and make unpopular negative impacts on their pledge to 'go green'.	30 Mins Free	Ware
13	The proposals - if implemented - would not only hurt local businesses by means of loss of revenue, but would also greatly inconvenience residents and would be detrimental to economic and social development of the areas in question.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford, Hertford, Ware
14	Free 30 min parking supports local businesses. A 6.30pm finish to restrictions means people can park for free and exercise, dog walk etc on light summer evenings. An extension to 8pm will put people off coming into and enjoying the towns in their leisure time.	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Non Specific
15	The proposed changes for the parking in Hertford would in my opinion kill even more the people going into this town. I personally am now considering going to more out of town shopping areas	All Elements	Hertford
16	By taking away free parking you will force people to spend a minimum of 90p to collect a prescription or post a letter. At a time when for many the cost of living is crippling, this additional cost will simply drive them to other towns or out of town centres where the parking is free.	30 Mins Free	Hertford
17	If it's not free, people may start to drive further afield where there are better amenities, resulting in even more losses for local shops and businesses.	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Hertford
18	I think 18.30 is an acceptable cut off time for charging. The council have benefitted from the daily charges paid by all until this time, however those visiting our town have probably left by then and we the residents who may want to pop into town briefly at a reasonable hour will be penalised because of the extension and removal of 30 minutes free parking.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, BHL	Non Specific
19	If you remove the 30 minute free parking from Hertford I will be sadly reverting to dreaded Amazon as it does not make sense that I pay 4 x 0.90p per week in parking fees which will equate to approximately £180 in yearly parking fees. Your proposal is so ill thought out, I honestly believe not one of the decision makers could possibly reside in Hertford. It seems like the council are determined to destroy our little high street simply through greed. Shocking!	30 Mins Free	Hertford
20	I would like to register my objection to the changes to parking fees in Hertford and Ware. I often pop into the towns for errands and use the car parks. If the 30 minute free parking was removed, I would be much less likely to use the local towns for quick bits and would probably drive to hoddessedon, where there is free parking available.	30 Mins Free	Hertford, Ware
21	I feel the proposed changes would be detrimental to local businesses (and families) deterring people who are familiar and happy with current restrictions in place from coming into town on Sundays / BH / holidays when it would otherwise be free. I would definitely avoid using EHDC parking for an alternative where this would usually be free of charge, especially for quick drop offs / pick ups in an already restricted town centre.	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
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23	In a small town it is often needed to pop in to collect a prescription, drop a charity donation or collect dry cleaning etc. This proposed change is entirely meant as a revenue grab on local residents. It will affect the commerce of the already struggling town in a disproportionate way. Change of parking restriction from 6 to 8pm. WHY? This is a charge on the unwary. Who would expect to pay to park in Hertford after 6pm? There should be no problem parking after 6 as workers have left for the day. It will stop people from visiting for a drink of coffee after work. To access the theatre (if it ever opens) in time for a show and to pop into a shop (if we ever get any) pub or restaurant early evening. People will just park on single yellow lines adding to the congestion. Where is the sense in that?	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Hertford

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24	Also the cost is prohibitive. Just to drop off and pick a child every day will cost £1.40 each day. A lot of families cannot afford this, which equates to over £250 a year just to take their child to school. I believe the consequences of this action will cause chaos around school drop off and pick up times in the town and surrounding streets. I am sure the local residents will also object to this congestion around their homes	30 Mins Free	Ware
25	I feel the proposed changes would be detrimental to local businesses (and families) deterring people who are familiar and happy with current restrictions in place from coming into town on Sundays / BH / holidays when it would otherwise be free. I would definitely avoid using EHDC parking for an alternative where this would usually be free of charge, especially for quick drop offs / pick ups in an already restricted town centre.	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
26	I object to the removal of the free 30 minute parking. This will put me off popping to my local high street to support local shops based on the new car parking tariff. I think it would be a great shame to lose the 30 minute parking and would make me visit less often. I also use this service when visiting the doctors when I am unable to walk due to illness.	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
27	I strongly believe if you remove the free 30 mins in the towns the traders and independent shops will lose customers and the general footfall will drop resulting in closure of shops. The council should be doing all they can to make the county town thrive!	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
28	I regularly use the 30 minutes free when popping in to collect a prescription. For many people, having to pay parking on top of the the significant cost of prescriptions will be a further drain on limited resources. Moving the charge free time to 8pm will simply mean more people come out later and will impact the many local restaurants that are still recovering post Covid.	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Non Specific
29	I feel the proposed changes would be detrimental to local businesses (and families) deterring people who are familiar and happy with current restrictions in place from coming into town on Sundays / BH / holidays when it would otherwise be free. I would definitely avoid using EHDC parking for an alternative where this would usually be free of charge, especially for quick drop offs / pick ups in an already restricted town centre.	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
30	It seems unfair that residents popping out to the shops quickly cannot benefit from the 30mins free parking that is currently in place. Also I think 18:30pm is an acceptable cut off time for daily parking charges and pushing that to 20:00pm seems unfair.	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Non Specific
31	This is making our town centre inaccessible for local families and killing local business. Clearly this draft aims to just attract people to the bars late at night for drinking and given the crime and antisocial behaviour associated with this, it's seems totally short sighted. This will drive us all to travel further away for local shops and out of town shopping centres	Sunday, Evening Charge	Non Specific
32	I can only speak about Ware as that is where I live with my family, but the 30 mins allowance has allowed us on numerous occasions allowed to make a quick stop at the shops to collect a few essential items, or pick up a friend from the near by the station.	30 Mins Free	Ware
33	The car park is frequented by parents who drop off and collect their children from the primary school Christ Church. This is invaluable to ensure children are dropped off safely. It's also a godsend for working parents like myself who drive to the school and then on to work.	30 Mins Free	Ware
34	We need to be putting in incentives for people to come to Hertford Town Centre, rather than barriers. This plan will create additional barriers/friction to people just popping into town and cannot be justified. If anything charges should be reduced or removed.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening	Hertford
35	Whilst we are mindful of the environment and not using our car too much, we do need to drive our son to school and back and the 30min free car parking makes this financially viable for us.	30 Mins Free	ware
36	Council's plan to scrap the free half hour in the Kibes Lane car parks and all other car parks. Is a absurd the to the school run alone will have people parking inappropriately, will inevitably result in people parking on yellow lines and probably in unsafe places for kids to cross the roads.	30 Mins Free	Ware
37	There is currently insufficient parking in Hertford as it is without making parking chargeable for 30 minutes and extending the parking hours. I think the EHDC needs to seriously reconsider this as the impact to the town and the shops will be huge	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Hertford
38	The removal free parking will have a hugely detrimental affect on local businesses who have already been through the toughest period with the shutdowns associated with the pandemic. This will also have a detrimental affect on the elderly and disabled who rely on this short term parking. I think these proposals will have a devastating effect on the community and prosperity of our town. I think the council should reconsider this proposal	All Elements	Ware
39	There is no safe drop off point for Christchurch school that does not block the road outside- parents need to park in Kibes lane and can not be expected to pay 70p every time they do so, particularly as we go into this cost of living crisis. Taking away the free parking will end up endangering lives as parents who can not afford the parking will end up parking on curbs near to the school on a busy road.	30 Mins Free	Ware
40	I just wanted to express concern as to the prospect of the council scrapping the 30 mins free parking .This is essential for people including me who often parks for this time to pop to the post office , grab a coffee , sandwich etc If I have to start paying I just simply wouldn't bother which would have an adverse effect on local business.	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
41	1) loss of 30 minute free-parking within the car parks. This will cause significant issues. Most car parks are used for pick up and drop off of children in schools, and charging will cause many parents an additional 1.40 a day outlay. It will also reduce the quick popping in of shops, reducing trade to the local area. 2) introduction of charging on a Sunday. Again, this will cause significant issues, reducing trade to the local area, and adversely impacting those wishing to attend church who need to use a car park. 3) introduction of taxi ranks on the High Street in Ware. This will cause considerable congestion. There is a taxi rank at Ware Station, minutes down the street. A taxi rank will prevent disabled drivers from accessing local facilities in the evening.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Ware
42	Baldock Street Car Park is adjacent to Coronation Road and surrounding W2 permit parking which is only Monday to Saturday, therefore everyone will be parking in the roads as they will be free of charge, this will not only cause major disruption to the residents of Coronation Road and the adjacent streets on a Sunday but also the car park will be empty and no extra revenue will be generated. My suggestion is, would you either reconsider your Sunday charges for this car park, or look to extend the permit parking in W2 to cover Sunday parking as well. The permit prices increased a lot this year so I cannot see why they cannot be extended to include Sundays.	Sunday	Ware
43	Hertford struggles enough as a town to bring people in for the shops ,if there isn't the 30 mins free then it will kill off the trade in the town even more, I think the 30 mins free and the later charging time shouldn't be implemented.	30 Mins Free	Hertford

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44	<p>I hereby register my disapproval of the planned changes to parking in Ware and Hertford. For some reason I sent you only a partial e-mail on this topic . Please find below the full version that I originally intended to send I am writing to you to express my conviction that the proposed changes to car parking charges in Bishops Stortford. Whilst I understand that the Council needs to raise extra income I do not believe that your proposals are a proportionate way of achieving this. 1) The proposal to extend charging hours to 8pm will adversely impact on the restaurants/pubs in the town, the cinema and bowling alley and the night time economy in general. The town centre relies quite heavily on this sector for trade. If they are made less profitable there is a danger that several of them will close, reducing the income to the council from business rate - which would probably more than offset the extra short term income from parking. In turn a reduction in the number of establishments that remain viable will reduce the number of people that come into the town and hence reduce the revenue from parking charges. This vicious circle could be self reinforcing. 2) Increased parking charges, and in particular the abolition of the free parking time will further erode the viability of all retailers in the high street at a time when they are already struggling. The change send a signal to potential visitors to the town that they are not welcome. This will further increase the trend for people to buy on line, or from out of town shopping complexes where parking is free at all times. Again anything that dissuades people from visiting our town centres will have the effect of reducing income to the council, not increasing it. 3) If the intention is to encourage people to leave their cars at home and use public transport to get to towns it is unlikely to work for several reasons a) The paucity of suitable public transport b) The difficulty in carrying items from town to peoples homes on the bus especially if they are heavy/bulky. c) The total lack of public transport to many parts of the town in the evening 3) The proposal to charge the same rate on a Sunday as on the other days will adversely affect. a) Families - for many people a Sunday is the only day that the family as a whole can get together. In this time when the cost of living crisis has already reduced peoples disposable income adding another burden could be the final straw b) Town centre churches. i) Full car park charges on a Sunday essentially will act as a tax on worship and essentially an unwarranted attack on peoples ability to feely practice their faith . ii) The churches of the town provide a lot of service to the community. Making it more difficult for their members to attend church will tend to reduce the number of people who are able to attend, reducing the number of volunteers who they are able to access in order to meet the needs of the town. iii) Many people have no option but to drive to their churches as there is no available public transport and few churches have their own car park provision. For people who are elderly/disabled public transport is not an option even where it is available. iv) For some people church is their main source of social interaction with other people during the week. Many scientific studies show the benefit of social interaction to peoples mental and physical health.</p>	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
45	<p>The free 30 mins gives you the chance to pop into one of the many wonderful businesses on the High Street to get something you need, and to support local businesses. It means you can run quick errands too, without the hassle of going to the parking machine, which for busy people helps us to grab a few minutes back in our busy lives. It means you can run quick errands too, without the hassle of going to the parking machine, which for busy people helps us to grab a few minutes back in our busy lives.</p>	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
46	<p>To extend the charges until 8pm, 7 days a week does not give the high st a chance. You will motivate people to park on New Road, Bowling Road etc, to avoid the charge. I would you expect the "statement of reasons" document to actually give some reasons why the changes are proposed?, please supply the reasoning for this. How can East Herts Council justify offering 1.5 hours free town centre parking and no charges at all on Sat, Sun and bank holidays in Buntingford but charge so much in Hertford and Ware? How will you bring footfall to the high st and it's shops?</p>	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Ware
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48	<p>EHDC Car Parking Proposals, Consultation Response I write as Rural Dean of Hertford and Ware Deanery on behalf of and at the request of the Church of England clergy of the Deanery – which includes the towns of both Hertford and Ware and the surrounding villages (27 parishes in total). Thank you for responding to my initial email request and showing me where I could find the original proposal document. There is significant concern amongst the clergy about the proposals. These are focussed on the following three areas: 1. The impact of the loss of free short-term parking on the high streets and their economies. 2. The timing of the proposal, which coincides with the "cost-of-living crisis", and the impact of these changes on those with lower incomes. 3. The impact of the loss of free parking on Sundays on the attendance at services of worship. In connection with the first of these concerns, I note that paragraph 2 of the paper submitted to Councillors indicates that the free short-term parking arrangements were originally introduced "to encourage visitors to the town and help the local economy." The same paragraph then proceeds to support a U-turn on this approach by claiming simply, "studies suggest that offering brief free parking periods is counterproductive and does not encourage browsing in shops or using local hospitality facilities." It is poor form that the Council should act one way, presumably on the basis of evidence (for to act without considering evidence would be irresponsible), then change tack completely on the basis of other evidence without actually providing the evidence for Councillors to consider. "Studies suggest" is no better than "They say". What research was carried out by EHDC? Which studies were consulted and how were they analysed in light of the specific situations in the town centres which will be affected by the proposals? It is also disappointing that the proposal moves directly towards cancelling the short-term free car parking options because of their inadequacy in achieving the goal for which they were introduced rather than towards extending them – the latter being a move which would potentially increase the instances of browsing in shops and using local hospitality facilities by reducing the time-pressure on short-term visitors. There is simply no discussion of this as a possibility, indicating that paragraph 1 is the driving factor in the review – that the issue for the council is the raising of funds rather than the effective provision of a public service and the protection of the local economy. I note that the proposal report twice makes reference to the principle "User pays for services used" as if this is unquestionable, yet this principle is far from unquestionable. Firstly, the council's own decision to extend the end of the charging period from 6:30pm to 8pm fails to require those who park after 8pm to pay for services used, and thus is itself not adhering to the principle. Secondly, since tax revenues are to be employed in the provision of council services generally, it could be argued that the provision of car parking space – a public service – is being funded, just like many other public services. In relation to the clergy's second concern, I am troubled that the Equality Impact Assessment was not conducted prior to the public consultation. Like the reference to unnamed studies, this leaves consultees without the opportunity to consider robust evidence either for or against the proposals. A study conducted by the Institute for Transport Studies at Leeds University suggests that "charges might have detrimental impacts on accessibility for those on low income." (<a href="http://www.its.leeds.ac.uk/projects/konsult/private/level2/instruments/instrument025/l2_025b.htm">www.its.leeds.ac.uk/projects/konsult/private/level2/instruments/instrument025/l2_025b.htm</a>) This needs addressing properly before any final decision is taken. In relation to the clergy's third concern, the council should consider two important, but oft-overlooked aspects of the church's presence in a community. Firstly, it is predominantly churchgoers who attend to and pay for the maintenance and repair of the hugely important heritage assets which are our historic church buildings. Sunday car-parking charges will, without doubt, act to dissuade some from attending services so frequently, thus reducing the pool of people engaged in the life of the church community and playing a part in maintaining our shared heritage. Secondly, it is still the case that many of our nation's voluntary charitable activities are funded and run by volunteers from local churches. As with the case of the care of the ancient buildings, the introduction of Sunday car-parking charges will merely disincentivise some from engaging with the Christian faith in the communities supported by the town centre churches and the volunteer pool for these vital charitable endeavours will ultimately reduce. This may end up costing the council more as it has to step up where the churches are forced to step down. Finally, I would personally add that it is far from apparent that sufficient consideration has been given to solving the problem this is likely to create, of vehicles parking further out of the centre of town in residential streets, causing a nuisance for residents. From my own research into the matter, I can see there are several different reasons a council might wish to change car park charging arrangements, yet the EHDC approach seems not to deal responsibly with these. It appears to me that where plans could have been sensibly considered to address matters of sustainability, equality of access and improvements for the town centre economies and life, virtually the sole stimulus for the changes is the raising of revenue for the council. On behalf of the clergy of the deanery and the communities they represent, I would urge you to reconsider.</p>	All Elements	Hertford, Ware

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49	I am writing to protest at the proposal to introduce car parking charges in Bishops Stortford at the same rate as Mondays to Fridays, rather than the current £1 tariff for Sundays – which is itself an increase from the free Sunday parking in the recently closed town centre car park. This imposition of a Monday to Saturday tariff would be unfair for two main reasons. Firstly, it is simply not good value for money. There are nowhere near as many amenities available on a Sunday as on other days of the week. A large number of shops and services are closed, so, in effect, you would be charging twice as much per amenity as on other days of the week. This is disproportionate and grossly unfair. Secondly, it unfairly penalises those who travel to Bishops Stortford for the sole purpose of attending places of worship in the town centre, places which, as you must be aware, do not have parking facilities for the vast majority of the members of their congregations, who are obliged to use car parks. I myself travel from Braintree to attend church at the Charis Centre in Water Lane. Many members of these congregations will arrive early to help prepare for services in worship teams, children's work, welcome teams, refreshments etc, before attending or serving at the services. Many will also stay late to help clear up and close up the building. This will entail paying for several hours, possibly the over 5 hours daily rate. I myself will soon be serving in the children's work at a 9:15am service on some occasions, and on those weeks I will stay on to attend the 11:30am service as a congregant. I will therefore need to park for least 4 to 5 hours. In effect, the car park charge will be a tax, levied by the local authority, on being a member of a church and, for some, for being a volunteer. Please do not allow this to happen. A better model would be to follow the example of Thetford, Suffolk, which abandoned car park charges completely several years ago. As a result the town centre is busier and thriving in a way that it was not while car park charges were in force. Failing this, please keep Sunday car park charges at their current level of £1.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
50	Scanned letter 25.07.2022	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
51	I write in response to East Herts Council proposal to raise funds by charging for car parking within Bishop's Stortford on Sundays, evenings and on Bank holidays. My main concern is that charging at these times will create an increased pressure on residential roads. If restrictions are appropriate six days a week and Sunday is being treated like any other day, then those restrictions need to be extended to Sundays, or residents will be unable to park by their homes as others seek free parking around the town. Additionally, this may impact the vitality of the town centre through reduced footfall and length of stay. Some will change to out-of-town shops and services (such as Tesco, Aldi, Bishop's Park) or go further afield (Braintree) where there is free parking. The electorate has not been consulted about the introduction of Sunday charging. The policy should be delayed until after May 2023 so that the residents can express their support or otherwise through the ballot box. A new administration could reverse the decision to charge on Sundays.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
52	My first mail to you was on the 6th of July. I understand you have been on holiday but would have thought I would have received an answer by now on your pending consulted new parking arrangements for Ware and Hertford. 1 No free half hour parking; 2 No free Sunday parking; 3 Parking charges time change: As previous Mail another nail in the coffin for Ware shops. What benefit for Ware residents unless Council tax reduction. An explanation of a good reason for your car park changes would be appreciated.	All Elements	Ware
53	Dear Sir, I feel that the proposal to introduce parking charges on Sundays, evenings and Bank Holidays (except Christmas Day), also at the same rate as normal weekday charges, is a retrograde and damaging step to take. It shows no regard for the population of Bishop's Stortford, particularly at a time when it is crucial to re-invigorate the life and financial sector, enabling empty shopping premises and new businesses to trade and thrive. What is proposed will drive people out of the town centre to shop, eat, drink and socialise elsewhere. There will be a particular impact on small businesses through reduced footfall and length of stay. People will prefer to shop in places like Tesco in Bishop's Park where there is free parking. Recruiting and keeping staff to work in premises in Stortford will be an increasing problem. Evening charges will affect the night time economy (food and beverage businesses, also theatre and cinema). Charging outside the period of associated single yellow line restrictions, creates increased pressure on town centre and residential roads where problems already exist!. Charging for short stay car parks outside the period of Resident Parking Zone restrictions leads to problems for permit holders finding a space. Permit holders have had a substantial increase in charges which has already resulted in discontent with the service. Some people will be reluctant to use their car on Sundays in case they can't find a space to park at home on their return. Charging on a Sunday will impact directly on church users in the town centre. For Christians treating Sundays like any other day of the week is wrong. It will adversely affect the older and vulnerable members of the congregations particularly and could deny access to their attendance. No regard has been given to the electorate to voice their opinion through the ballot box at the next local elections in May 2023. A newly elected Council could reverse this decision to charge on Sundays. I would be pleased if you would consider points made by residents of Bishop's Stortford, and think very carefully before permanent damage is done to the life and economy of the town.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
54	Re: [External] Parking Charges on a Sunday I am elderly & live at Little Hadham. It's much easier for me to park on a Sunday for Church which has no car park & do a bit of shopping if necessary. Also to visit Bishops Stortford for pleasure. For these reasons, I am against parking charges on a Sunday.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
55	Hello, We go to church on Sundays and our church (like most churches in Bishop's Stortford) do not have their own parking. Our church has three Masses / Services. Imagine the impact it would have to charge for parking. The 11 o'clock Mass is mostly the elder congregation who will have to pay. Sunday is mostly family and friends, we meet and maybe have lunch together. The joys of leaving in Bishop's Stortford are many, but being able to park freely is definitely a bonus.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
56	I am writing to tell you I oppose the new parking idea in Hertford. The free 30 minute parking is an excellent idea. There is already a very limited amount of short term parking. The free 30 minutes is great for popping to the post office, chemist or shop. Hertford is already struggling as a town. Keep the Free 30 minutes.	30 Mins Free	Hertford
57	Please can I lodge an objection to the proposed increase in parking charges for the public car parks in Hertford. There is currently a cost of living crisis and the high street is struggling already. An increase in charges will only reduce footfall and deter people from visiting our lovely town.	All Elements	Hertford
58	I would like to object to the potential traffic orders around free parking on Sundays/Bank Holidays and 30 minute free parking. These are important for the public and attract people to the area at weekends. If these parking restrictions are enforced, businesses that are open at the weekends will suffer as fewer people visit the area. Many people rely on their cars to get from A to B or if you are briefly popping to a shop, the free 30 minute parking is really helpful when you want a quick purchase etc. Please add me to your list of objectors as I'm sure there will be many.	All Elements	Hertford
59	This is an email regarding the proposed changes to the East Herts car parking charges. Just to confirm that I am submitting this in objection to these proposed changes, on the basis that it will have a detrimental effect on small businesses and residents who are unable to walk to places such as the 'local' high street. Please advise if you require any further information.	All Elements	Non Specific
	You should be encouraging people to visit their town centres to support local businesses not penalise them. What is wrong with you people? All you think about is hurting motorists	All Elements	Non Specific
60	I am emailing you regarding the proposed changes to the parking charges in Hertford. Whilst I am now fortunate to live a 5 minute walk from the town centre when we didn't live so close the availability of 30 minute bays enabled me to pop in and use our local shops without additional charge. I really feel for the local businesses as this change to the parking will be a huge deterrent, especially when you can park for free in Welwyn Garden City for 2 hours. I understand that money is tight for the councils and budgets are under strain but by increasing the charges people will stay away from the town centre and as a result local businesses will suffer when they are just about managing after an incredibly tough 2 years. I fear it will result in shops closing, leaving our town centre a sad place without enough to draw people in. In addition to extend the charges to 8pm seems unnecessary and will affect the restaurants and bars, I urge you to consider the bigger picture here, not simply the bottom line on council budgets.	All Elements	Hertford
61	I have just read about the proposed changes to car parking tariffs in East Herts. I am writing to oppose this proposal as our wonderful local businesses will suffer too much. They are already struggling due to the pandemic and cost of living crisis. We do not want our high streets empty and small businesses to have to close due to shoppers going to alternative shopping centres which still offer free parking such as the Brookfield Centre.	All Elements	Non Specific
62	I am writing to voice my disagreement with the proposals to remove 30 minute and Sunday free parking at council car parks in East Herts. Shopping in our towns (particularly Hertford) has been in decline for years and taking away free short term parking will further impact businesses in the town. I often need to pop into Hertford or Ware and the free 30 minutes is perfect, if this is taken away it will no doubt drive me and many others to stop visiting their local towns and look for products and services elsewhere. Parking is difficult enough and charging for all parking will just make it worse.	30 Mins Free	Hertford
63	I hope you are well. I am writing to lodge my objection to the proposed changes to the parking charges in East Herts. I would like to see please the details of any full public consultation on this? It needs a publicity availability survey etc I would also like my objection noted, considered and responded to. I am very concerned that this change will: Impact on the footfall of the high streets and deter people from attending the high streets to undertake those quick shopping trips. This will kill the high streets. At a time of high cost of living this is also putting additional cost that is unnecessary on to the public. I would also like to see clear and transparent rationale for this. The Statement of reason does not provide WHY the Council is doing this.	All Elements	Non Specific

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64	I wish to register my objection to the proposed changes to the car parking chargeable times as detailed on the EHDC website under Parking Traffic Regulation Orders. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further insight into my objection.	All Elements	Non Specific
65	I oppose the proposed changes to the council car parks that will mean we lose the 30 minutes free parking, free Sunday parking and will extend the chargeable hours. This is terrible news for local businesses and anyone who is not able to walk into town. Buntingford particularly is struggling to keep its high street alive and extra charges for parking will not help. Please reconsider for all areas but especially for Buntingford	All Elements	Buntingford
66	I'm writing to show my objection against the changes in the council car parks and removing the 30minute free car parking in Ware. Not only will this effect the local businesses hugely, who all need our support but this will also effect anyone elderly or who is unable to walk into town. The council and local community should be supporting and encouraging people to go into Ware and other local towns, not drive them away. This will have a huge impact and seems unnecessary especially when shops close at 5.30. Please rethink this.	All Elements	Ware
67	We are writing to you as a family of 4 with 2 young children. The free 30mins parking allowance are important to us especially when we need to do short errands to the shops, post office, picking up some essentials, medications etc. We often go around Ware/Hertford town area to grab a bite on a Sunday and this would massively impact our decision to visit cafes or going for walks. We believe this would also impact many families and hence local businesses would suffer too. Please, we would like to oppose to the changes to council carparks around Ware/Hertford.	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
68	It has come to my attention that East Herts council are planning to increase chargeable parking hours, including charging for parking on Sundays, and scrapping the 30 minutes free parking. I think you will find that an already struggling high street will struggle even more to pull business in. This will also affect restaurants, the patrons of which will often utilise the free parking after 6.30pm. As a community nurse working the area I will often use the 30 minutes free parking to grab lunch on the go or pick up prescriptions for vulnerable patients, and I know my colleagues do the same. We can't afford to be paying for parking everyday. Life is already financially hard enough without contributing to the possible decline of businesses amongst the high street. I think the council would be better off trying to help high street businesses stay afloat rather than contributing to their failure. Please reconsider this decision.	All Elements	Non Specific
69	How can east herts justify removing the free 30 minutes parking in their car parks? I understand that the price of living is soaring and we are heading for one of the worst economical states we've had for decades. However, removing the free 30 minutes is hugely irresponsible of East Herts. The free 30 mins is used by small businesses who rely on this for their local trade. This will have a dramatic affect on their sales in an already struggling time. I understand you need to get a bigger return from car parks so add 10p on per an hour. This is a small change no one will really notice!	All Elements	Non Specific
70	I would like to object to the decision being taken to abolish the free parking at The Bowling Green Lane car park in Buntingford. The high street is already struggling to survive with the rising cost of living being experienced by everyone and yet the council feel it is an appropriate time to increase charges! Maybe some of the money which is going to be wasted on the cycle path in Buntingford would be better used by putting it towards the parking?? No doubt this motion will be passed as every other ridiculous scheme the council comes up with seems to be! Buntingford	Bowling Green Lane	Buntingford
71	I strongly oppose the changes to the parking fees in East Herts. This will have a strong negative effect on our high street. Longer hours (until 8pm) I'm fine with. But the 30mins free and Sunday charging will make it harder for businesses and families in these already tough times and in turn a down turn in revenue for East Herts through business rates.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Non Specific
72	Please accept this as my objection to the removal of the free parking that is being considered in Hertford and Ware. Firstly, can you confirm the reasons why this is happening and secondly are you able to give further indication of steps that we can take to prevent this from happening.	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
73	I understand that East Herts is proposing scrapping the 30 mins free parking in Hertford Town Centre car parks. If this is true I would encourage EHDC to reconsider its approach and ask itself if the assumed revenue increases sufficient to counter the negative impact on Town Centre trading and in particular the specific ability of the Town Centre to attract retailers selling comparison goods for which people will travel to Hertford (ie antiques, clothing, specialist (inc food)) otherwise we remain stuck with takeaways (with associated litter), nail-bars, coffee shops, betting shops, corner shops (with associated anti social behaviour), and charity shops. Finally, and specifically; will the free park and ride on Old London Road for Simon Balle school be maintained. This is an important piece of active travel and which has been supported by improvements to footpaths. It may have been a consideration in the granting of the planning permission at the time.	30 Mins Free	Hertford
74	I would like to submit an objection for the proposal to make the kibes lane North car park chargeable in the first hour of parking. Firstly I believe that this will make taking our children to school at Christ church and parking safely nearby an unaffordable task for so many parents- 70p twice daily for 5 days of the week would equate to £28 per month as an extra expense. I'm sure this will be adding pressure to already stretched families. Also with such a vibrant, thriving town- of which not that many exist anymore- I think that the first half an hour of free parking is crucial for many who carry out a few small tasks & encourages people to shop local rather than going to big shopping centres, or indeed supermarkets, where you can mostly park all day for free. Thank you for taking the time to read my objection & I hope that you can consider the points that I have made.	30 Mins Free	Hertford
75	I am writing to you re the proposed car parking increases in the county but particularly in my town of Buntingford. We need to retain the free for the first half hour option in our car park behind Sainsbury's to encourage drivers to use the car park rather than parking in the high street which we should discourage. Our High Street is narrow and needs to be used for access to parts of the town. Charging for parking for the first half hour in our car park will just cause more congestion on our streets and is not a good idea. Please reconsider the councils plans.	30 Mins Free	Buntingford
76	I would like to object against the proposal of stopping the free 30 minute parking due to the following reasons: 1) the town is already missing a high percentage of shops and by removing this allocated time, the remaining shops will end up shutting too as people won't want to pay to park when they can travel 15 minutes up the road to place such as wgc. 2) my children go to Simon Balle primary school and use the 30 minute free parking to drop children off to school as no parking allowed on site and parking restrictions mean no parking around the site. Are parents expected to pay a minimum of £2 a day (£10 a week) to drop kids off to school when household budgets are already tight?	30 Mins Free	Hertford
77	I was very shocked to read that the parking charges in Buntingford are due to change. By having the free parking for the first hour and a half it encourages people to spend a bit more time in the High Street and gives a safe space for people to wait when picking up their children from school. If you take away the free parking or extend the chargeable hours people will look to park in neighbouring roads or won't bother coming to Buntingford at all. We have no trains or buses people can rely on so they have to drive to visit. As a business owner on the High Street I pay over £12,000 in business rates and parking is so important for my patients. If anything it would be great to have more places to park. I am very worried how this could affect my business as the ease of parking is a major reason people chose Buntingford to go to but if the prices change people will think twice and go elsewhere. If you require any further information on how this would impact the High Street please let me know.	Bowling Green Lane	Buntingford
78	Your email address has been shared as a point of contact to send my concern and objection to proposed changes to parking charges. East Herts is a place where communities join together to enjoy the pleasures of our town centres or to join community groups or facilities particularly those using community facilities during weekends You will push people out of our towns away from our retail outlets to big soulless shopping centres supermarkets Please do not proceed with these changes - an option driven by greed and financial and no community benefit.	All Elements	Non Specific
79	To whom it may concern, I am emailing to advise my opposition of the councils proposals to remove the 30 minutes free car parking as this will have a severely detrimental effect on the businesses that operate nearby. Many times I have needed to quickly nip to the shops to purchase items from local stores and if the free parking was no longer available, I would certainly not spend money to park there so it would be the small businesses that would lose out. In the midst of a cost of living crisis too, is the council worried about tiny, insignificant things like this rather than supporting local businesses and encouraging the public to spend more? If anything, the council should be extending the free time! I do hope the council will do the honourable thing and leave this alone.	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
80	I have just read the Councils proposed changes to car parking charges for Bowling Green Lane and the removal of the free periods. Buntingford is a small town with a growing population due to the unrealistic amount of new houses being built and continuing to be built, but with that influx of new people, surely we want to encourage people to shop locally otherwise our high street will die, and with it several businesses and livelihoods. Removing the free period will have a serious impact and I vehemently oppose any changes to the current system.	Bowling Green Lane	Buntingford

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81	It has been brought to my attention that there is a proposal to remove the 1/2hr free parking allowed at the mentioned car park. My daughter and son both attend Christchurch School and this would mean an awful increase to parents already costly outgoings, just to drop their children off at school and pick them up again. If people cannot afford to pay the daily cost of parking they will seek to park elsewhere and on the residential roads surrounding the area, causing more annoyance to the residents and unnecessary traffic around those roads. I beg that you please keep the parking as it currently stands to avoid everything mentioned above.	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
82	I'm very saddened to hear about the possible parking changes in Ware. I'm writing to voice my objection to the no free parking at Kibes Lane. We use the parking for school drop off and popping to the charity shop with donations and supporting local business. I think it would have a devastating impact to the high street and clog up the surrounding residential streets.	All Elements	Ware
83	I would like to register my strong objection to the removal of the free 30minute parking. I fought for this many years ago when I had a business in Ware and it was essential and very successful at bringing people into town. Now however, following the covid lockdowns, high streets across the country are struggling and to keep them it is imperative that there is some free parking with direct access to the shops, cafes and other businesses. The council must realise this and if not, look no further than successful high streets around the country such as Frinton which has two hours free parking and is thriving despite all the recent difficulties. I cannot urge East Herts council strongly enough to reconsider their plan to completely finish off the local business!	30 Mins Free	Ware
84	Please accept this as written objection to the proposed fee changes to both the Kibes Lane car park (short stay) and the library car park in Ware. The short stay Kibes Lane car park is used twice daily by many families picking up and dropping off school children to/from Christchurch school on Bowling Road. Installing a parking fee will simply cause many parents/caters to park inappropriately in any 'free of charge' spot they can grab. It is not viable to ask families to pay for a twice a day parking fee in order to take their children safely to school. Similarly, the library car park is used as a primary means of parking for the doctors surgery at Dolphin House. Please re evaluate your reasons for imposing this fee.	30 Mins Free	Ware
85	A note to object to the councils plans to scrap the 30m free parking at Kibes Lane carpark Ware. This carpark is used mid-week for parents of Christ Church school. Removing the option to park for 30m for free will inevitably cause problems with parking on the surrounding roads and could lead to safety issues for the children. Furthermore, some parents cannot afford to pay £1.40 per day to drop off and pick up their child.	30 Mins Free	Ware
86	This is the worst decision that East Herts council could possibly do!	All Elements	Non Specific
87	I am emailing regarding the proposed parking charges for east Herts coming into effect. I would like to oppose these changes. The free 30mins and free Sunday provides a great incentive for those of us wanting to quickly pop into town, support local businesses or go into the library. Sundays are my family's special family time days whereas we go into either Hertford or Ware and spending a good few hours in the town and with our toddler going to the parks or going for walks along the river. We don't live a walkable distance away from the towns so driving is our only option. I know for us and for many others bringing in these new parking charges will put us off wanting to come into town or doing a quick pop in. Going for an early dinner after 6pm in town or going to the park or collecting a take away. The free parking encourages these pop ins and supporting the local businesses without there being a hassle. We are not happy to hear of these proposed changes and object to these proposed changes. I hope there will be a change of heart and this will not be put into force.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Hertford, Ware
88	I strongly disagree with the proposal of removing the 30 minutes free parking across Ware and Hertford. In addition you are suggesting losing free Sunday parking. This will have a detrimental affect on the high street shops. Increasing the chargeable hours will mean more people eating out of the town where they can park for free. It will also result in Tesco being over crowded and dangerous. I can see no advantages to this plan whatsoever. I hope you will reconsider this. I believe there should be a full consultation. I look forward to your response explaining the reasoning behind this plan.	30 Mins Free	Hertford, Ware
89	I'm hope I am contacting the correct person, I have heard to email you to oppose the proposed changes to parking in Ware. As a local resident who uses on street parking, this will greatly impact my ability to park in the area, as more people will use free on street parking near where I live in order to avoid paying charges for parking, especially if they are only coming for a short visit into the town. Furthermore, the removal of the free 30minutes, free Sunday parking and increases to tariffs are going to be detrimental to the local businesses in the area, which is a real shame as recently it has felt as though the high street has begun to see a lovely increase in small independent business, and it would be devastating for these to be impacted to a point where they could no longer remain present within our community. It's really disappointing that these measures are being taken, especially in a cost of living crisis. It will further discourage individuals to visit their high streets and spend the little money they have in our small businesses.	All Elements	Ware
90	If you go ahead with no free parking in Hertford and Ware, why not go the whole hog and shut off all the roads into the towns and then you can completely kill all the few remaining shops.....particularly in Hertford. You people have no commercial sense at all and are slowly killing the town with more parking restrictions. From an 86 year old Hertfordian.	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
91	Please can I lodge an objection to the proposed increase in parking charges for the public car parks in Hertford. There is currently a cost of living crisis and the high street is struggling already. An increase in charges will only reduce footfall and deter people from visiting our lovely town.	All Elements	Hertford
92	As a Bishop's Stortford resident with walking problems I'd like to ask to stop charging our citizens to pay more and more for parking, even on Sundays, which is disgusting. Also all higher rates for parking can kill all the town centre trade, because a lot of people can use free parking on suburban Tesco or Sainsbury, even in other towns like Harlow free parking spaces on shopping malls and Shopping Centre in Braintree. It is a shame of our local government and councillors, you will be old one day too!	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
93	I believe the proposed changes will have an impact on already struggling businesses. Taking away free Sunday parking is harmful as well, especially in times that fuel and energy prices are at highest why do East Herts want to make life even more expensive?? 30 mins free and free Sunday parking are great gestures to the East Hert residents. Extending parking chargeable hrs should stay at 6pm	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening	Hertford
94	I am writing to oppose this proposal as our wonderful local businesses will suffer too much. They are already struggling due to the pandemic and cost of living crisis. We do not want our high street empty day and night as people will chose to go out of town. This is a very short sited proposal from the Council.	All Elements	Non Specific
95	Just want to object to the shocking proposed changes to the parking, not that it'll make any difference! People are already struggling with rising costs and doing this will just deter people even more from visiting the High Streets. There's nothing wrong with the car parks which would need extra money to be generated and I just think this is such a bad idea and will upset everybody!	All Elements	Non Specific
96	I would say this proposed plan would further detriment any footfall in the high street, causing business to struggle further. What positive gain is this going to have for Hertford? Other than lining the pocket of the council further. Finally, I would like to express that additional residents parking zones are needed. While we shouldn't be penalising people that want to use the town centre we should be trying to manage further the fact that commuters are using outer areas around Hertford North (side streets) to park during the day to avoid paying for the car park for example Nelson street and surrounding areas in port vale.	All Elements	Hertford
97	I am writing to oppose the proposed restructure of car park tariffs in the east herts area. The change in the tariff will have a huge impact for local businesses, as it will drive myself and other visitors away, instead of returning time and time again. Please reconsider.	All Elements	Non Specific
98	This will be another blow for Ware's economy and will push me back to doing a large weekly shop in a car in a big supermarket, rather than supporting the local shops. And there is also the matter of stopping to collect a prescription- I and my son are asthmatic- currently there is a short waiting time outside Andrews chemist- is this to be abolished too? Abolishing the remaining parking will push people into the Tesco's carpark which is already shockingly full at weekends, or the tiny courtyard of Sainsburys parking spaces, meaning that actual shoppers can't get a space because others have parked there. I must say I am shocked by the lack of a consultation over this. Our town is really changing, I wonder how much longer we will continue to enjoy living here.	All Elements	Ware
99	I cannot think of a better way to kill off our towns than increasing the times and including bank holidays for payment for parking is absurdly ridiculous, especially doing away with the 30 minutes of free parking.	All Elements	Non Specific
100	Quite frankly, the proposal is outrageous. To remove the 30 minutes free parking, Sunday free parking and extend the chargeable time to 20:00 instead of 18:30 will be vastly detrimental to local businesses, and to local residents who rely on a quick visit to an amenity. In Hertford particularly, we are still feeling the effects of the reduced highstreet parking that was blocked off during the pandemic. Using the town centre on a Saturday already costs me £38.40 a year. I understand that car parks cost money to maintain and so understand the need to charge for them, but I cannot fathom the need to remove the free parking or extend the chargeable hours. The chargeable hours already ensures that people using the car parks for work do not do so freely, so please leave the free parking for the actual use of amenities for local residents. Introducing these changes would be another move towards killing our town centres.	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Hertford

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101	I often visit the town centre for a 'heavier' shop that I can not carry home by foot on a Sunday as an alternative to ordering online so that I can support my local shops without having to pay to park. I also find the free 30-minute parking very useful and I believe it prevents unwanted roadside parking in little towns like Buntingford by people who wouldn't use a car park for a quick errand if they had to pay. It would be a great shame for both businesses and residents to lose the benefit of these 'off peak' free parking times.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Bishops Stortford
102	The reasons for opposition are as follows: The amount of money generated by such a change will be insignificant when compared to the amount generated by council tax that should be used to fund the upkeep in car parks instead. Buntingford already has a problem with inconsiderate parking on the High Street for people popping in to a single shop to pick up something quickly. Removal of the 30 mins (90mins in Buntingford) free parking will only make the situation worse as people will simply not use the car park and increasingly park on the High Street for quick visits I have just described. Reduced footfall is a stake through the heart for business and means reduced impromptu purchases for businesses already struggling. Reducing waste in the council should be prioritised over increasing charges.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Non Specific
103	The removal of the 30 minutes free and Sunday/Bank Holiday free periods do nothing to help town centres. The council may make a little more money, but this is most likely to be at the expense of local businesses.	All Elements	Hertford
104	I object to the removal of the 30 minutes free parking and the increase of charge timing to 8pm. We live in the villages outside of Ware and regularly use the car parks for various drop offs for kids groups/piano lessons etc. We also regularly visit the town in the evening to use services/take aways/ bars/ restaurants, if the charges were later, we would consider villages pubs/restaurants around ware more often, reducing Wares income.	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Ware
105	I have recently seen the proposed changes to remove the free parking in the Buntingford car park. We already have a real problem with dangerous and illegal parking on the high street surely you should be encouraging people to use the car park not introduce charges which will certainly increase the illegal parking? Recently whilst walking down the high street a car mounted the pavement due to the illegal parking and hit my 9 month old buggy with her in it, luckily I was able to move it in time to avoid a horrific incident! I have raised this with Jeff Jones and he agrees that there is real issue and that people need to be encouraged to use the car park so I cannot believe your proposal. Can you explain this decision please as it beggars belief?	Bowling Green Lane	Buntingford
106	My question is what will happen to the current arrangement for free parking at School Dropoff and Collection times at Christ Church School Ware? Also not having any free parking period I believe will impact the retail businesses in Ware as it will reduce the places people will be able to park if they just want to pop into a shop and no free parking on Sundays could badly affect the Hospitality and restaurant trade. This is just another reason for people to abandon local / independent shops and just go straight to the larger towns and shopping centres.	All Elements	Ware
107	Fees are currently high enough. Charges to the increased parking times will affect the majority of people in East Herts. Less people will visit shops in town. It will increase more shop closures in high streets which are already looking less attractive. Shop closures create more people on benefits who become reliant on money from East Herts Council. People living in villages have no other option than to drive and park in towns. Less able people need to drive and park in towns. Current economic difficulties have already decreased visits to towns and we do not need any further deterrents to visiting our local town!!!	All Elements	Non Specific
108	The website link for the above says it all. It reads the Darft Order. I realise that this is a pointless exercise as what I wish to complain about has already been agreed by the faceless and useless HCC and EHDC councillors. If this is supposed to be a consultation why advertise it as such? It isn't anything of the sort as it's a sham. If it was a consultation then we as local residents and taxpayers would have been notified of it. As a resident of Ware the use of the car parks has always been a strength due to it bringing people into the town to use the shops and facilities. This change will be another nail the coffin of many shops which are already struggling as a result of the pandemic, rising costs in many other ways too. It's obvious that our local, district and county councillors want to see the total demise of all commerce as well as ensuring people have even less money for their already stretched household budgets. If this was supposed to be a green initiative then it will fail as many people cannot access the sort of transport they need. Even the half hour slot was enough for many to achieve their tasks. As for the decision to charge on a Sunday too will only result on more off street parking on residential roads which are already clogged, and disenfranchise those who come into the towns to go to a place of worship and other outlets which are the result of a thriving local community and economy. New Road Ware on a Sunday is worse even than normal school run day and will get worse as people decide they cannot or will not pay into another cash cow, apart from the possible ramming full of the Tesco Car Park too. Once again the so called peoples representatives at County Hall and those at EHDC have taken the easy option rather than see the benefits which the present parking arrangements bring to the town. Disgusted local resident of many years.	All Elements	Ware
109	I cannot imagine who would think this is a good idea, the traders within town centres are struggling as it stands. The introduction of these additional and increased fees will I believe will finally kill the town. I hope I can rely on you to fight this for all our sakes	All Elements	Non Specific
110	The new plans will certainly reduce income for East Herts. It's so obvious. East Herts should be increasing the free time to one hour to permit optimal footfall in the few remaining shops. Removing this free time will simply move shopping to online, Harlow & Cheshunt shopping Malls. You will create a dead space in East Herts Town centres. The convenience of our local shops will diminish and thus a further closure of shops will result.	All Elements	Non Specific
111	I am writing to object to the changes to parking fees in East Herts and the removal of the free 30 minutes/Sundays. I live in Puckeridge and frequently use car parks in all of the affected towns and it would be a great shame if these changes were to go ahead. It would massively affect small businesses and cause even further loss to the high street. With the cost of living crisis affecting everyone it is baffling to me as to why these increases are even being discussed to begin with!	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Non Specific
112	I was extremely disappointed to hear about the council's selfish decision to consider increasing parking hours and charges in Hertford, which already suffers from low footfall, partly due to the already outrageous parking charges. I would submit that the council should come up with some more innovative ways to raise money for their coffers rather than just doing the same old "Charge residents and visitors extra money"	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Hertford
113	I am writing to oppose the changes to Ware Town Centre parking scheme. In particular the removal of the 30 minutes free parking, which brings much needed footfall into the town and for local independent traders.	30 Mins Free	Ware
114	A document is published online (link below) titled, 'Statement of reasons' however it contains no reasons whatsoever. Can you republish the document with an amendment including explanation of the reasons for these changes, so there is a transparent governance process At present this document doesn't meet the required planning regulations so the proposal cannot proceed. <a href="https://cdn-eastherts.onwebcurl.com/s3fs-public/2022-07/Statement of Reasons Update.docx">https://cdn-eastherts.onwebcurl.com/s3fs-public/2022-07/Statement of Reasons Update.docx</a>	All Elements	Non Specific
115	By doing this you will push people further away from the town, who don't shop anymore here coz there's no bloody shops to shop in!!!!!!	30 Mins Free	Hertford
116	I have seen your note regarding changes in the parking traffic regulation, I would like to object to this, specially the 30min free time. I live in Ware.	30 Mins Free	Ware
117	These changes will only serve to damage an already struggling town centre. I don't know if the purpose of the change is to raise revenue or to discourage car use in favour of other modes of transport, but I think in either case the intended outcome will not be achieved	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Hertford
118	I am writing to tell you that I object to the proposed changes to the parking restrictions in Ware. I believe it is good to have Sunday as free parking as it encourages people to come into town to use the restaurants and shops that are open.	Sunday	Ware
119	Scrapping the 30 minutes free parking will harm local traders and library users. Extending the charging period until 8:00 pm will harm local eateries. Charging on Sundays and Bank holidays will harm local restaurants and discourage usage of town parks.	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
120	My daughter works at the Practitioner; she has just got her licence and drives to go to work as public transport in our village is virtually a non starter. She requests to work on Sundays as she does not need to worry about parking costs etc. She will now look to work elsewhere.	Sunday	Hertford
121	I'm extremely disappointed to read east herts council are proposing to remove the 30mins free parking from local car parks. I am also a member of hartham leisure centre which already suffers with car parking issues at peak times, this will also put more pressure on the members only car park with visitors to the common using it free facilities.	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
122	I wish to voice my objections to the proposed parking charges for the car parks especially in Ware. I have been resident in Ware for nearly 50 years and have seen the town deteriorate in that time due to lack of parking and parking restrictions. On a Sunday the car parks are used by churchgoers ( the majority of churches in Ware do not have car parking facilities), visitors to our historic town and people attending local events/ concerts etc.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Ware

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123	I've recently heard that there maybe a possibility of removing the 30 minute free parking in Ware. I would strongly object to this as it is the reason I would choose to just whizz in and use the local shops - If I had to get a ticket and pay I would just do everything in Tesco in Hertford and have no reason to go into Ware.	30 Mins Free	ware
124	I believe that this will have a detrimental effect on local business and will make a lot of peoples lives harder. In the current climate I think this will put undue pressure on people- especially the elderly who use the free 30 minutes to collect their prescriptions.	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
125	This will encourage people not to shop in Hertford and instead patronise out of town places like Harlow that have free parking sadly.	30 Mins Free;	Non Specific
126	Removing the 30 mins free parking and extending the parking charges to 8pm and removing free parking on bank holidays & Sundays would be very decremental to Hertford and ware businesses and take away from families being able to enjoy Hertford in the early evening before the 'nightmare' that is the nightlife begins	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
127	Removing half hour free parking, extending the charging period and adding in Sunday charges will have a huge negative effect on all the businesses and services. Many of us use them during free parking times.	All Elements	Non Specific
128	My biggest frustration is the plan to remove all (30min) free parking periods from Hertford. I have read through the 'Statement of Reasons' document and was disappointed to see no actual reasons stated so can only assume this is to drive revenue and discourage people from driving into Hertford to use the small businesses.	30 Mins Free	Hertford
129	Not only has the very useful free 1/2 hour been scrapped the charging period have been increased from 7.30 - 20.00. This will now also include Sundays and all bank holidays except Christmas Day. Such generosity!!	All Elements	Non Specific
130	Hi. We the public pay enough already. It's just wrong to increase tariffs	All Elements	Non Specific
131	Removing or reducing the free period, or implementing charges on a Sunday will severely impact the local businesses negatively and will encourage people to shop and eat at other locations where parking is free.	All Elements	Non Specific
132	Not that I use the car parks much myself, but I've rarely found that charging people more entices them to use this parking provision. People will simply use the supermarket car parks or surrounding residential streets which are already jam packed with cars.	All Elements	Ware
133	In addition where does that leave people that use the new Dolphin House Surgery? Are we now going to have to pay each time we go to the Drs? If so thats scandalous.	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
134	I wish to register my objection to the proposed extended hours to Ware council run car parks to 20:00 7 days a week. This in my opinion is excessive and generally speaking after 1830 the majority of shops are closed and car parks half empty	All Elements	Ware
135	As an old senior citizen the 30 minutes of free parking is ideal for picking up medication from our nice new chemist / surgery or a small amount of shopping from Tesco without using the hourly bus service , which stops after 4 p.m. anyway .	All Elements	Non Specific
136	I for one hugely object to this!! It is idiotic ludicrous!! People are feeling the pinch enough as it is at the moment!!!! How can you even think of doing this?!!!! It will affect residents and businesses!!! Bankrupt the all residents and businesses!!! Why not if you guys can make a few extra quid. Think of the bigger picture rather than your pockets!!!! Disgraceful!	All Elements	Non Specific
137	To lose the element of free parking in the car park is going to kill the trade in the High Street, which in turn will reduce your overall revenue. We already have severe traffic congestion on the High Street from people parking on the pavement rather than driving to the car park for free whilst they collect shopping etc. The removal of the free element is going to increase this problem exponentially.	30 Mins Free	Buntingford
138	The plan to scrap the free 30 minutes of parking and extending the chargeable hours will negatively impact the town's small businesses, encouraging people to use larger chain stores where parking is free.	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
139	I notice the 30 minute free period in the car parks in Hertford is being abolished. I would ask that you reconsider this as the schools in the area ask that you park in these car parks for school pick ups. Without the free period many parents will be driving around Hertford and increasing congestion until the children come out of school.	30 Mins Free	Hertford
140	You need to be encouraging more people to visit Hertford to ensure trade and hospitality can thrive. You need to make parking free and convenient at all times! Even now I will try to avoid coming into Hertford as I will not want to waste money on parking where I have other alternatives in Welwyn, Hatfield or simple ordering online.	All Elements	Hertford
141	One thing is certain. If I and my family cant get 30min free parking then there is no way I will visit the town any more I will get medical prescriptions sent to me so no visits to Andrews the chemist	30 Mins Free	Ware
142	I am not happy with the proposed changes to parking charges. Hertford's daytime footfall has reduced significantly over the years and two reasons are the cost of parking, and the shortage of car parking spaces that are convenient for the town.	All Elements	Hertford
143	We live on the edge of town, so practically using the 30 minutes free car parking is the only way for us to buy anything heavy from a shop that isn't Tesco or Asda	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
144	This will kill our already dead and depressing town centre. It does nothing to support small business; the elderly; the ill and people struggling to make end meets with the current inflation.	All Elements	Non Specific
145	Many of the secondary schools do not allow a pick up from the school premises & therefore the ability to be able to park for a limited amount of time for free is extremely useful to a lot of parents. It also benefits individuals who just need to stop to visit the bank or post office but don't need to be in town longer.	All Elements	Non Specific
146	I object to the current proposal and would suggest that the council keep 30 mins free car parking before charging for parking. This is to support local businesses in ware high street.	30 Mins Free	Ware
147	This will absolutely destroy our town centre. In the current financial climate you are just trying to squeeze people even more, restricting their liberties and making small businesses suffer. People will just jam up neighbouring side roads even more to avoid paying.	All Elements	Ware
148	It has come to my attention that you are looking to scap the free half an hour parking on Kibes Lane car park. As a parent who's children go to Christchurch school this seems very unfair	30 Mins Free	Ware
149	I think this council wants to completely obliterated the town centre of Hertford. Firstly it is a building site and now the car parking charges to be amended.	All Elements	Non Specific
150	The 30 minute free parking is so handy if you just want to pop to a store or chemist, charity shop or post office. To charge on Sundays and evening as well!!!!; really is this the only way, when life is hard enough finacially at the moment.	All Elements	Non Specific
151	I use the free 30 minutes, evening and weekend parking in Ware on a daily / weekly basis and this will have a huge financial impact on my family and I	30 Mins Free;	Ware
152	I am writing to express my concern that there appears to be an intention to remove the 30 minutes free parking in Ware amongst other ridiculous changes to charging times and days.	30 Mins Free	Ware
153	I use the 30mins free parking to help support local businesses and even drop off charity items. It's sad to hear this changes when we should be supporting shopping local to boost our local economy	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
154	an increase in costs at a time when the entire country is coping with rising costs seems harsh.	30 Mins Free	Ware
155	I understand putting a small charge for Sunday parking but £1 all day would be sufficient	Sunday	Hertford
156	I would like to register my objection to the above proposed parking amendment order. Pls can you confirm under what circumstances the council will reconsider this planned amendment, and, the proper manner in which people should register their objections.	All Elements	Non Specific



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157	the revised charging scheme will encourage people to park on the street rather than in public car parks exacerbating the traffic flow problems Hertford suffers from already	All Elements	Hertford
158	As a member of both Ware Operatic Society, and Hertford Dramatic and Operatic Society I was horrified to see that the council are proposing to extend the chargeable hours until 8pm amongst other changes	Evening Charge	Ware
159	I can only see this as a cynical money grabbing adventure that will keep traffic away and the result of loss of income for shops and businesses, and a reduction in the quality of life for residents that make use of this facility frequently and will not be able to afford the charges	All Elements	Ware
160	If the 30 mins/after 3pm/Sunday free parking is removed, then this will only serve to increase congestion as people will park on the pavements/in loading bays even more. I implore you to instead keep a free parking period, promote the use of the car park, and increase wardens/penalties for all the illegal parking along the high street	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Buntingford
161	The extra cost is another cost for consumers to have to pay, when most other things are already increasing in price for everyday living.	30 Mins Free;	Non Specific
162	At a time when hardship is hitting everyone, why would you put up charges, add charges to Sundays and restrict parking in the highstreet?	30 Mins Free;	Ware
163	I am emailing to register my opposition to the proposed car parking changes, in particular the removal of the free half hour and the evening payments. On the other hand, I am not convinced parking needs to be free on Sunday	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Non Specific
164	free parking encourages people to come to the town to pick to do a quick shop/collect items and use restaurants / barsI understand the council needs to find money from somewhere, but please do not change these parking rules..	All Elements	Non Specific
165	I oppose of the new parking charges as the 30mins free is needed when popping in to pick up a prescription or popping into a doctor's appointment. I also think free parking for a Sunday should stay	30 Mins Free;	Non Specific
166	The plan to scrap the free 30 minutes of parking and extending the chargeable hours will destroy the towns concerned, with small businesses being the first to be hit, but certainly not the only fatalities	All Elements	Ware
167	I have been in hertford all my life 47 years. I think that the changes you want to make will destroy hertford not improve things	All Elements	Hertford
168	Incredible , with all the pressures on shops small and big business' and people with energy bills ,food prices , fuel, every one is on their knees desperately struggling to survive and you are even contemplating adding to our woes.	All Elements	Buntingford
169	The recent escalation of living costs has been disastrous for us. If you were to take away free parking it will mean we could not afford to visit the High Street any longer.	30 Mins Free	Buntingford
170	These changes to parking fees will kill off trade and the hospitality industry will suffer. I am a pensioner and already find it hard to find anywhere I can shop other than the big out of town shops who provide free parking	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
171	The council are making it harder and harder for both businesses and the public. It's just pure greed. You can park for free almost anywhere in the towns and villages in France but not in the UK	All Elements	Non Specific
172	Removing free parking and charging on Sundays will make Ware become a ghost town like Hertford is.	30 Mins Free;	Ware
173	As a busy working parent, I rely heavily on these bays for shopping local. My elderly mother also relies very heavily on being able to park close to the shops.I hope you reach a positive decision for our people and businesses	All Elements	Ware
174	As a busy, single working mother, I rely heavily on these bays for shopping local. I also rely on them to be able to take my children safely to and from school. I would implore you help us to make the most of all the wonderful shops, restaurants and facilities we have in Ware town centre, and scrap these further changes to parking.	All Elements	Ware
175	You will be creating road traffic accidents by removing the free 30 min parking as people will attempt to park in outrageous places to avoid the proposed charges of 70p for 1 hour parking to spend 10 mins dropping a child into school.	30 Mins Free	Ware
176	I rely heavily on this free parking and normally am in and out of the car park in 10 minutes. If I had to pay it would cost at least another £5 a week, making the monthly expense another £20 which I simply cannot afford	All Elements	Ware
177	For a county town, Hertford has become a white elephant. You are now proposing to remove one of the few remaining positive aspects of the town by not having free parking at any time	All Elements	Hertford
178	Shopping in the local shops needs to be encouraged not prevented. We need a thriving town centre. I hope you reach a positive decision for our people and businesses	All Elements	Ware
179	The free 30mins and free Sunday provides a great incentive for those of us wanting to quickly pop into town, support local businesses or go into the library. Sundays are my family's special family time days whereas we go into either Hertford or ware and spending a good few hours	Sunday	Hertford, Ware
180	If the town centre depreciates much more in term of its offering Hertford becomes so much less appealing and fewer business will want to open shops etc here. I don't want to see my lovely town completely diminish and I hope nor do HCC.	All Elements	Hertford
181	Please help us to make the most of all the wonderful shops, restaurants and facilities we have in Ware town centre, and scrap these further changes to parking. I hope you reach a positive decision for our people and businesses.	All Elements	Ware
182	The free 30 mins car park rule at the moment allow us to pick our daughter up. To find out the rules are changing is just ridiculous. With the cost of living spiralling, we will now have to budget for another £10 a week	30 Mins Free	Hertford
183	Sending an email to oppose changes to the East Herts council car parks.	All Elements	Non Specific
184	Has the council any understanding that Hertford the so called county town is already becoming a ghost town. If you are not disabled like many elderly residents who want to support the market traders carrying heavy shopping bags is already a problem	All Elements	Hertford
185	I'm writing to object against the removal of the free 30 minutes in the Kibes Lane Car park, which will greatly impact on parents that have to park there for Christchurch school.	30 Mins Free	Ware
186	I would draw comparison with Old Stevenage for example, where that High Street is ably supported by the abundant provision of free parking between 2-3 hours. I believe the removal of free Sunday parking is particularly egregious. To put it bluntly, given the recession, and rising fuel costs in particular, the timing sucks.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Non Specific
187	I have lived in Ware many years and have gradually seen the Town deteriorate under EHDC care. Another nail in the coffin is your proposed new parking conditions where Sunday is no longer free and no free half hour. The shops we have will go due to the passing trade being ruined by your greed.	All Elements	Ware
188	I like to pop into town when passing through on the way home to get bits of shopping from independent stores if possible, and go out in the evenings in Ware, Hertford and Bishop's Stortford. I want to spend my money locally, With the prohibitive cost of fuel now, the appallingly poor road maintenance, the death of these high streets is imminent	All Elements	Ware
189	Is there any possibility that you can add the scope for weekly or "season" parking tickets to the car park for people like me who do not have any other option but to park in the car park. This will take away that daily inconvenience of going out just to buy a ticket or getting fined on days I forget to do it due to family or work life. Or alternatively, I would propose changing the street parking bays outside of kibes lane north car parks to resident permit only or bring some type of residents parking scheme to the area	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Ware
190	As a local small business, having free parking around us is how we make our Sunday trade so accessible. Eliminating the free 30 minute period and charging further into the evenings will also greatly affect us and other local small businesses	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Hertford

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191	I, along with most it would seem, would like to strongly object to this increase in charges. Our town is already suffering as it is and if you take away the 30 mins free parking it'll only get worse	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Hertford
192	The single sole thing raised by traders looking at setting up in the town has always been the parking situation. The free 30 minutes is essential to encourage the vibrancy of the Town Centres and will in due course lead to increased demand and then higher business rate revenue	30 Mins Free	Ware
193	What the public wants in Bishop's Stortford is not new buildings, more homes, restaurants or coffee shops when we are full and sick of them but the means to pay fair parking charges during the day when the main shops are open. We do not want early morning, evening charges or charging on a Sunday	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
194	Charging for Sundays will affect all the local churches. Churches give back a lot to the community, but church members are aging and even a small drop in numbers due to the extra expense could cause some to close	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
195	I could understand making it check in only so that if you do go over the 30 minutes then you pay and could you not just charge Sunday 50p instead of making it like the rest of the week? Isn't there always a compromise? Aren't things hard enough for people already?	Sunday, Evening Charge	Ware
196	it will be immensely bad for small business located within the town centre. Not only will customers think twice in making a journey but also business owners, staff, workers and employees will face increased parking costs.I am copying in my local councillor, Mark Pope.	All Elements	Ware
197	I really hope these changes don't go through, people have seen every bill increase this year already without being charged more to pop to the shops	All Elements	Hertford
198	I object because I think the Council should, with the economy in such poor health and inflation rife be doing everything it can to keep shoppers coming to Ware	All Elements	Ware
199	Absolutely atrocious decision made by EHDC regarding the change in public car park charges. Next year you will be wondering why businesses have shut down and the high streets are empty!	All Elements	Ware
200	Our towns have suffered enough with lockdowns and the devastating impact that has had on shops and businesses. This is the last straw	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
201	Ware is a small town with a good number of independent shops that rely on people being able to visit at all times. By removing the 30 minute free parking it is likely that shoppers will decide to go elsewhere rather than stopping to make a small purchase. This may not seem important but the cumulative effect could be to reduce footfall in the town shops and lead to business failures.	30 Mins Free	Ware
202	My church (the Hub Church) is made up of quite a few people on benefits and already struggling with their living costs and this will just add more misery and may even effect church attendance.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
203	The local town economy is already struggling, to add further charges would really impact footfall into the town.	All Elements	Non Specific
204	bad for school run (in adverse weather) or for those that live too far to walk. It could cost upwards of £200 per year assuming 30 weeks by car clearly bad for small businesses and high street generally,not good for hospitality sector which already faces high energy costs, high wage cost, staff shortages etc. extending charge hours to 8pm will hit trade. Could also impact staff that drive to work,not good for the elderly that make a single journey to pick up prescriptions for example. They now face charges with the irradiation of the 30 mins free parking. sole traders and small clubs will be massively impacted as will parents to pick up children from town located after school clubs. the statement of reasons presented by the council do not establish why and how the new charging structure is deemed fair and in the best interest of so many stakeholders.	All Elements	Ware
205	Not only will this reduce much needed footfall in the town centre, having a negative impact on local businesses, but it will add strain to the already very busy on street parking. We are located on Gladstone Road, with no driveway and parking is already at a premium.	All Elements	Ware
206	As a Hertford resident who regularly visits Hertford and Ware, often by car, I would like to register my objection to these proposals. If anything, I would like to see more free parking periods and cheaper parking to support our town centres.	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
207	I just wish to raise my concern over the plans to charge parkers on Sunday's and bank Holidays in car parks in Hertford and Ware. It sounds like pure greed and would put people off (myself included) from visiting the towns on these days. I have specifically made trips to both places on Sundays for the fact that the car charges are not used, and ensures mine and I'm sure hundreds of other people's business is kept in the towns.	Sunday, BHL Removal	Hertford, Ware
208	It will deter people from shopping locally and I fear many of the already struggling business's will cease trading.Our current car parks are already over whelmed and as a disabled person ,I am keen to learn if the 3 disabled parking spaces in Bull Plain are to remain.	All Elements	Hertford
209	It appears that you are getting rid of the half hour free parking for all of the car parks: this is invaluable to allow people to quickly pick up/drop things off to local shops. On street parking in many of the narrow streets of Hertford is on pavement and/or restricts road width. Both of these affect active travel routes with the former presenting difficulties for pedestrians and the latter to cyclists. Encouraging off street parking evenings, weekends and bank holidays improves the surrounding areas because it removes these impediments to active travel.If you are going to charge for these car parks please consider retaining the half hour free for loading and unloading plus some sort of resident scheme where residents can purchase an 'off peak', long term parking permit, similar to those for Residents Parking Zones, to encourage off street parking of vehicles.	All Elements	Hertford
210	At best revenue would be modest and also penalise community/sporting activities like, for example, cricket players and spectators and the monthly cars and coffee event. On-street alternatives would be used. Has a proper survey been conducted of weekend users, numbers and reasons for parking etc. or is this a blanket revenue- raising decision? I trust that there has been genuine engagement...Sawbridgeworth TC	Sunday	Sawbridgeworth
211	Can you provide me with a valid reason why you are even considering this change at the present time? Are you actively trying to destroy our local shops and businesses?	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL Removal	Buntingford
212	I would like to register my objection to the forth coming parking charges in Ware.To take away the free 30 minute spaces and to charge on a Sunday is madness.We've just returned from driving through Spain and France and every town as free accessible parking and thus has thriving shops, with lots of variety. You will kill off the high street for sure. It's greed gone mad. A few more pennies for the local council in exchange for a ghost high street. Why do you think the shops in Amwell end are doing so well? Yes, because people and park and just pop in. Whoever came up with this short sided idea is crazy.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL Removal	Ware
213	I went to the documentation and the statement of reasons which as far as I can see states no reasons? So I can only determine that this is for financial reasons.Not only does it limit those people who use the towns shopping on Sundays it also will affect the evening economy. Safe parking in the evenings will also be reduced meaning people might be more likely to use side streets with limited lighting or CCTV. urely these changes will mean parking attendants will be needed on Sundays and all bank holidays as well?	All Elements	Non Specific
214	With more than one small child it is not always possible to walk to use local businesses and I fear this will also push business further away from our already fragile local economy and small businesses. I would ask that at the very least this proposal is deferred to a better time for families and our economy.	All Elements	Non Specific
215	I am writing to object to changes in parking charges. I believe that it will become uneconomical for me to shop and eat in the High Street, which saddens me greatly. It feels like a cynical attempt to shut down the High Street so it can be used as a trunk road from new Ware to Station?	All Elements	Ware
216	Parking should be free on Sunday to allow for a more leisurely use of the town - cafes, restaurants, bowling and cinema. Same goes for evening. Charges are not necessary on a Sunday or evening - there is not a lack of space. Free parking encourages visits to the town. In the evening especially you don't want to walk if you have young children and time is of the essence to get them home to bed after a meal out or a film.	All Elements	Non Specific
217	We have a large number of independent traders who rely heavily on these car parks to run their businesses and to attract customers. We also rely on the parking facilities for the doctors surgery and for those with more complex conditions who may need more appointments will end up paying a premium just to see their GP. I sincerely hope the council will see that this will not generate much more additional revenue	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth

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218	I am Social Secretary at Sawbridgeworth Cricket club and have worked there for 28 years.We have matches on Saturdays and Sundays of which 22 players attend do potentially 22 cars.They already pay membership and Match fees. The added cost in the present climate Could tip the balance on weather it was all worth the expense.	Sunday	Sawbridgeworth
219	I would like to formally make an objection regarding the proposal of change of parking and charging for parking in Sawbridgeworth at weekends. This would greatly effect local clubs especially those like the bowls and Hailey centre that are mainly used by the elderly and do not have much disposable income and not to mention container to greatly impact shops and traders that rely on passing trade. For such a small community many use amenities in bell Street as a life line and charges would have a huge negative impact.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
220	I whole heartedly object to parking charges being extended in Sawbridgeworth car parks.The town is only just getting back on its feet since the pandemic with a lot of new businesses. Increasing parking charges will serious affected footfall. I, for one, will not visit the town regularly if I have to pay for for the first part of parking or at weekends	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
221	I don't usually get involved with this - but Im writing to object to parking at weekends in Sawbridgeworth. There are too many clubs/business that will be affected, including my own, Sawbridgeworth Cricket Club. We should be encouraging people to visit these areas when not at work, and not putting them off.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
222	I'd like to register my objection to the proposed changes in charging to the Bell Street car park in Sawbridgeworth. As a working mum I drop my daughter to the nursery most days. The drop off takes 10 minutes so the free parking is used daily. These parking costs will add up quickly and will be felt as times are challenging enough for families with the cost of living crisis. I can also foresee the use of Budgens car park to increase significantly as this does allow free parking. When this car park is full it becomes another challenge for families to shop locally and for the elderly who rely on Budgens.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
223	I object to the removal of the free parking periods at all car parks. Especially Bell Street in Sawbridgeworth. I feel that this would have an incredibly detrimental affect on the life of the town, affecting small businesses. It also means that every parent dropping a child at Bell Street nursery has to pay to drop off and pick up, every patient picking up a repeat prescription at Central Surgery, or bringing a vulnerable patient in will be liable for a charge.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
224	This email is to express my objection to the proposed car parking charges.	All Elements	Non Specific
225	Local businesses have been at the mercy of the pandemic for the last few years, and many have recently begun their recovery phase, where others have sadly had to close. The free 30 minute parking that serves most car parks in town centres, such as in Ware and Hertford, are deemed to be a lifeline, where the local community and visitors are encouraged to visit the town and shop.	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
226	I object the below as it will have a negative impact on local sports clubs and businesses. People will start parking on residential roads meaning residents can't park near their own houses.	Bell Street,	Buntingford,
227	This is a short sighted income generation scheme that does not take into account the local macroeconomics, which I'm sure local town and district councillors will understand to support local businesses. I will be raising this with the local councillors, but I would urge EHDC to protect local businesses in the current financial climate and also the interests of local residents and visitors to the town.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
228	This is unacceptable and unnecessary and will be extremely detrimental to local business and families and individuals given the cost of living crisis. Sawbridgeworth is a little town trying to build itself up and develop its high street and associated services and introducing parking charges will significantly undermine that process I would be grateful if you can acknowledge my objection and I would also be grateful if you could provide an explanation of how the consultation is being adequately disseminated to give all residents impacted an opportunity to register their opinion.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
229	I believe it will be detrimental to the town shops, who are already struggling, and cause difficulties for the people of the town, particularly older people.	All Elements	Ware
230	This is a short sighted income generation scheme that does not take into account the local macroeconomics, which I'm sure local town and district councillors will understand to support local businesses. I will be raising this with the local councillors, but I would urge EHDC to protect local businesses in the current financial climate and also the interests of local residents and visitors to the town. It is laughable that your website suggests ways to save money but is more than happy to take even more money from people (members of the public and businesses) which are already struggling.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
231	Dear sir, I can't believe that free parking at weekends in Sawbridgeworth could end. So many organisations rely on this for good attendance at the weekends. As do the shops and cafes etc.This will be the death knell for our lovely town.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
232	We need more free off-road parking not less, especially on Folly Island, which was never designed for the level of vehicle use it suffers. Pedestrians, pram users and disabled people can't use half of the footways because of cars blocking them. That is not only a disgrace but a failure of your legal duties	All Elements	Hertford
233	I would like to object to the parking charges changes proposed for the above car park. Sawbridgeworth is a small town and local shops have to compete with larger towns nearby. This car park also serves people using the doctors surgery, children's day nursery, bowling club and tennis club participants and childrens' clubs. It is also used by people visiting local restaurants and pubs in the town, both during the week and weekends.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
234	I strongly object to the introduction of parking fees in Sawbridgeworth town centre. I live locally and shop there regularly. I fear a massive drop in footfall for the local traders if this fee is introduced. People will go elsewhere where weekend parking is free ie. Tesco or sainsbury.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
235	This proposal will impact severely on people's shopping and leisure habits and the businesses in the town will suffer. Surely the Council can see that? This plan is mean spirited, unnecessary and greedy	Sunday, Evening	Bishops Stortford
236	It is madness to increase costs to an already dwindling high street. If the council had interest in assisting businesses they would be making parking easier and cheaper	All Elements	Non Specific
237	It is essential that the district and county council support the local economy. Businesses, pubs and local sport clubs customers use the car parks at weekends. Charging at these times will deter visitors & will obviously make people park in the narrow streets around the centre causing risk of accidents etc	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
238	Our high street is dying. It is small and not able to compete with the nearby large towns and retail parks. The small size of the buildings in the high street really restricts options for shop owners. If you increase the weekend, bank holiday and evening parking in Sawbridgeworth you are directly contributing to the demise of our high street.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
239	Many local businesses would be impacted by the loss of a customer's ability to 'pop into town' to pick up a prescription or post an item. would it not be better to target those parking on side streets in order to avoid paying for parking at the train station? At least that way, our community would benefit from others as opposed to penalising the residents of Sawbridgeworth.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
240	the introduction of parking charges on the weekends are highly likely to negatively impact these businesses and potentially lead to their closure if the likely reduction in footfall reduces revenue.Introducing charges at weekends will put further pressure on these volunteer run organisations	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
241	introducing chargeable parking hours at the weekend will have a materially detrimental effect on the small businesses. This would be even more detrimental if the free 30 minutes parking provision during the week was also to be removed which would also particularly affect people accessing the local GP surgery. The car park in Sawbridgeworth is also used for community events at the weekend such as the monthly 'Coffee and Cars' event held on a Sunday which would presumably be affected.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
242	Sawbridgeworth is a small town with small independent traders, at this time of financial hardship for many people, having to pay for parking over and above the existing charges will make them travel to other locations and abandon the local businesses. I think that the 'free' parking periods currently applicable should not be removed.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
243	The shops in our little high street are suffering enough with a downturn in trade, introducing charges on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays will do absolutely nothing to help them or our town. We also have the Tacoma car meet once a month on Sundays in Bell Street, which is a group that meets to help with men's WELL-BEING. If charges are introduced this is likely to affect this event - and we need all the WELL-BEING support possible at the moment.And I forgot to mention - all our local sports clubs (apart from the football club) and their members use Bell Street car park at the weekends, as do the Girl Guides, Hailey Day Centre (our community hub for our elderly residents) and those attending the doctor or dentist	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth

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244	I strongly object to any changes to parking in Sawbridgeworth as the scrapping of the half hour free parking would seriously effect the traders who are struggling now, and also use of our doctors surgery.The introduction of parking charges for evenings and weekend would seriously effect restaurants and sporting facilities, including Sawbridgeworth bowling and cricket clubs	30 Mins Free	Bishops Stortford / Sawbridgeworth
245	1. You have not explained why you need to extend the days and times of car parking in Sawbridgeworth 2. Sawbridgeworth is a very small town and see no benefit for EHDC to charge for evening or weekend use 3. Going forward our businesses that are open in the evenings/weekends will suffer further especially as we heading into a very expensive living period 4. You will push car parking into local residential roads	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
246	At the weekend local residents use the car park for local shopping and enjoyment of local facilities, Any introduction of charges will cause these local facilities to have a diminished foot fall. Plus with the cost of living increases this move will be seen as hitting local residents	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
247	The proposed changes will be detrimental to local businesses in our town centres which are struggling to recover post covid shutdowns and now with rises in cost of living.	All Elements	Non Specific
248	I would like to make my objections against evening and weekend parking charges in sawbridgeworth, this will greatly affect businesses and clubs in sawbridgeworth. Parking charges need to be completely scrapped in sawbridgeworth so it can become a buzzing community once again	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
249	The plans to extend charging to Saturdays and Sundays is thoughtless, Saturday is the one real opportunity for traders to attract customers, largely due to many working people being off at the weekend and the FREE car parking.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
250	I am writing to lodge my objections to introduction of parking charges to bell street carpark on Saturdays. This will push more cars onto side roads. It will also impact the footfall of people into sawbridgeworth making the town an even less attractive place to have commercial presence.I see there is an additional change which is not highlighted in the proposals, and you have to read the full details to get the information.Currently you can park for 30 minutes free. This is being removed. I am particularly concerned regarding use of the doctor's surgery, particularly for old/sick people.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
251	I totally oppose all the changes in parking costs that are being proposed for Bishop's Stortford.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
252	the extention in operating hours just seems a cynical way of increasing the price even more. It doesn't seem fair - where is the support for our high street? I am lucky enough to be able to walk into town but there are many people who can't and they should at least have the choice to shop and socialise when the car parking is free.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Non Specific
253	I would like to register my opposition to the proposed parking charges changes being proposed. Getting rid of the 30 minute free ticket will impact local shops and businesses as well as impose a hefty increase on people needing a quick stop just when the cost of living is skyrocketing.	30 mins free	Non Specific
254	To introduce parking charges on these days is a very bad idea. These are the days when this parking area is heavily used by players using the Bowls,Tennis and Cricket areas.These activities should be encouraged within the community and not penalised by introducing these charges.	All Elements	Non Specific
255	I wish to object to the proposal to alter the parking restrictions. As a regular user of bell street service. As far as I am aware there is no support at all from the local shops Dr surgery, to alter the parking situation. Please take this as a positive objection to your plans for Bell street.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
256	In current political and financial situations, the council should be supporting both local business and people in accessing vital services.	30 Mins Free	Sawbridgeworth
257	I strongly object to the plans to make Bell Street car park fee payable on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank holidays. It would ruin our community. Shops get most of their business at weekends therefore families will go elsewhere.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
258	I object to the subject proposal on the basis of the complete lack of substation of rational reasons to remove free parking, despite the included "Statement of Reasons" which offers no reasons for the proposal.I also believe the removal of free parking will be detrimental to the local businesses in the town's mention. Additionally the inclusion of fees on Sundays and Bank Holidays will act as a deterrent for visitors.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, BHL Removal	Sawbridgeworth
259	If suddenly free parking was stopped many residents/visitors I fear would decide not to bother with shopping in Sawbridgeworth and head straight through south to Tescos, park for free and add to their profits.	30 Mins Free	Sawbridgeworth
260	. Removing the free 30 mins, free evening and free Sunday parking will just mean less people will use the town or try to find residential roads to park on which will just cause trouble for the residents instead.	30 Mins Free	Bishops Stortford
261	I particularly object to Crown Terrace being affected. I am a resident of Crown Terrace, and like all of the other residents, and others nearby, rely on the car park to help manage our parking difficulties. There is very limited parking in the area. Being able to park for 30 minutes for free, after 6.30 pm and on a Sunday makes a huge difference to our lives and for our visitors.	30 Mins Free	Bishops Stortford
262	I usually come in on a Friday and shop in Waitrose and use their free car park and also on a Sunday when I park for free and visit other shops. I would also be impacted when using the post office on Hockerill Street as I park in Crown terrace and make use of the 30 minutes of free parking.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Bishops Stortford
263	Car parking charging is a form of regressive taxation which ultimately hits those who cannot afford it the most the council has over populated Bishops Stortford and not put in adequate alternative transportation (eg public, cycling, walk ways etc) Sunday is a family day and I think this will stop families being together in the town - the town will ultimately continue on its path towards charity shop and tea shops only as real shoppers head elsewhere	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Bishops Stortford
264	My main objection is that the businesses in Sawbridgeworth need as much support as possible in these difficult financial times. We should do all we can to encourage footfall to these businesses on & around bell st and introducing additional parking charges will only discourage people to park in Bell St and use the local businesses & services, pubs & restaurants.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
265	My objection to the idea of charging on Sundays and after 6.30, is how this is going to affect the shops and restaurants	All Elements	Non Specific
266	It's time councils stop wasting money and controlled their expenditure, not make the people they represent pay for their bad management.	All Elements	Non specific
267	Sawbridgeworth is a very small shopping area where shops and the several little cafes at the best of times struggle to make a living and stay open.People who now come as parking is free and easy will either stay at home or simply drive on to where there are more options and the car park costs the same !	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
268	I usually plan them for the evenings or Sunday when parking is free (and spaces are plentiful). Personally, this proposed change means that the town centre is becoming even less attractive to me. I am less likely to "pop" to the shops as I occasionally do, but rather shop online, or save my shopping for bigger and better location such as Harlow which offers far superior range of shops and now more competitive fees.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford / Sawbridgeworth
269	All of the shops in Sawbridgeworth are independent retailers, not big chains. 2. These independent retailers rely primarily on weekend customers who work during the week and cannot do their shopping in the week. 3. Many users of the car park are visiting organisations who get little or no funding from EHDC, such as the Girl Guides, Sawbridgeworth Cricket Club, Sawbridgeworth Bowls Club, Sawbridgeworth Tennis Club and the Hailey Day Centre that serves many of Sawbridgeworth's elderly residents 4. By introducing weekend and evening parking charges in the public car park, it will make even more people use Budgens Gravelle's car park which is currently free. 5. Introducing evening and weekend parking charges in Sawbridgeworth car park will have a detrimental impact on the residents of the surrounding area as customers will choose to park in the streets nearby.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
270	We live on London Road opposite the Crown Terrace car park, which we use evenings and Sundays as we have no parking elsewhere . We often use the 30 minutes free to transfer our 20-month-old son to and from the car, as well as shopping etc, and my partner comes home from work at about 6.15 when she would normally then be able to add a 30-minute free ticket to take her past the 6.30 cut-off.	30 Mins Free	Bishops Stortford
271	The road in which I live is parking free on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Will this still be the case? Should this charge happen, as we live close to the town, even more people will be parking elsewhere, including this Close, instead of paying. This could pose a problem for carers and the like as we have a number of elderly residents in this Close. I am sure we would not be alone in this respect.	Sunday, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford

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272	I already try to avoid using my car to drive into Stortford because of congestion problems on a Saturday. I prefer as a pensioner to take advantage of the free parking on a Sunday. My understanding is that the free parking will cease under new legislation being brought in. Which will mean I'll stop going into town on a Sunday as well. Also I understand evening extension charges to 8pm are being considered. I like to go with my local Meetup group on a Tuesday evening to the cinema at the moment we enjoy free parking from 6.30pm. If these charges are approved I will probably stop going to the cinema as it will be too expensive.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
273	If parking charges are extended at Grange Paddocks, as reported in Bishop's Stortford Independent, I will almost certainly be forced to cancel my leisure centre membership.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
274	Our town shops are struggling as it is and people should be encouraged to go into town - by charging for a Sunday, removing the 1/2 hour free parking in some car parks and increasing the charging hours, it's going to put people off popping in to town, to go to the shops / restaurants.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening	Bishops Stortford
275	Surely if you make it harder to park when 'popping' into shops, people will abandon the town and go to the malls locally where parking is free. This in turns leads to shops closing and having more empty premises on the high street.	All Elements	Ware
276	I write to object to proposed additional and extended car park charges in Stortford. The present arrangement with free parking at weekends and from 18:30 weekdays is good for retailers and the night time economy, additional charging will be very bad for both. I am a member of a large Meetup group which regularly socialises in Stortford and your proposed changes, if applied, will undoubtedly curtail our visits.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
277	I urge you to consider scrapping this proposal, particularly if the inevitable cost of parking wardens at these times means that the income generated for the council is not extensive. It really will hit both families and also business owners hard. I look forward to hearing from you.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
278	I believe that this will hurt small businesses such as dry cleaners and convenience shops. People such as myself will cease visiting the town centre for small transactions as the inconvenience and cost of paying for parking will outweigh the benefits of going elsewhere. The town centre has faced decline over recent years and this initiative will hinder any recovery. I would be in favour of increasing the costs of longer stays to compensate for this.	30 Mins Free	Hertford
279	I strongly oppose the proposition to end free thirty minute marking and extend chargeable hours at Apton Road till 8pm. This will surely only bring in limited revenue and yet will put off people who want to access town facilities. Sometimes only 15 minutes is needed to access a pharmacy or GP Surgery, and free parking in the evening encourages use of restaurants and other facilities. Why make it harder and more expensive for citizens to access the facilities in their own town?	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
280	When considering the changes at Grange Paddocks please bear in mind that the signs indicating " for leisure centre users only" was ignored particularly at weekends when football (both men and boys) was on. On virtually every occasion many spaces were occupied by drivers of football players because the other car parks there were full. Leisure centre users therefore had no where to park. The "leisure centre users only" must be enforced. Maybe entry barriers operated by membership cards?	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
281	I strongly object to these proposed plans. Discriminate against those who are less well off. Free parking, especially on Sundays afforded any families the ability to come into town and be part of the community. They will now be prohibited from doing so. It will discriminate against those with Children, dogs, disabled or who just live too far away and have little choice but to drive in. It will put people off coming into town and reduce footfall on our highstreets at a time when the cost-of-living crisis is likely to hit our shops hardest. This plan makes no sense.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford
282	1. Sunday free parking allows those not so well off to browse the town at their leisure without having to worry about getting back in time so as not to get a parking ticket. This of course applies to all other car park users. 2. Churchgoers will be subjected to the new charges which in my view should not be forced upon. And no, I am not one of them. 3. The evening charges will undoubtedly make some not bother to come into town at all, instead make more use of out of town facilities like restaurants or pubs.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
283	I wish to put forward a proposal that Blue Badge holders should be exempt from parking charges (subject to the normal 3 hour period) in designated Disabled Spaces, and other normal parking spaces.	All Elements	Non Specific
284	Personally, my children have a chronic condition that causes pain and fatigue. We are not eligible for a blue badge and whilst we try to walk into town as often as possible, this is not always an option for us. By introducing charges at these additional times, we will have to factor in another expense to an early-evening dinner or a trip to cinema/theatre (when it reopens), a factor which may encourage us to go elsewhere or even stay at home. This will remove revenue from local businesses.	All Elements	Non Specific
285	I am writing to object to the raising of car parking charges on a Sunday. The attendances at churches will suffer tremendously as well as other small businesses in town who are struggling to survive. It will inevitably cause people to try to park in residential areas which in itself will cause extra problems. I would strongly urge the council to rethink plans to increase charges.	Sunday	Non Specific
286	Your proposals are counterproductive and will only lead to more parking on road in places that are already overcrowded. My father lives in Cross Street in Ware and parking out side his property is extremely difficult. He is very infirm and trying to get him from car to front door is very difficult. By hunting cash you are pushing the limits of civility towards your voters	All Elements	Ware
287	This would be of significant detriment to the town centre and I urge you to reconsider.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
288	Since Covid most people are struggling with the rising cost of everything and making changes to charges just seems an act of pure greed. Changes to parking charges will lead to even more obstructive parking on high streets as people will risk being caught by a traffic warden as they quickly stop at the pharmacy/shops etc.	All Elements	Buntingford
289	The impact on coffee shops, restaurants, retailers in general as well as churches will have a profound impact on the town.. I only hope you will rethink this action, and there will be enough residents to oppose this step in the current financial cost of living crisis for the public. It certainly won't serve the interests of the town.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
290	I strongly oppose the charging changes in Buntingford as this is a small town who's retailers depend on the local community. If a charge was in force I feel the lovely town high street shops would suffer badly. Leading to it being a ghost town as local shops would be forced to close.	All Elements	Buntingford
291	I'm writing to object in the strongest possible terms any proposed charge for parking in bishops stortford on Sundays. I feel that my right to worship is being curtailed through no fault of my own. I am a long standing member of a bishops stortford town centre church. If you charge me to park on a Sunday I will quite simply be unable to afford to attend my church. You will drive customers out of the town, and businesses will follow	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
292	I understand that the council needs to use parking as a source of income, but to stop very short term parking will surely have the effect of preventing people using the independent town centre shops for quick purchases. I am unable to understand why the car park at Wallfields is the exception to these charges and suggest that the charges there should be exactly the same as is decided for all other car parks if you wish to avoid accusations of favouritism for councillors.	All Elements	Hertford
293	I live on the outskirts of town and occasionally visit the town centre at these times when it's much quieter. Surely the free parking is there to encourage use of the town, shops, restaurants etc at those quieter times? Personally I would not visit the town centre as often if you introduce these charges. I can't see how this change can be anything but detrimental for everyone.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
294	I have lived in Hertford for 25 years and have never been so annoyed as to make a complaint. The parking situation is already very poor, and this is an outrage. Sundays are family days to go to the park and so on. There are few shops open and few commercial activities. It's shameless and those responsible will never have my vote again in any local election	Sunday	Hertford
295	The proposed changes will drive up costs and reduce footfall in the town centre. I live in Stansted and work in Stortford, these changes would make me drive to Saffron Walden and shop there more. Please don't follow through with this!	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
296	Ware High Street is already struggling to maintain any sense of being a working High Street. Many premises are empty, or have a high churn rate of occupants. Removing the free parking will mean many more people stop attempting to use the businesses in the town altogether. Couple that with the public danger this will create in people 'just stopping quickly' to grab something from a shop on the yellow lines and I think it's an ill-conceived cash-grab.	30 Mins Free	Ware

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297	You need to be encouraging people to come into town and shop to promote the lively town that Stortford is. The reasonable parking is one of the reasons I nip in and out of Bishop's Stortford Town centre so much and inevitably spend money in the local businesses. This decision feels greedy and short sighted of the council. As a local to Bishop's Stortford I am disappointed in the councils approach to this.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL	Bishops Stortford
298	The businesses in Sawbridgeworth will inevitably suffer over time because people from outside won't bother to 'pop in' to our town to meander or buy from the shops if they know it's going to cost them regularly to do so. There has to be more creative intelligent thinking in line WITH the EHDC residents and businesses. Certainly our local Mayor will not be in favour of this proposal - we are trying to look to the needs of the people and regeneration in Sawbridgeworth, not kill the efforts and livelihoods of many.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
299	It will move the parking to residential roads that are close to the town centre; creating increased parking issues and add to the traffic problems that East Herts residents especially those in Bishop's Stortford experience. In a time of increased costs this is one that is unnecessary and will discriminate against those who have to drive to shop or who find it difficult to walk but do not possess a blue badge.	30 Mins Free	Bishops Stortford
300	They will cause significant annoyance to those who currently use the empty car parks on Sundays, Bank Holidays and summer evenings but will bring in, at best, negligible net. I, for one, have no intention of paying to park my wife's car: I shall find a parking space elsewhere and walk back as I do during current charged hours. I urge you to reconsider these deleterious proposals.	All Elements	Ware
301	I object on behalf of our members to the following: 1) Introduction of parking charges on Sundays, evenings and Bank Holidays (except Christmas Day) in various car parks in Bishop's Stortford – many of the residents who live in our area are of old age and living on a pension, FREE parking allows them to shop in town which also helps the shops in town earn revenue. We also have limited bus services in the area, the present pathways do not allow access to town in motorised wheelchairs or buggies. 2) Remove all current free parking periods, except in Grange Paddocks B & C, Bishop's Stortford – this will result in people parking in Grange Paddock car park and walking to town to shop – this presently happens 3) Amend the parking charges on Sundays for Link Road and Northgate End car parks to align with the all day tariff. – our members believe that Sunday parking should be free of charge until an improved bus service and pathway improvements are made.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Bishops Stortford
302	Many parents make avail of the free 30minute parking to enable school drop off and pick up. If a charge were to be implemented in Herts car parks it would force parents to park in surrounding residential roads, causing chaos for local residents. Also by removing free parking, shoppers would opt to park in large supermarket car parks that offer free parking. I urge you to reconsider and to support normal everyday hardworking people.	30 Mins Free	Hertford, Ware
303	It will have an adverse impact on parents/caregivers during the school run, it will be immensely bad for small business located within the town centre. Extending the charges to 8pm will also adversely impact staff of those hospitality businesses. It will adversely impact the elderly who rely on the 30 minutes free parking to make frequent trips for prescriptions, dentist and doctor appointments and convenience shopping. The pandemic has also shown that isolation has a material impact on well-being particularly those that are vulnerable and elderly. Increasing charges and removing the free 30 minutes is very likely to reduce trips for those people that need it the most.	All Elements	Ware
304	How do we maintain the current availability of free town centre parking for 30 mins in most places, in the evenings and on Sundays/Bank holidays - it is a great boon to local shops, restaurants, pubs and social/sports centres. As far as I can tell - all the proposed changes will lead people to think twice before coming to the centre of town and will affect the community spirit and local businesses.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
305	As both a worshipping member of a church in the town centre and a shopper in the town, I do not want to see the charge imposed. Surely we should be encouraging small businesses, not unfairly discriminating against them and driving the money people spend into the hands of already huge corporations who can afford to build purpose built retail parks on the edge of town or in other towns.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
306	If the changes were made I would not visit the town centre any where nearly as much as I currently do. as a busy mum and business owner I often need to just 'nip in' to grab something, but if I also needed to pay for parking I would choose to buy online a lot more, which we as a nation are trying to not do as much and to 'shop local'. Also I feel that if the change was made, there would be a lot more dangerous parking	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening	Ware
307	To a certain extent, I can except the evening periods being extended to catch the night-time economy, but object most strongly to charges being applied to Sundays. This will be an extra burden on families when attending events. For ourselves, we will continue to use Welwyn Garden City for all our shopping requirements as apart from 4 establishments, we spend nothing in Hertford.	Sunday	Hertford
308	The proposal if adopted would destroy the community and render many services and businesses very existence in doubt. In the alternative, and this does not diminish the above objection, should the proposal go ahead a statement as to how the increased revenue will be spent in Sawbridgeworth (not Hertford) should be made.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
309	There are plenty of empty shops in Bishop's Stortford. The proposed abolition of the 30 minute free parking will discourage people from shopping in Bishop's Stortford. They will drive to other towns where there is such free parking or the out of town shopping complexes in Harlow for things which they can collect in half an hour. The car parks are used less in the evenings and on Sundays, so I see no need for hourly rate charges to be introduced. I fear if they were introduced there would be more on street parking by those who go to the restaurants or (on Sundays) church. Having said that a modest fixed charge (£1) would not put people off using the car parks at these times.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
310	I object to further car parking charges given that the changes will impact on low income families in a time of unprecedented cost of living pressures. It looks to me this just another income stream for the council instead, rather than the council working toward the greater good of the local population. The Sunday charge hits a population attending church which has a focus on supporting the community and this hinders their good will.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
311	Many cars already use local roads including Bowling Green instead of the car park to avoid the charges already in place. Removing free periods and extending the charging times and days will just make this problem worse, impacting further local residents, particularly at school pick and drop off times when the coaches already can't get down Bowling Green Road. White Hart Close is already filled with cars who use that as an alternative car park, restricting parking for those who live there and these changes will make this situation worse	Bowling Green Lane	Buntingford
312	Cost of living crisis and the council want to charge people for spending money in town? Mental	Sunday, Evening	Non Specific
313	Please don't make these parking changes, it will kill activity in the town centre. I understand that the new hideous multi storey is not generating enough revenue but why punish the other parking areas, especially on Sunday.	All Elements	Non Specific
314	the free parking encourages people into town to the restaurants, cinema, to shop when it's not so busy, etc. I'm sure you would find if you asked local residents, that most if not all, would object to the proposals. We already have the hideous looking new multi-storey car park, and don't get me started on all the houses that have been/being built that are ruining this town	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
315	I am very concerned about the intended car parking costs that are planned in Bishop's Stortford. I believe this will seriously impact my decision to go into town and I may choose other towns with free parking. As a church attender this is also very significant on a Sunday and I sincerely hope you'll put forward my concern and vote against this.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
316	I object, as I'm sure everyone will, yet I'm sure you'll implement it anyway. I'm curious as to why these charges are even being considered? It will affect the night life of the town and weekend shoppers.	All Elements	Non specific
317	This is a cynical move to place further burden on ordinary people during a cost of living crisis, which will in turn reduce footfall in the town, leading to economic hardship for businesses. This proposal should be overturned, and emphasis placed instead on helping local people to use the town's facilities.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
318	- the businesses on Bell St will suffer as they can go free to Tesco or Budgens. more people will park illegally on Bell St making it dangerous- the revenue collected will be very small anyway.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
319	The scrapping of the free 30 minute parking is wholly unacceptable and could lead to parents being between £100 and £200 out of pocket to drop off and pick up their children from school. Some parents/children do not live within walking distance and yes some parents split the school run, using 2 different cars so would lose the free parking twice in a day equating to over £200 in parking for the school year at a time when there is a cost of living crisis.	30 Mins Free	Ware
320	Most people who park are residents and pay council tax. They should not have to pay at every nook and turn during the day when parking for a few minutes. Many people are already paying the council for the street parking of their cars.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
321	Nearly everywhere in this country, Sundays and Bank Holidays are respected and approved as a small benefit to residents. Even in Central London is applicable! I am totally against this parking change measure. This will only put pressure on the nearby roads, will cause congestion by people trying to find alternatives and will prove little if no consideration for Bishop's Stortford's residents.	Sunday, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford

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322	Extending the hours to 8:00 pm, will affect Hertford Theatre (when it reopens) and other establishments, such as the two main churches, where an evening performance is occurring. Parking fees will add to the cost of an evening out in Hertford. Under the Statement of Reasons, I can find no reasons, just a statement of the effects. If it is for the council to raise more money, why not say so? If it is to stop people coming into the town, why not say so? If it is to reduce the amount of cars in the town, why not say so? As a retired person in my seventies, I rarely use local car parks as I can walk into Hertford town, but not everyone is as mobile as I am nor has the time. I fear people will choose not to come to our town.	All Elements	Hertford
323	The current hours are adequate. If you are short of cash put up the charges again. The proposal will affect shop holders on Sundays and due to poor (or no) bus services on Sundays people attending church have to have a car to get there. Cost of wardens pay on Sunday? Surely they deserve Sunday off to be with their family. Please don't stop people enjoying Sunday/Bank Holiday leisure time in Stortford and turning it into a ghost town	Sunday, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford
324	I object particularly to parking charges on holidays and weekends, including Saturdays and Sundays - on the grounds that living costs are already rising and the local authority should be aiding residents, not adding more charges and making our lives more difficult. This also impacts on local shops and cafes that do open on Saturdays, and their income, if people can no longer park for free	All Elements	Non Specific
325	I assume that the reason for the changes is to increase income for EHDC. While I understand that budgets are of great concern to councillors, I also believe that these changes will be counter productive as, in the long run, it will deter people from coming into the town, from spending money in local shops and businesses. This will impact upon the viability of many commercial premises.	All Elements	Hertford
326	The introduction of parking charges (on Saturday and Sunday) will be detrimental to many town clubs including cricket, tennis, bowls, Guiding and those visiting the doctors and shops. I am certain that the revenue will not be reinvested in Sawbridgeworth.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
327	My family attend church in the town every Sunday (Community Church at the Charis Centre) and whilst we usually cycle, there are many individuals and families for whom this is not an option and who may struggle to pay higher car park charges. I am also concerned for the shops and cafes in the town which are open on Sundays and would no doubt see a reduction in business if people are put off from coming into town by higher car park prices.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
328	This will have a significant adverse effect on places of worship as worshippers will have to pay a minimum of a 2 hour parking charge every week in order to attend services - and this would often require a 3 hour parking fee if these individuals hope to be able to spend social time over tea & coffee at the end of meetings rather than rushing back to their vehicles. Furthermore - free Sunday parking is an encouragement for shoppers to come into the town centre rather than staying at home and shopping on-line. Retail outlets, restaurants, and cafes will all suffer as the overall cost of a trip into town is squeezed higher through parking charges	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
329	With regard to the above proposal please can you advise whether the permit parking in W2 (including Coronation Road) is going to be amended to reflect these changes? The proposed new public car parking changes in Baldock Street car park are to include charging on Sundays and increasing the hours from 7.30am-6.30pm to 7.30am-8pm. Our permit parking charge has doubled for this year so I would like to think that the permit restrictions would therefore change accordingly from the current Monday-Saturday 8am-6.30pm to reflect the changes in the public car parks?	Sunday, Evening Charge	Ware
330	As you will be aware we have resident parking bays along Windhill as many of the homes do not have off street parking. These bays are resident bays 8-6 Monday to Saturday. On a Sunday and after 6pm on the other days it is open to all. Almost every single Sunday there will be no car parking spaces for residents. This will just get worse in the event the Basbow Lane car park starts to charge on a Sunday.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
331	Introducing Sunday charges will no doubt reduce the amount of people that come into town and will have an adverse effect on businesses, and the last thing people need at this time is extra expenditure when the cost of living is so high. I do hope you will reconsider these plans and help the residents and community of Bishop's Stortford	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
332	If Sunday and evening charges are introduced (and I am not against these charges themselves) the residents parking schemes should be extended to run 24 hours, 7 days a week so that those wishing to use the town in the evening or on a Sunday do not simply park in residents spaces preventing residents parking close to their property. The whole point of a residents scheme is to ensure residents have spaces available so town parking and residents schemes should work in tandem.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
333	The removal of the 30 minute free parking makes it much less likely people will pop into the town centre to make a purchase and instead go on-line or to an out of town retail park. The extension of parking fees on Sunday and in the evenings and Bank Holidays will have a negative impact on both the retail and hospitality businesses in the town centre and encourage people to travel elsewhere. The extension of parking charges at Grange Paddocks goes counter to the aim of a significant and ongoing investment in the leisure facilities of the park at Grange Paddocks/Sworders Fields.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
334	Yes, the Council has to get money from somewhere but your suggested plans are going to make it hard for shops and supermarkets, church-goers, visitors to the town, etc. and especially those who are having to save hard to feed themselves in the mad rise of the cost of living.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
335	Can the council please explain why they are thinking about introducing these charges? What is the thinking behind it other than generating more money for the council? It is hard to object or support anything without knowing reasons behind the planned proposal. Can somebody please provide me with some more information as to why the council think this is a sensible decision?	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
336	I am formally lodging my objection to the absurd idea of raising parking charges and charging at all on Sundays. People are barely able to afford food at the moment, this is absolute insanity and I can only assume a money grabbing exercise from the council.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
337	I fail to see the benefits to the local community of these measures. I've read the documentation and I cannot find a single benefit stated outside of gouging the community for more money during a trying time for general public when it comes to finances, it feels exploitative and tone deaf. Could the direct benefits of these measures be outlined in a clear and concise manner please?	All Elements	Ware
338	Doing so will negatively impact the local economy, including the South Maltings, as people will choose to visit less and stay for a shorter period of time. Perhaps you agree and that is why it is called a "Darft proposal" on your website! Has any surveys been done to understand how many people park in the Kibes Lane car park in order to use the station. If not, specifically relevant to my last point, I would ask that that is done. Can you also let me know how we would go about proposing a parking permit scheme.	All Elements	Ware
339	If you want to destroy a struggling community- go ahead. If you want to quash any charitable Sunday events- go ahead. If you want to charge elderly or infirm people popping in to collect medication for the pharmacy- go ahead. If you want to support a struggling high street and a growing community- STOP and THINK AGAIN.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
340	The high street is suffering greatly at the moment and these changes will certainly make me use the high street less, they're too far for a senior citizen like myself to walk to so I will go less and use Amazon more. So for marginal additional car parking revenue you will contribute to the death of the high street and therefore reduction in rates that you collect.	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
341	I am at a loss as to why, at a time when our town High Streets are suffering a general downturn in footfall as a result of financial hardship and the rise of internet shopping practices, EHDC would contemplate knocking a further nail in local businesses' coffins, by increasing the carpark charging periods and eliminating the free 30 minute period??? Do they want to ruin the High Street altogether? I think this is a miserable proposal at a time when a lot of people are miserable as it is, and it is greedy, unnecessary and detrimental to our towns and their businesses. Please reconsider it, and reverse it!	All Elements	Non Specific
342	I would encourage to rethink the changes to the car park charges that are planned to be introduced. I regularly use my free 30 mins to "pop" into town to buy a delicious loaf of bread from our artisan local bakery, go to the last remaining building society, buy a coffee from our wonderful independent coffee brewer or nip into the refill shop. It allows me to support LOCAL in a quick easy and effortless manner. Charging us for this would discourage local residents from supporting our wonderful High Street.	30 Mins Free	Ware
343	The Council will rake in a bit more money initially but it will be to the detriment of small businesses, the hospitality industry and the High Street generally. Businesses are already working on very tight margins in this present time of high inflation and uncertainty and this could be the "last straw" for some of them.	All Elements	Ware
344	It is fairly obvious that if you remove the 30 minutes free parking in Ware car parks, you will end up causing a great deal of harm to all of the retail shops in the High Street. I strongly suggest that you think again about this action.	30 Mins Free	Ware
345	This is pure greed on the councils behalf, and does not help the local community whatsoever. I don't normally write my opinions, but at least wanted to make a small effort, having spoken to a shop owner recently, I fear for those local businesses. The 'statement of reasons' for Ware, does not have any "reasons". It does not provide transparency nor allow those affected to understand the factors taken into account by the decision makers.	All Elements	Ware

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346	I'm deeply concerned and object to the plans for charging people who are resident or the general public who come to visit Sawbridgeworth for whatever reason. Many people are feeling the pinch at the moment with the standard of living costs and for East Herts council to decide on increasing revenues on parking isn't the solution at this moment in time and I sincerely hope it's not reintroduce for the foreseeable future.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
347	Though the Sunday parking charge is small it is still a tax on those attending one of the many churches in the town centre. I therefore kindly request EHDC to implement a scheme that will allow worshippers to continue parking free of charge.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
348	So now we are all expected to pay more for the privilege of parking in unsuitable, badly designed car parks. Are you really trying to kill the town? It's actually now easier to park and shop in Harlow. These extra charges will do nothing for businesses in the town at a time when many of them are already struggling. A very angry Stortford resident,	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
349	Firstly – Sunday charges – the introduction of charges on Sunday will effectively be charging people to worship at their churches on Sunday. There is insufficient on street parking in Ware, especially around Leaside, Springs and Christchurch, and car parking at Kibes lane has been used by worshippers at these churches for generations. Secondly, the removal of the 30 minutes free drop off for parents dropping children at Christchurch school will increase those parking dangerously / illegally on the streets outside school to avoid paying a charge simply to drop off / pick up a child from school. In addition the extension of charging period to 8 p.m. will have a significant negative impact on the hospitality industry in town at a time when the industry is coming under increasing pressure from increased costs and pressure on discretionary spending and the local council should be supporting local businesses and high streets, not looking to drive customers away from the high street.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Ware
350	1. Many customers of the high street shops make use of the free half hour parking to shop locally. This is incredibly important for the ware high street, the local economy and no doubt generate revenue for the council. 2. People may decide to shop somewhere else where FREE parking is available killing the Ware high street. 3. Those who work in the shops already pay a high fee to park in Ware to run their business, which generates revenue for the council. If they have to pay more to be able to run their business and see less customers as free parking is removed, this will lead to shops closing. 4. The same applies to extending charging hours, many people drive to Ware to visit local restaurants. It will be just as easy to drive to a pub out of town with FREE parking. 5. With the increased cost of living and people having less disposable income we want to encourage people to visit and shop in Ware, not discourage amend make them choose to visit another town.	All Elements	Ware
351	Absolutely totally against this short sighted decision to introduce these charges	All Elements	Non Specific
352	Surely a 30 min parking charge will deter people from dropping into any town centre for a quick shop and will force the car driver to out of town superstores with large free car parks. Also like in Ware Library car park there are a stream of parents will be affected by this when they pick their children up from Sacred Heart School. It is rather peculiar that the Wallfields car park is exempt from these Orders. Why is that?	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
353	Have the knock-on effects of adding evening and bank-holiday parking charges been considered or tested? Have other places done this, what effect have they seen? Free bank-holiday and Sunday parking might help influence people to visit Hertford – the charges could have an opposite effect. Is there any type of parking permit or local rates you can provide people who live in the centre of town? I'm not sure if any existing parking permit exists? Perhaps people who live in the town centre could have a permit for evening parking.	All Elements	Hertford
354	This proposal is terrible and will be the last straw for many shops. I am a pensioner and my husband and I have 3 or 4 trips every month to get our regular medication. We go after 18:30 to save money by there being no parking charge. By all means make a slight increase in the over 30 mins stays but please don't charge. I will never vote for anyone who thinks this proposal is a good idea	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
355	Relates to church attendance and Basbow Lane CP as it is the closest car park to two churches and there is very limited on-street car parking.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
356	The ability to park for 30 minutes free during the week allows individuals to use a shop or two and therefore benefits traders within Ware and Hertford. The removal of this will impact the traders. Parking charges being made on a Sunday will impact attendees to the Health Walks. In addition the charges are proposed to be the same on Sunday and if charges have to be made they should be a lower rate on a Sunday - take for example Welwyn Garden City where all the car parks charge £1 for the whole day on a Sunday.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Hertford, Ware
357	I object to these charges as it will deter people from using and socialising in the high st, along with penalising families who have to drive for disability issues to school and appointments. I urge the council to reconsider these charges on compassionate grounds.	All Elements	Ware
358	The businesses in Ware High Street are already struggling to survive, due to the move towards online shopping plus high business rates and rents. The abolition of free parking for 30 minutes and on Sundays and Bank Holidays will further contribute to this as it will further discourage people from visiting the town. It will also impact people's access to public services, particularly the Bowling Road clinic and Christchurch school. The roads around Kibes Lane are not big enough and far too congested already for people to park on them in order to do school drop offs and have blood tests etc.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, BHL Removal	Ware
359	This change will place a financial burden on people going to Church on Sunday, which seems fundamentally wrong. With the cost of living going up exponentially, asking parishioners of the many town centre churches to now pay to attend Church is immoral. Furthermore, there are many community groups who hire out these spaces along with town centre schools (such as St Michael's Primary School) who rely on the free parking after 6.30pm in Apton Road and Basbow Lane especially.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
360	I attend St Andrews Church every Sunday and obviously I have been parking in the above car park but when these charges come into operation I will no longer be able to afford to go to Church every Sunday. The service normally runs for one to one and a half hours and after the service most people stay for a coffee and chat. This means that by the time we have parked the car and walked to Church and after the service etc walked back to collect the car the cost of parking will be too expensive for most people. This is one of the highlights of my week to meet up with my friends in the Church and I do think that once again you are penalising the pensioners.	Sunday	Hertford
361	I am against the new parking fees that are proposed for evenings and weekends because it will discourage people from using the car parks and they will park on the streets which will clog up the already very busy streets which have bottlenecks due to cars parked. This often brings the town to a standstill which is very frustrating. These towns are also having lots of new builds which is increasing the traffic further which adds to the problems.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Non Specific
362	Regarding the proposed parking increases in Stortford, the town is already struggling and to implicate these charges is criminal. In this economic climate nobody's will be able to keep paying parking in Stortford and you will kill the town as people will go to other places where there are better and more shops and pay parking there.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
363	I would like you to note my objections to removing the free 30 minute parking and extending the paying period from 6.30. Surely the High Street shops are struggling enough to maintain their businesses. This will just harm the footfall to the High Street at a time when you should be encouraging visitors, not driving them away to out of town, retail sites.	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Non Specific
364	I am writing to object to the removal of the free parking period for ware car parks on the grounds of it having negative impact on local businesses. I object to the fees for Sundays - the car park is used as an overflow for people attending church services (eg at Christ church ware) which is a community event. Sunday fees weren't charged due to religious foundations of this being a day of rest & worship. Introducing the charges goes against both those principles. I believe parking fees should be for the purpose of maintaining the upkeep of car parks for residents and high street users, not as an additional taxation/penalty for those who want to shop local and keep the high street thriving. Long term values should be considered (high street sustainability) against short term gains	All Elements	Ware
365	These charges will have a serious impact on all the town centre churches but will also have an adverse effect on restaurants, coffee shops and all our other traders, who are already struggling. Whilst it was difficult to swallow the £1 parking charge on a Sunday for the new car park we have done so; but news of these further proposals is extremely disappointing. I implore you and East Herts council to please reconsider.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
366	To add an extra cost to residents when so many other costs are rising at an unprecedented time is insensitive and crass. It disproportionately affects poorer people. It disproportionately affects people of faith. The town centre should become more and more a place for community and social interaction and charging will discourage this. The removal of the 30-minute free parking will contribute to the town becoming more crowded as having paid a fee, the quick 'in & out' shopper will feel they have to stay longer.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Bishops Stortford
367	Being one of the trustees of southern Maltings in Kibes lane, these changes will cause a massive issue to our charity. Currently, with charges being stopped at 6:30, we can schedule events knowing people can park for free outside. People drive to our events and this will directly impact our business as they will choose not to come out. On Sundays we run markets to support our charity, our stall holders already find it tight to balance the market fees against sales. If they have to pay 5 hours charges it will affect their decision to support us. Also, school parents from Christchurch school in bowling road currently use the free 30 minutes to drop off and collect their children. The removal of this will move traffic into side streets where there are no restrictions, causing potential issues of road safety in the surrounding areas as they park and block already congested roads.	All Elements	Ware



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368	I am yet again completely dismayed by the proposal to charge for parking in Bishop's Stortford on Sundays. The last time this was proposed we had much fewer spaces available than we do now, in fact it now seems we have more parking lets than shops. Yet here we are again, at a time when the council should be sympathetic to people's personal disposable income dropping to intolerable levels, instead they are proposing to add more burden to them. As you should be aware 6 of the major churches in Bishop's Stortford fall within the shopping district, all have little to no parking of their own due to historical boundaries of the property and all rely on council run parking spaces. This means that by charging for Sunday parking you are effectively taxing people to go to church, how can this be right or responsible?	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
369	I believe that if the new parking charges are implemented they will have a detrimental effect on the local economy as people will stop going into the town centre. They will stop shopping in the area and stop going to restaurants in the evening. The benefits of free parking cannot be overlooked to keeping communities alive and thriving	All Elements	Non Specific
370	I believe that this would have a detrimental affect on the number of visitors that come to the town, and it may be that whilst there would be an increase in parking revenue, it is likely that there would be a significant decrease in revenue taken by local businesses, which would be detrimental to the town and ultimately to the council. There are a number of events organised by Hertford Town Council on a Sunday and these have been well attended. It is likely that the attendance figures would be reduced if people have to pay for parking.	All Elements	Hertford
371	I am writing in order to object to the proposed changes in the parking tariffs in Ware, in particular the removal of the current 30 minute free period. I regularly make use of this in order to collect my child from school and am often only parked for 10-15 minutes. I object to having to pay 70p for such a short time. In addition, the free 30 minute parking is invaluable for the quick visits to the high street shops for particular essential items	30 Mins Free	Ware
372	People are already struggling to make ends meet and this will just makes things even more difficult. Furthermore it will be disadvantageous to businesses as people who have a choice will take their custom at these times to places where free parking is available. It will also mean increased use of Tesco car parks which will become clogged up as people will use those as an alternative.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL	Hertford, Ware
373	Your intended removal of free periods, and extension of tariffs to Sundays and evenings is tailor made to dissuade visits to town damaging businesses through reduced trade. The town of Ware is struggling as it is, there are many vacant shop premises and charity shops occupy many of those	All Elements	Ware
374	I am very upset by the introduction of pricing for very short parking times. I frequently use the library car park to return a book which rarely takes more than 5 minutes. I also use this car park to pick up my husbands prescriptions next to the surgery, again this takes less than 5 minutes. This is the main car park for the doctors surgery, many of the visitors are elderly with mobility issues, but do not necessarily qualify for blue badges. If this car park is full it is quite a distance to another car park, causing further anxiety to people visiting the surgery	30 Mins Free	Ware
375	Keeping the town centre alive: I consider that it is important to encourage people to visit Bishop's Stortford town centre in order to keep the town alive. People will shop, dine, socialize and spend money and are far more likely to do that if they know they will get free parking.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
376	People like me will not use these areas to shop or use service from the businesses in these areas, as the charges would be prohibitive. At a time when our high streets are finding it more and more difficult to compete with online retail, you are going to make it harder for them to survive. I find the fact that the council are looking to make money out of parking at a time when the costs of everything else is increasing so dramatically absolutely despicable.	All Elements	Non Specific
377	Even without rising costs in almost all aspects of life at the moment and a literal cost of living crisis happening as we speak, these charges would still be reprehensible. It is a clear money grabbing scheme by the council that will only push people further into poverty. The new chargeable hours are well outside reasonable charging times and will have no effect on congestion or limiting use as with day time charges. This is an absolutely shameful decision and the council should reconsider their thinking on these draconian charges, that only achieve to harm people and businesses.	All Elements	Non Specific
378	This is a ludicrous decision that will hurt local business and trades people. It will see a reduced footfall in the shops and restaurants when already they are struggling with higher rents, rates and services. If the free half hour slot is removed I will certainly use Hertford shops as the choice is greater - this will then add more car movement around the area. You need to keep the free parking and should not be charging after 6.30pm. The parking charge for Sunday I feel would be less harmful.	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Ware
379	I would like to express my concern at the proposal to charge full parking rates for all car parks in Bishop's Stortford every day, including Sunday. The impact of this on, not only businesses, but also churches, as Sunday is to be included, will be considerable. For those who are regular churchgoers, of which there are many in this town, this will add to their cost of living at a time when there is maximum strain on people. If it leads to them going elsewhere this will result in further loss to the town's businesses at a time when recovery is most urgent.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
380	I would like to record my dissent regarding these proposed changes to parking charges. you will ruin any businesses in the high streets who are having a tough enough time already and just make life more difficult for everyone else - just when everyone is suffering from the fuel crisis and high inflation. What on earth are you thinking ? !!	All Elements	Non Specific
381	I am writing to express my objection to introducing Sunday parking charges in Stortford. How about reviewing senior staff pay and selling off hardly used council buildings instead if the council needs to save money / raise revenue?	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
382	How dare the EHC wait until many are on holiday to put out notice of increased parking charges with very little time until August 5th to reply. Payment was doubled to park outside your own home this spring and now town parking charges are to be drastically increased. Are the parking charges in Hertford to be increased? I have limited mobility and the new multi-storey park means I have to walk further to shop now. Sunday, being free, brings much needed shoppers and church members into the town and gives life to the center and shops. Please keep Sundays free and the half hour free to encourage shoppers into our town.	All Elements	Non Specific
383	This will have a severe negative impact on all businesses within the town as well as on the various church communities and other associations. All these entities are already struggling to generate sufficient support to survive and now the council is threatening to make life that much more difficult for all of them. On top of that everyone is facing significant increases in their day to day outgoings and this will add to those difficulties. This unwelcome and ill conceived proposal should be immediately withdrawn and such a decision should be communicated to local people as soon as possible.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
384	We drive into Bishop Stortford every Sunday to come to the Community Church Water Lane. Since the recent carpark closures/opening we now pay £1 for parking when we go to church each week. We object to the proposals to increase this payment and ask that the council reconsiders.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
385	If these proposals are approved and the Residents Permit Holders are not protected they may be obliged to pay for out of hours parking whilst NON PERMIT HOLDERS are parking for free in RPZ areas which will include Windhill Zone B3. As an 80 year old living in the centre of town my parking space on Windhill is essential. The current annual Residents Permit charge of £72 is not excessive but I object to having to pay again for parking out of hours, which will include Sundays, when the Windhill Residents Parking Zone is taken up with NON PERMIT HOLDERS parking for free.	Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
386	I am unhappy with that new proposed car parking scheme in bishops stortford and STRONGLY object to you removing the 30 minute free parking window across our car parks. This would be disastrous and will stop local shoppers from being able to nip into town. Furthermore, it's catastrophic for disabled and less mobile shoppers who rely on their cars and who do not all have access to a disabled badge such as my mother in law aged 80. Many elderly people do not want the stigma of a disabled badge despite being eligible. So this will keep them in their homes and be further isolating for them. Please DO NOT alter grange paddocks parking. This will kill the leisure centre.	30 Mins Free	Bishops Stortford
387	I strongly object to the proposed change of charging for parking in Bishops Stortford on Sundays.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
388	With the cost of living crisis, we are seeing a decrease in disposable income that will undoubtedly hit the shops in our town. Therefore, the council should look at ways to make the town centre more appealing to visitors and shoppers, to boost our economy.	All Elements	Non Specific
389	I strongly object to the proposal for new parking charges on Sundays in Bishop's Stortford.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
390	The proposed parking tariff, particularly the charge for Sunday parking, comes as a further blow to Bishop's Stortford. Not only will this deter people from coming to the town centre and thus impact adversely on businesses in the retail and hospitality sectors which need support not deterrence, but will make things difficult mainly for older members of Church congregations.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
391	I object to the Sunday fee as this prevents those who are unable to afford to shop for essential items access to shopping at any time within the towns in East Hertfordshire. For those people in a situation of hardship within the wider communities that need to travel for essential items you are effectively taxing them additionally. We can only afford to park on a Sunday in town at present and or outside of parking hours as we are not able to afford parking charges already.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford

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392	I am writing to ask why these proposals are being put forward and to register my distain for such a proposal. I have run my business in Ware since 2001 and have seen many changes; but the suggested changes to stop free 30 mins parking is lunacy, unless of course you want to kill all trade in Ware. My shop is positioned right opposite Kibes Lane car park and over the past few years I know that the free car parking for 30 mins is the ONLY REASON why a huge proportion of my customers still come into my shop.. To lose the free car parking is basically putting the nail in my coffin.	30 Mins Free	Ware
393	I would like to register our objection to car park charges especially on a Sunday. This will greatly impact trying to attend church, many of whom at elderly and have to use a car the get there.	Sunday	Non Specific
394	As a resident of Sawbridgeworth and a member of the Sports association and past Club captain of the Bowls club, I object most strongly to the proposed extension to the current charges. You proposal would cause considerable disruption to club competitions and impact adversely on their income and reduce potential growth. The Health center together with the Day center for the elderly would also become disadvantaged add to this the already beleaguered shops I see no benefit to Sawbridgeworth or its residents and recommend your proposal is firmly rejected.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
395	I strongly object to the proposed changes. Nothing to do with traffic regulation – pure financial greed.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
396	This proposal would have a negative impact on traders, in addition to local churches. It seems to us that so many decisions made in recent years by EHDC have just been made to increase income!! Little consideration seems to given to the negative effects on business and the local population.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
397	I object very strongly to the proposed full car parking charges on a Sunday and the extended hours that fees will apply. Sunday and BankHolidays, at the moment, still feel different from weekdays in that there is a more relaxed feel to the town and I feel this will be eroded by making the days just like any other.	Sunday, BHL Removal	Non Specific
398	the proposal to charge for car parking on Sundays and up till 8-00pm on every day is unjustifiable in my opinion as it is purely a money grab from people who already pay high council tax charges. It would be disastrous for local businesses and churches as they rely on their users being able to Park their cars when they attend services. I hope you will reconsider your proposal.	Sunday	Non Specific
399	Removing all the free half hour slots in Ware's Off-Street Parking will result in an increase in parking in surrounding residential roads and creation of even more hold ups because of drivers zigzagging between parked cars. It will also adversely affect small businesses. Is there a way of allowing certain groups of people to park free or for certain organisations to show a pass (eg church on Sunday mornings)?	All Elements	Ware
400	I am writing in response to the consultation for the car park fees at Kibes Lane in Ware. There should be no removal of the free 30 minutes parking as this will have a negative impact on residents accessing Dolphin House surgery and the pharmacy. There are already fees over half hour which would no doubt apply more to residents shopping in the town or eating out; the free 30 minutes apply more to those accessing the GP, pharmacy or local library. This may also adversely impact on the older population.	30 Mins Free	Ware
401	We feel that such charges will have a detrimental effect upon the traders and restaurants in the town at a time when they are struggling to recover from the pandemic and the current economic situation. From a personal point of view, as regular churchgoers and pensioners, we will also be financially impacted.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
402	Not only is this likely to have a detrimental effect on residents visiting the town for shopping, it could have a serious impact on churches In the town centre compared with those outside the parking area.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
403	We object to everything proposed on parking charges, particularly the cancelling of the 30 minutes free parking which meant people could stop to pick up items such as a loaf, a bottle of milk etc from hard pressed local businesses who, let's face it, have a hard enough time surviving. This will also hit struggling families who have to park up several times a day with children attending nursery and schools locally. We find this unfair especially in these challenging times when many households are relying on food banks as it is.	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
404	I am writing to protest against the proposal of introducing Sunday parking charges and extending parking charges. This will significantly affect the already struggling businesses in Bishop's Stortford and Church attendants. The cost of living has nearly doubled in the past couple years and to propose full parking rates is adding insult to injury.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
405	Recommendations are not charging after 1830 as at present Monday to Saturday On Sunday's give 2 hours free then charge a £1.00 fee	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
406	I would like to object to the amendments to car park charges in Ware, Hertford and Bishops Stortford as I believe these changes are not necessary and will affect trade in these towns to local and small businesses. I regularly use the 30 minute free parking in Ware to enable me to quickly visit the bakers, post office or other businesses. If I have to pay every time then this is not only an extra cost to what it already rising living costs but will reduce the number of times I visit the town or spend money in local businesses. I have also found that many of the machines do not often work well particularly the "green" confirmation buttons in Bishops Stortford car parks and the St Andrews street car park in Hertford. The machines are not maintained properly as it is so do not see why we should pay even more to use them.	All Elements	Non Specific
407	The proposed charges are at the evening and on a Sunday which are times when people use the town for recreation and to shop on a Sunday. This will have a serious impact on the business within the town. It will deter people from using the town at a time when the cost of living is going up will also have an adverse effect on the their business.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
408	Objection on the grounds that hertford shops need help, not more reasons to shop elsewhere. What strategy is driving the proposed changes? There needs to be a joined up plan to revitalise towns. This doesn't appear to be anything other than short term money grabbing	All Elements	Hertford
409	For most we accept charges during normal business hours during the working week, however for other hours including Sundays which have equal meaning to public holidays and bank holidays we object most strongly. This affects church goers, volunteers and local business. It also has an impact on parking enforcement.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL	non specific
410	This will heavily affect the struggling businesses and church attendances. For you to believe this is acceptable in any way shape or form is immoral and a selfish act. The cost of living has already increased in the past couple years not only as a result of the pandemic but because of inflation we already see in our day to day lives	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
411	This is disgusting and I'm happy you're going to gain money at the expense of other people's livelihoods.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
412	Not only will this preposterous measure affect all local businesses still grappling with the crippling economic damage of the pandemic, it shall also gravely affect the general public who are in dire need of this resource in order to help sustain economic activity within these businesses alongside using other essential services such as Churches,	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
413	If you hadn't wasted all of our money on the new Northgate End car park and concentrated on what we already have you would not be in this parlous state. I would not wish to use the Northgate End Car Park as it is far too far from the town for somebody of my age to walk. We prefer to use Basbow Lane, which is handy for St Michael's on a Sunday and the shops at other times. Sunday used to be a day for worship, and now you are just confirming its new designation as a day for Mammon. We do not see why we should be penalised for wishing to visit our church on a Sunday.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
414	In particular the free 30 min period is very valuable for popping to doctors, library, picking up prescription etc. and will cause a great deal of inconvenience and stop footfall to the High Street to the detriment of struggling little shops. Also moving the free period from 6 pm to 8 pm will affect local restaurants, takeaways etc. which are important to keep our town vibrant. Free parking on Sundays is also important in encouraging people to attend events in the town which are very popular	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
415	think this is a bad idea to do this as the high street needs as many people coming to the town as possible with the incentive to have 30 mins free parking as possible. It would put people off from having a little incentive for coming. The town would lose that revenue when it needs it most.	30 Mins Free	Bishops Stortford
416	Please register this email as a protest/objection against the change in parking charges proposed for Ware and surrounding towns.	All Elements	Ware
417	I wish to register my objection to the proposed evening and Sunday parking charges. This will discourage people coming into the town and supporting local shops, and restaurants at a time when businesses are already struggling.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Non specific

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418	I am specifically opposed to the proposal to charge for parking on Sundays and evenings in Bishop's Stortford. The proposed charges will have a significant negative impact on the shops, cafes and restaurants in Bishop's Stortford town centre. People do have a choice and they will choose to go elsewhere if these ridiculous Sunday and evening parking charges are imposed.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
419	the council has made no attempt to explain or justify the increase in parking charges. To introduce parking charges adds a further burden to the residents of the town and will discourage people using the town in the evening for club and society meetings, plus it will discourage people from visiting the many local restaurants in the town at a time when the hospitality industry is really struggling after the pandemic.	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Ware
420	I write today as a resident of 6 years, of this town, in an independent living complex; chosen with great care to be close to all local amenities. As a senior citizen with chronic health issues, our own residential car park has limited space; any visitors aim to come sometimes a distance, especially aiming for Sundays, when not @work, because there is free parking available, nearby. Often these people are of working age. Whilst here, they may well also like to explore our historic town & its SHOPS, & my attached place of worship, situated on Windhill. The Apton Rd car park has served this well, especially for those who worship there, in particular for those of us who have walking challenges. Since Covid struck us & our local businesses & shops, there are now chunks of it which have yet to recover its emptiness--a national problem. And although there are suitable bus services for some to come into town, I believe less run on Sundays, meaning less opportunity/choice.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
421	By scrapping the free 1.5hrs how many people who only wish to "pop" to the High St for 15-20mins would either be deterred from coming to Buntingford High Street altogether which would detrimentally affect all shops and businesses on the High St. Or they would instead take the risk to park illegally on the High Street, causing issues for pedestrians and other drivers.	Bowling Green Lane	Buntingford
422	One of the key objectives of the council should be to attract people to the centres of our towns. These proposed charges will do the opposite, penalising those who work in the hospitality industry and those who attend or volunteer in the theatre, local clubs and societies etc. Introducing these charges will just heighten the disparity between the free car parking provided by the big supermarkets and the increasingly expensive council run car parks. Employees and volunteers for other small businesses and organisations will bear the brunt of these charges, and people will seek ways to avoid them by parking in the back streets. How does this help our town centres to thrive?	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford, Hertford, Ware
423	People going to churches on Sundays in the town have to use the public car parks as some church car parking has either been sold or reduced by the council or road restrictions mean car users can no longer park on the roads to attend services. This will put a lot of people off booking restaurants in the Town Centre and given that Covid has already affected their businesses this will also impact badly on them when they are hoping for a recovery. Charges have only recently gone up and extra costs will mean that household budgets will be under further pressure. East Herts wasted taxpayers money when they repurchased the Old River Lane/Causeway site in 2015 for £19.55m making a loss of £13.49m (originally sold to Henderson's for £2.55m in 2009) - are we having to foot the bill for this?	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
424	As a weekly or fortnightly user of Buntingford car park I feel that the £1.10 for up to 3 hours proposed to replace the free band will deter me and other car users from visiting Buntingford before 1500 hours. Admittedly, I can go by bus but the service for me at Braughing is two-hourly and returns straight away, so is there sufficient to keep me there for 2 hours until the next bus comes along? No, I only need to visit the library and one or two shops	30 Mins Free	Buntingford
425	By having free parking Saturday and Sunday this enable the shops to encourage shoppers to use their businesses , if you impose parking charges this will result in yet more people using online shopping facilities and as a council you should be trying to maintain our local shops not putting yet another nail in their coffins.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening	Sawbridgeworth
426	However, adding Sunday to the charging periods would surely be a step too far. Is it not possible that this might cause unnecessary problem parking elsewhere? Would it not also be detrimental to the Sunday traders which the Council are happy to see open for business.	All Elements	Non Specific
427	. Having the 30 minutes free allows a quick pop in to get something, having free parking in the evenings, Sundays and Bank Holidays means you encourage the use of shops, restaurants and bars. It also encourages the use of social clubs and events held in the town which helps many with their WELL-BEING and skills. Increasing the chargeable hours is such a short sighted view and based purely on money and not for the good of our town! I think parking should be free after 6pm and on Sundays and Bank Holidays in all car parks, including the new Northgate End.	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
428	These charges are likely to have a serious impact on all the town centre churches but will also have an adverse effect on restaurants, coffee shops and other traders, who are already struggling. Furthermore on churches it would seem this a stealth tax on religion whose attendees are some of the main users of car parking on Sunday morning, many of whom stay in town to shop, eat and enjoy the town park afterward.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
429	Charging people to park their cars while they go to Church each Sunday is unacceptable and unjustifiable	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
430	patients making prescription requests, dropping off samples, general enquires. The old, disabled and vulnerable will have to pay 30p to drop off prescription requests and 30p to go to the chemist to collect medication. Post Office: collecting pension/benefits. Topping up gas/electric keys. These keys, which are used by the poorest in our community, and, from my own witnessing in the post office, are topped up by £10 (presumably this is for 1/2 weeks). A 30p surcharge will affect these people who are making decisions between keeping warm and eating.The Hailey Centre: The hub of our elderly community. Hugely popular, it serves our community well. It is used as a quick drop in, a 30p tariff will again affect our most vulnerable.	30 Mins Free	Bishops Stortford
431	You will be aware that most of the churches/chapels here are based in and around the town centre where there is no room for them to have their own car parks. There are at least eight of these and all well-attended on Sunday mornings. A number of those who form the congregations come in to the town from villages; quite a few are elderly, and many are families with young children	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
432	I believe this will have a serious impact both on town centre churches and businesses such as restaurants, coffee shops and other traders who are already struggling. Therefore, I wish to raise my strong objection to this proposal and all of its related changes.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
433	Sunday is not just any day in the week. There are very many successful and well attended churches in Bishop's Stortford. Those members might be happy to pay a £1 charge for Sundays but it would be excessive to charge more than this. In the wake of Covid, many shops and restaurants are struggling to get back on their feet and the extra charge would be unhelpful in this regard, especially since some other areas like Harlow Queensgate and Braintree Freeport offer extensive shopping and free parking. We need to encourage more people into the town, not drive them away.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
434	As a resident of Ware I regularly use the car parks there and in Hertford when I want to shop at local retailers. The removal of the free parking period will have a major impact on the small independent retailers in the town. Local residents who live too far to walk will either use out of town facilities or the free parking at the Tesco stores – which will cause additional issues. Introducing charges in the evening will again have a major impact on restaurants and bars in the area.	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Ware
435	I would like to strongly object to the up and coming new car park charges, surely you want to encourage people to come into town on an evening to use the restaurant's and to shop in town and eat on a Sunday but all this will do is keep people out of town or they will end up using the Waitrose car park( which is free for customers )in stead which is meant to be for customers only and if the car park is full the Waitrose customers will have to go to the pay car parks which is not right.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
436	With the current cost of living situation people are already struggling to pay bills, and this is another step too far.It will also impact adversely on local shops and markets with even more people turning to online shopping.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
437	I think it would be outrageous to implement further charges. As someone that lives in Thorley, I enjoy going into town, especially on a Sunday when it's not as busy. If the charges came into force this would stop me coming into town as much, likely the same for others. Especially in light of the cost of living going up.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
438	With the cost of living increasing, it is ludicrous that the local authority is looking to remove any free parking and add additional costs, particularly when it's in reference to bank holidays and Sundays. How are businesses going to survive with increased and additional costs? This will deter people from visiting the town, particularly when there's already limited parking as it is.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL	Bishops Stortford
439	I belong to the elderly populations living in Bishops Stortford, and please do not take away the little freedom we have on visiting our places of worship on Sundays. It is also the only day available to us without having the anxiety of paying parking charges and attend to our work without the stress.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford

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440	The proposed evening and Sunday charges will affect Ware's economy and may cause some small business to cease trading. Just as one example there are a number of very small fitness and well-being business in Ware which operate in the middle part of the evening. Extending chargeable hours will increase the costs of people attending these businesses and probably cause some to cease attendance. If numbers fall too low these business cannot continue.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Ware
441	Personally I attend quite a few meetings for various committees in the evening and it already costs me as much as I can afford which I gladly pay, but any extension into the evening will be punishing. By all means increase the tariff but leave the half hour free parking and evening cut off time alone. Otherwise we will have a ghost town .	Evening Charge	Ware
442	I object to the proposed alterations to the current parking charges in Ware. This will kill trade in our town and encourage people to go to large out of town shopping areas where there is free parking. It will also affect the hospitality industry ie people coming into Ware to socialize in pubs and restaurants.	All Elements	Ware
443	During this period where cost of living is escalating greatly and wages are not, this is a further example of unnecessary increases in charges to residents of Bishop's Stortford and the surrounding areas.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
444	I understand the council propose to scrap free parking in ware, as everyone is struggling with there budgets at present I think it is an unwise move. The town will lose customers, and the town will become a ghost town. Please, please, try and prevent these changes.	30 Mins Free	Ware
445	I do not believe you should get rid of the half an hour parking as that is so handy for people for a quick shop. And to charge in the evening and Sunday will stop people coming to the town as everyone is feeling the pinch and then that will effect the businesses.	30 Mins Free	Ware
446	Personally, this would have an effect on me, as I take my family to church every Sunday at 9am and use the carpark, currently park free, near to my church. As a family currently struggling with the increase in household costs, this would just add additional burden every week	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
447	We are a very small town with only a few shops left and we need an incentive to to encourage shoppers to come here. Our Doctor's surgery is located in the Bell Street carpark so many people appreciate the free parking period to allow them to call in there, along with being able to pop in and pick up a newspaper from the local shops. It is something that helps this community. On Sundays one of the local businesses, who is desperately trying to think of ways to attract people to this town, arranges a local car show with all the vehicles parking in Bell Street and the car park. (The local police are happy to help with traffic movement for these events) This attracts a lot of local people with their children to look at the cars and spend money in the cafes.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
448	The free thirty minute option suited someone like me who doesn't want to spend any more time in BS than I have to.	30 Mins Free	Bishops Stortford
449	I object most strongly to losing the 30 minutes free parking plus the increase on all the charges in Kibes Lane car park. If your aim is to close down the High Street you're going the right way about it. I am 77 and live over a mile from the town. If I fancy a OAP portion of fish and chips which costs £5.20 it will now cost me an extra 70p to park on top. Just picking up a prescription will take more money from my meagre pension.	30 Mins Free	Ware
450	Since joining the Bishop's Stortford Meet Up Cinema Group five years ago, I have thoroughly enjoyed not only the movies but the opportunity to meet up with a friendly group of people of all ages and backgrounds every week. I know that the Town's shops and businesses are crying out for more people to visit and use their services and I am sure this will be a huge blow to them as well	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
451	I object to the loss of free parking on the grounds that it will encourage nuisance parking in surrounding areas. I object very strongly to the loss of free parking in Ware library car park because of the associated doctors' surgery and pharmacy on the grounds of hardship and inconvenience to patients.	30 Mins Free	Ware
452	With all the very bad publicity around parking over many months and the horrendous congestion that often paralyses the town, it really seems nonsensical to agree to a situation where a large parking area remains empty for months on end. There is then a proposal to change the parking charges. If the Council wishes to make the High Street a success, then does it not need to encourage more people to use it? I, for one, do not intend to bring the car in to town now that the new multi story car park is open, but if parking charges are introduced on a Sunday it will definitely be the case. This ultimately means I will not go in to town as often and I believe others might do the same.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
453	I personally make use of the free 30 minutes to nip into a shop, as do many other residents. Taking away the free parking and extending chargeable hours is ludicrous. Our towns rely on people being able to easily access the independent shops, but I believe the proposed changes would put yet more pressure on the struggling high street, as residents would shop elsewhere because it would not be financially viable for them. Also how would the additional money be spent? It is obvious to me that very little is currently used to maintain the carparks.	30 Mins Free	Ware
454	We use various parking places in this town, e.g. Grange Paddocks twice a week to exercise, Jackson Square for shopping and food shopping. It's hard to carry bulky things and a weekly shop, so parking is essential. For a household that isn't on a high-income, additional charges make a big impact to the budget and may mean we can no longer exercise at Grange Paddocks nor do our food shopping at the shopping centre.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening	Bishops Stortford
455	I am really concerned that if the Bowling Green Lane car park incurs a charge at weekends the people who live on the High st won't have anywhere to leave their cars. Also I am concerned people won't bother to visit a small independently owned High St for fear of a parking charge. Buntingford doesn't have High St shops like the other East Herts towns, please could you take this into account when making a decision.	Bowling Green Lane	Buntingford
456	As a resident of Hertford we have witnessed the mess laid out by the council in regards to the shopping centre, theatre, leisure centre + park which have all impacted footfall to the county town! At this time you should be encouraging people into the towns instead of focusing on short term revenue targets!	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Hertford
457	Small business in the town's are struggling against online shopping, the draw of out of town shopping centre's and Covid. Hertford centre is struggling and I feel this will be yet again be a reason for people to not use the local shops.	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
458	Email to oppose parking changes planned for Ware to remove the 1/2 free parking and free sundays as it will impact local shops	30 Mins Free;	Ware
459	If you start charging for parking on Sundays we will lose more shops in our small towns, they struggle as it is. I often use the half hour free to nip into a couple of shops but I won't be going into town at all if I have to pay. We won't have our town anymore if you charge.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Non Specific
460	I am someone who uses the car parks very often due to travelling into London most days and having to do my shopping on the weekends. Adding an extra day of payment, and taking away the free 30 minutes will cause such inconvenience to those who live in the affected areas.	30 Mins Free	Ware
461	I am concerned that removing the free parking periods will have a detrimental impact on our local high streets. I regularly park in the council car park on Ware high street to pop into local shops and cafes. I suspect if the free parking periods are removed, people will instead turn to parking in Tesco's or local residential streets, causing congestion in those areas instead. Whilst the changes may encourage a move away from car use which impact climate change, without things such as proper cycle paths or cheaper bus transport, I suspect it will not	30 Mins Free	Ware
462	Our local high street is on its knees already, is this really helpful? When all you need is to return a parcel, collect a prescription, pop into the Surgery, grab a coffee or invite friends and family of a weekend to enjoy your lovely town we can't have a little free parking? All it's going to do is further block up side streets with people trying to find somewhere to stop. That or just completely avoid our lovely town and spend their money elsewhere - I can imagine local businesses must feel like they are completely unsupported by the local authorities right now.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
463	I feel strongly that the proposed changes to parking charges in East Herts will have a huge negative impact on local businesses in the area.	30 Mins Free;	Non Specific
464	We need to encourage people to visit and in the current climate they will go to alternatives. I feel the proposed parking charges will lead to a reduction in people visiting the town and will eventually lead to more shops closing down.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL	Non Specific
465	We want free parking at times because it encourages people into the Center to use businesses and go to dinner and the pubs.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, BHL	Sawbridgeworth

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466	It is a boon to those of us who shop online and choose to collect from a store, which often promotes 'on the spot' purchases for those and other stores Also being able to park for free on a Sunday is good for the food outlets too - who wants to be constrained by a parking time slot when enjoying a meal.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Bishops Stortford
467	Have you factored in people will choose not to come to the town, the shops will close, the town will slowly die? All for a very small (temporary) increase revenue the council will get. I know the Tories are cutting funds so you have to recoup funds somewhere but this is very short sighted.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
468	I use Bell street car park daily to pick up a few bits of shopping, a coffee and maybe pop in dry cleaning.If I have to go to the trouble of paying for a quick stop then I will take my business to the local supermarket.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
469	Just wanted to add my voice to the objections to the proposed changes to parking charges in Sawbridgeworth. The offensively flimsy 'rationale' that has been disseminated is simply not applicable to the needs of the town – the high street is hardly 'thriving' enough to justify the change. Personally, I rarely need to use Bell Street car park for longer than 30 minutes (picking up coffee, dropping off charity donations, getting up a few essentials from the Tuck Shop), and only do so because free parking is available for such short visits. I would be unlikely to bother if these changes are implemented, and I daresay others feel similarly.	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
470	Whilst here, I often park in the car park & quickly pop into the Hairdressers on London Road outside of the traffic lights for a 20min gents cut. I currently only do this as it is free parking - otherwise I will get my hair cut back in my hometown instead. I would like to see this study you have conducted please?	30 Mins Free	Sawbridgeworth
471	I am writing to oppose the changes to parking in Hertfordshire, specifically in Ware and Hertford. I often pop into Ware and Hertford for dinner but would think twice about doing so with the parking hours extended. I also think taking away the 30 minutes free parking will make people think twice about popping to their local shop also. You will find that car parks such as Tesco will become extremely busy - or that people will stop going to our high streets and they will become ghost towns. Please reconsider.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Hertford
472	Sunday is a day for families to perhaps spend time in town, gracing the restaurants with their attendance. In this time of inflation & squeezed incomes now is a bad time to add an expense that has not been there for years. Also anything that is a barrier to people attending our towns is a bad idea. People will go elsewhere to pubs outside of town where they don't have to pay for parking.	Sunday	Non Specific
473	I object to the proposal of changing the car park rates and times for the Bishop's Stortford car parks on the basis that we are trying to promote and help the local shops and encourage people to visit the town centre rather than going to other bigger nearby town centres.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Non Specific
474	I would like to raise objection to the proposed car park charges being introduced on Sundays. At a time of pressure on family budgets and thus more difficult retail trading removal of free car parking on Sundays will further harm our town centre	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Non Specific
475	We already have town centres lacking in choice for outlets- increase in parking charges will dissuade footfall even more sending people like myself to out of town shopping with free parking and on-line shopping.	30 Mins Free;	Non Specific
476	This is a great benefit to residents and I urge you and the council not to change this arrangement.	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
477	This will effect many local businesses, restaurants & people attending places of worship. Some businesses are already struggling after covid & to starting to charge extra will mean people will potentially choose to not go to those places or will add to their daily living costs. Rather than supporting, it feels like you are penalising them for surviving this tough season rather than congratulating them!	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Non Specific
478	Please do not charge those wishing to attend church on a Sunday in Bishop's Stortford or those wishing to support the local traders who are already struggling to maintain their trades.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
479	a. Hertford has been ruined by the parking restrictions, I personally, no longer shop in Hertford (and know others that don't) as you can just 'nip' in.c. There is not enough adequate parking to restrict Ware like this, the car parks get full and the only option is Tesco parking.d. Sometimes you just want to nip to the local shops, this will not happen if you have to find parking at the end of the town and walk down, unfortunately it's just a fact of lazy life! f. I and many people use the 30 minute free car parking to do banking/post office g. Sunday restrictions have always been favourable for lunch/dinner out for families on Sunday's.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Ware
480	1. The car park is used for public services - popping into the doctors will be charged, as would picking up a prescription 2. The local nursery drop offs/pick ups use the car park.3. The post office drops off are served by this car park 4. Local businesses will be impacted. With errands integrated into larger out of town schedules	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
481	Everyone is struggling, petrol prices, gas prices, food prices all up. Every little penny counts for some people, to introduce this now when people are suffering is really poor judgement, it can only be out of desperation because the council need to raise money from somewhere. to say that brief free parking periods are counterproductive is total and utter nonsense, it will certainly be counterproductive to local business's in the town centre. This will also have another knock on effect, people will now park their cars in residential areas causing disruption to residents. They will park on double yellow lines whilst one person waits in the car and the other nips to the shop	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
482	The 30 minutes free parking allows people to pop into their local shops to pick up essentials quickly, visit the post office, visit and attend appointments at the doctors and support local business without penalty. The shops and businesses will suffer. The pubs, restaurants and other food outlets will see a drop in customers and the surrounding streets will be under further pressure.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
483	I am a local Buntingford resident and fear that this will without doubt negatively impact our struggling High Street. Residents who live on the High Street already struggle to find adequate parking and this will clearly be exacerbated by introducing weekend charging. Furthermore it is difficult enough to attract people to our High Street's struggling independent shops without compounding the issue.	Bowling Green Lane	Buntingford
484	Town centres and their businesses are struggling to survive and this is just another nail in the coffin. There should continue to be free parking in the towns so people will visit. In fact the whole of the on street short term parking should be reinstated in Hertford. This would encourage people to visit.	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
485	I am surprised that businesses on Bell street have not been consulted in any way on the changes as it will directly effect us on a daily basis. As Co. business owner of File and Forge Jewellery on Bell Street I find the removal of the 30 minutes free short sighted, it enables customers to park safely to pop in and pick up orders or chose gifts. These changes will also impact on our evening classes and Saturday visitors as well as incurring more costs to our businesses.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
486	There is now proposal to charge parking in evenings and Sundays for customers and free parking taken away which will be a huge loss to little independant shops like me that encourage evening collections and am open Sundays.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening	Non Specific
487	I live in Windhill, Bishops Stortford. As you are aware the majority of Windhill residents pay for residents B3 permits as we do not have off street parking due to the historical nature of our houses. We use the residents parking bays on Windhill to park. Between the hours of 6pm and 8am Monday to Saturday, plus all day Sunday anyone is free to park in these bays; Friday and Saturday evenings are particularly busy as people head in to town. At present on Sundays we always have difficulty parking due to the two churches with their Sunday services. The churches both have large congregations who all try and park on Windhill. This often results in us having to park elsewhere, Basbow Lane carpark being our closest. With Sunday shoppers looking to park for free on top of the church congregations this situation is going to worsen for residents. If the town car parks are then chargeable on a Sunday it would then result in residents of Windhill having to pay car park charges on top of their residents permits.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
488	We want to see Bishops Stortford town centre thrive and feel recent changes to car parking will ultimately mean people go elsewhere to shop. We have so many restaurants in the town and I have noticed Sunday nights are the quietest. For many people who just want to come and worship, go to church on a Sunday, take the children to the park, have a picnic, have something to eat, we now have to go into the multi story car parks and pay. This makes life so much more difficult. I also think it jeopardises the safety of single women going out for a meal, meeting friends Not having an open air car park to park in, especially the new multistorey that is so enclosed and confined.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
489	Scrapping the 30 minute free period will make people think twice about popping into local shops to purchase something that just takes a few minutes eg a prescription, small items of food/drink, cards, a visit to the Post Office. It will encourage people to use out of town supermarkets and buy more online to the detriment of our local shops. The weekend free parking is a boost to the local economy and encourages people who don't live in Sawbridgeworth to visit the lovely variety of individual shops that we have in the town. We also fear that scrapping free parking periods will lead to more parking in local residential streets; this is already a problem on streets such as Hoestock Road, Sayesbury Avenue, Roseacres and West road to name a few.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Sawbridgeworth

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490	These are vital to the small economy. Myself and others I know, regularly decide to visit the shops in Bishop's stortford on a Sunday in order to save money due to high car parking prices the rest of the week and on Saturdays. This is clearly a money making decision. While I understand the revenue this will raise, given the cost of living crisis currently affecting your residents, I feel this is incredibly unfair. It may also have a detrimental affect on town centre trading.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
491	I currently use the Hertford/Ware car parks when I go walking with the organised Hertfordshire Health Walking group and feel the group will drastically reduce in numbers to a level that will inevitably not be viable to continue. The Hartham children's play area is very popular and allows children to exercise and socialise free of charge of which I am sure the parents would consider a god send during these hard times. Once again, I fear the children will suffer as their parents will stay clear of this area due to the parking charges.	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
492	Charging fees for evening parking will discourage people from using evening venues in town centres leading to business closures and a reduction in business rates. Evening and Sunday charges will discourage social activities to the detriment of WELL-BEING. Evening charges will discourage people from using the soon to be refurbished Hertford Theatre particularly the cinema when they can go to cinemas in Harlow, Stevenage and Hatfield where there are no parking charges.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford, Ware
493	I am writing to lodge my objections to the proposed parking changes in Bishops Stortford. I will definitely be put off coming into town in the evening and on Sundays if I have to pay for parking. It is yet another cost I don't need right now. I think this will adversely affect businesses in the town. I also regularly used the free 30 min parking in the Causeway car park. I do not feel safe parking in the evenings in the new multistorey carpark with little outside visibility and lights only coming on when you move into an area. The evening charge only puts me off further. I recently went for dinner in saffron walden and was pleasantly surprised by the ease of parking and open air car parks, and no charges. I hope you take my views into consideration.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
494	It is my understanding that you are considering introducing car parking charges. As a council tax payer in Ware, I think we should have free parking (a resident's petmit). How do you think this will affect local businesses etc. To collect a prescription doesn't take longer than half hour. Parking as it is accommodates that. To pick up a loaf of bread, again, not long. So why, as a Ware resident make us pay more, we already pay council tax. Yes, if Visitors want to come to Ware, let them pay. If we chose to go to Hertford, thats our choice. We have lived in Ware for 46 years. I think we are entitled to shop in our own town. Have you considered the elderly, with no IT skills also being asked to pay to park on their phones. My elderly Aunt in Hoddesdon would not cope with it and very likely any elderly in Ware. Its unfair for them to be treated in this way. I strongly object to paying to park in my town. If you haven't got a permit - you pay. Also, Evenings and Sundays, again I totally disagree. Leave it as it is. You are trying to kill our town. Please keep us updated.	All Elements	Ware
495	We have been made aware of a proposal to begin charging for parking in Bishop's Stortford. Charging outside the period of associated single yellow line restrictions, creates increased pressure on town centre and residential roads. It isn't sufficient to monitor the problems and make changes after those problems have occurred. If restrictions are appropriate six days a week and Sunday is being treated like any other day, then those restrictions need to be extended to Sundays. As a resident of Warwick Road, the already feeble parking restrictions would further be exploited by people seeking to avoid these charges. I firmly object to the current proposal.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
496	Part time workers many who are single parents and work weekends as they have childcare from extended families benefit from Sunday's free parking which allows them to keep a higher % of their wages. The new charges will directly affect the older and vulnerable in the community who drive to town or are given lifts on Sunday to shop and attend churches. The electorate has not been asked about the introduction of Sunday charging. The policy should be delayed until after May 2023 so that the residents can express their support or otherwise through the ballot box. A new administration could reverse the decision to charge on Sundays. I'm informed by a resident that only £70,000 is due to be raised by Sunday charging in 2022/23. There must be better ways of raising this amount. There is a cost-of-living crisis. If workers are made redundant from shops closing because they are losing footfall this would add burden to National Government and East Herts Council, as benefit payments would need to be raised. Community Groups including churches are going to lose revenue as fewer people will attend services and activities. Fewer residents will offer to give lifts to the vulnerable and disabled if they have to pay for parking whilst they are waiting – also potential lose of income for shops as volunteers tend to shop whilst waiting. The town is seeing shops close regularly to be replaced by Barbers, Coffee Shops and Restaurants which is destroying the town centre – additional loss of income on one of the busier days of the week will have a negative impact. There are few Sunday bus services, which traps people whichever their agility as you cannot expect them to walk home with a weeks' worth of shopping. Evening charging will have a negative affect on food and beverage businesses. Charging for short-stay carparks outside the period of Resident Parking Zone restrictions, leads to problems for permit holders finding a space. Permit holders have had a substantial increase in charges which has already resulted in discontent with the service. Some will be reluctant to use their car on Sundays to visit family and friends because of the difficulty of finding a space when they return. Charging outside the period of associated single yellow line restrictions, creates increased pressure on town centre and residential roads. It isn't sufficient to monitor the problems and make changes after those problems have occurred. If restrictions are appropriate six days a week and Sunday is being treated like any other day, then those restrictions need to be extended to Sundays.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
497	Churchgoer who enjoys a coffee after church.	Sunday	Hertford
498	I object to the proposed introduction of parking charges in Bishop's Stortford in the evenings and on Sundays, on the grounds that this is likely to discourage people from visiting the town at those times, and will thus have a significant impact on retail businesses, restaurants, coffee shops, etc., which are already struggling due to the pandemic. Bishop's Stortford is my nearest town, so I visit it fairly often for shopping and dining, but having to pay for parking in the evenings and on Sundays will make me much more likely to go to another town, or to use out-of-town shopping, where parking is free. It seems wrong to cause further financial stress on shops and restaurants that are already having a hard time. I hope you will reconsider this plan.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
499	I write protest against the possibility of the introduction of car park charges on Sundays in Bishop's Stortford. I do so for the following reasons: 1. I am a Roman Catholic and attend the 11am Mass at St. Joseph's & The English Martyrs in Windhill. I usually take an aged and infirm friend with me, and sometimes his wife, who suffers from Cancer and who is extremely frail and infirm. It is usually possible to park in the road near the Church. The space is limited and I sometimes have to park in the Basbow Lane carpark. It seems to me that the introduction of the charges will cause hardship to many who will have to pay for at least 2 hours parking in a carpark (Sunday Mass lasts for an hour or more and if they cannot park in Basbow Lane many Parishioners will need to use ghe new Multi-Storey or Jackson Square park: for elderly people it takes time to walk from either location up High Street and Windhill to the Church). 2. I suspect that many businesses - restaurants and shops - in the town will be adversely impacted by the introduction of parking charges. Some may need to review their continuing presence in the town if customers disappear. I'm sure you will have received representations from them. Please, note my protest and reconsider this proposed change. So many changes in and around the town seem to be made despite the wishes of the people by others who have little or no connection with the town. I am not alone in contemplating removing away from the town AND from Hertfordshire!	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
500	I am concerned that charging for parking on a Sunday in Bishop's Stortford will have a severely detrimental effect on quality of life for residents, visitors and businesses. Motorists will search out free parking on residential streets (such as the one I inhabit) which is inconvenient for residents, particularly on a Sunday. Pollution, noise and disturbances will increase. Our road is not maintained by the local authority but is a magnet for shoppers and commuter parking to the detriment of our environment. Businesses and restaurants will lose custom as they will be competing with out of town locations offering free parking. It seems absolute madness to me in these difficult COVID pandemic times to make it harder for businesses to survive and more difficult for customers to visit to help our town thrive. How many empty shops, or charity shops which pay less rates, will it take to get the local authority to listen to the people who actually live here? I strongly object to the Sunday parking charges.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
501	1. Address the poor traffic situation, 2. Improve the reliability of public transport ,3. Incentivise the cost of public transport , 4. Hold discussions with vulnerable groups about the changes	All Elements	Bishops Stortford

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502	<p>I am writing to object to the Council's plan to scrap Free Parking. My Wife runs a business within the Town Centre, plus we are both in the Town Centre regularly for Shopping and Leisure activities. Instead of scraping free parking, I would recommend you encourage it, for instance the Town Centre needs more people and more Customers who will keep the Town Centre alive, I would recommend free parking all day on day's where you are trying to encourage more people into the Town Centre. A flourishing Town Centre with plenty of business activity will pay its own way. Particularly in a time when many people shop on line or shop out of town for free parking, at a time when our society is being discouraged from going into the Town Centre resulting in a fall in Foot Fall, the less people in the Town will mean less people to use Banks etc and these will close creating a further decline in the Town Centre. We should do the exact opposite, and encourage more people into the Town Centre, with Free Parking as an incentive. <b>EV Public Charging</b> I recently purchased an Electric Car, and the government is encouraging this trend through tax incentives, I also have two daughters who experienced Asthma in Childhood, so I see personal benefits in following the environmentally green path. Although I am really shocked at the lack of public chargers in this area. Firstly there were 4 x 11 kW Public Chargers at the Causeway Car Park, these are now no longer accessible and are left unusable, as the Car Park is now locked and inaccessible. In addition to this, there are two Chargers at Grange Paddocks, but because the Parking Bays are not identified as EV Charging, this means that the Parking Bays are usually occupied with Petrol Cars, preventing EV Cars from being charged. You'll probably tell me that I am right next to the new Car Park at Northgate where there are plenty of Chargeable EV Chargers, which I recently used, unfortunately the Charger was charging at 3 kW's this means that it would take 15 hours to charge my Car compared with the 7 hours that a 7 kW. In general I have been disappointed at what little the council is doing for EV Car owners in this area. I also noticed that even Tesco's have EV Chargers at nearly every supermarket apart from Bishops Stortford. Many people who buy a EV Charger find like Myself it can take a while to get a Charge point set up at home, so most EV Car owners need public chargers as a back-up. Also having Public Chargers does send a message to EV Car Owners about the Council's Green Credentials and what they really feel about the environment and the current message is not a good one.</p>	30 Mins Free	Bishops Stortford
503	<p>I wish to make some comments regarding the proposed car parking charges across East Herts. Firstly I realise that local authorities are short of funds and motorists are seen as an easy source of income. We understand there is some justification in charges to maintain the car parks but my main concern is the extended times that it is intended for charges to apply. If I understand correctly the free 30 minutes will be discontinued. If this is the case this will be detrimental to the shops in the town centres where people will pop into one or two shops and leave within the 30 minutes. Many may choose to travel elsewhere out of town where parking is free. What is the justification for extending the charges from 6.30pm to 8.00pm? There will be additional costs for wardens to be available for the extra 1.5 hours. I question whether that potential extra income will be cost effective and provide extra profit. Now to Sunday (and Bank Holiday) charging. I am not sure what the changes are going to be but whatever they are a charge will act as a deterrent to use the town car parks. Many people go to church within the towns and with only limited public transport available getting there by car may be the only way possible. I do feel that together these additional charges, will not mean more revenue but less people visiting. People will try finding to park elsewhere or in a street. The changes, in my opinion are very short sighted and will not be helpful to the local businesses. I would be interested to see the anticipated extra income and added expenditure will be. Has a residents pass been considered? I am aware that another council gives all local residents a pass to park free before 11 and after 4 every day. Why not in East Herts? I do hope that you will reconsider the proposals as in the current form they will not be helpful.</p>	All Elements	Ware
504	<p>I am writing to object formally to the possible loss of free Sunday parking in the centre of Bishop's Stortford. I view this as a discriminatory act on the part of the council because I will in effect be charged every single Sunday to attend a religious service. It is a retrograde step which in my mind is punitive for members of the five churches in the centre of the town. I find it especially galling when I think of the council's profligacy with the council tax we have paid in previous financial dealings with developers; this is a cynical way of recouping income. I therefore re-iterate that I am strongly opposed to this proposal by the council</p>	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
505	<p>I am writing to express my strongest objection to the proposal for East Herts Council to introduce parking charges on Sundays, evenings and Bank Holidays in Bishop's Stortford car parks. The electorate has not been consulted about this at all, and if this policy goes ahead I will make it my full intention to vote for any administration that pledges to reverse the decision at all future council elections. The proposal is fundamentally wrong for all sorts of reasons, including the following: Car drivers who need to use the town centre will simply park on residential roads instead. I live on such a road, where parking restrictions are extremely lax, and have no desire to see it used as a free car park on Sundays as it currently is on every other day of the week. It discriminates against church users, in particular the older and more vulnerable of their number, who rely on the church as a means of social contact, have suffered enough from the lack of this during the pandemic and cannot easily get to church on foot it creates an impact on small businesses who rely on Sunday shopping to stay afloat. They will be the ones that suffer when shoppers decide to go to out of town centres where they can park for free. Haven't you driven out enough small businesses out of the town centre already? I am led to understand that Sunday charging is expected to raise an utterly trivial £70,000 a year for the council. If the council needs this money so badly, surely there are better ways to raise it than this?</p>	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford
506	<p>I am writing about the ending of free parking on a Sunday, and the cost of going to church! I have attended St Joseph's Church since I was a child, 70 odd years ago, but for a few years I lived in West Devon, near to Tavistock. In Tavistock, parking on a Sunday was free up until 12noon, so that people could go to church without additional expense. Once it got to 12 noon, the parking charges came into force, and were the same as for Monday - Friday, so there was no great shortfall in income. I would be pleased if East Herts would consider this as a good compromise towards paid parking on a Sunday. There are 4 churches within the vicinity of the North Street/South Street - St. Michael's, St Joseph's, Holy Trinity, and the Charis Centre - all of whom have Sunday morning services. I would be most grateful if you would put this comment before the relevant Committee so that those who attend church, of whatever persuasion, may continue to attend without additional cost.</p>	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
507	<p>I object on so many grounds - what a stupid idea ! Yet another nail in the the coffin of trade in the town! There must be more imaginative ways to create an income stream, you could even penalise those higher property owners, with an increase in their Council Tax!</p>	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
508	<p>I am writing to register my dismay at the proposal to introduce Sunday parking charges. For the past 45 years I have been a member of St. Michael's Church and regularly attend Sunday morning services; sometimes returning in the afternoon or evening for further services and functions, either at St. Michael's or other churches in the town as a member of Churches Together. I live in Benhooks Avenue, which is approximately a mile and a half from the church, I am in my 70s. and have cardiac issues which make walking up hills a struggle. My return journey involves walking up a hill. I would not be able to manage two round-trips per day on foot. The money which I would pay for parking would deplete the money I would have available for donation to the church and the charities which it supports. Being a pensioner means I have a fixed income. In its turn the church provides not only spiritual benefits, but in its turn adds much to the life of the town and its inhabitants. St. Michael's through its membership of Churches Together supports The Night Shelter, The Food Bank, help for Ukrainian and other refugees, The Portland Contact Centre, Company at Christmas, Stort Valley Schools Trust, Street Pastors, The Easter Egg Hunt, Love Stortford, and the Town Carnival and many other outreach initiatives. All of these organisations contribute to the lives and well being of the citizens of Bishop's Stortford. I am just one individual but I know there are many other people in similar circumstances to myself who attend both St. Michael's and other churches within the town of which there are thirteen of different Christian denominations. Sunday is the one day of the week when Christians like to show witness to their faith, by engaging in inclusive worship within their churches. which in turn benefits the whole community and quality of life within our town. Attendance at church also provides positive benefits in the form of fellowship and company to families and those living alone. This in turn enriches not only the lives and physical and WELL-BEING of individuals but also, through the involvement of church people in the community, the experience of and reputation of the town, both locally and throughout the district. In the light of the above, I would ask you to reconsider the instigation of Sunday parking. I respectfully request that you give my point of view due consideration.</p>	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
509	<p>I hope you are well. I'd like to express my concern and objection to the proposed Sunday parking charges for Bishops Stortford. Many people use the car parks during Sunday morning hours to attend Church and to support the local businesses in the area. Parking charges (especially on a Sunday) will surely put many people off visiting the town and add another nail to the coffin for Sunday Church attendance. Could you add my concern and objection to the final decision, please?</p>	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
510	<p>I wish to express my objection to the proposals to end free parking at your public car parks. This is a very short sighted decision and will ultimately cause a number of additional businesses not already affected to cease trading with the burden of increased business rates and a considerable drop in footfall. Why not not introduce a scheme to encourage shoppers to the town and provide them with concessions with parking from the two super stores whereby the cost is deducted from the final bill upon producing a tear off slip from the parking ticket??? You will recall my own experience with parking made unnecessarily complicated by your desire to raise as much revenue as possible with no consideration to anyone other than yourselves!!! The signage that Hertfordshire is the county of opportunity should be removed with immediate effect. Thank you for your attention to this matter.</p>	30 Mins Free	Bishops Stortford

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511	I wish to bring to your attention the distress that the imposition of parking charges in Bishop's Stortford on Sundays will cause to the many people of the town who do not go shopping but use the day for the purpose for which it has been reserved for two thousand years, to go to church. The congregations of St Michael's Church at 8:00 am and 1000 am, of St Joseph's Church at 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, of All Saints' Church at 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am and 6:00 pm, of Holy Trinity Church at 10:00 am and 11:30 am, of the Baptist Church at 10:30 am, of the Methodist Church at 10:00 am and 4:00 pm, the Community Church in the Charis Centre at 10:30 am, who have all been disrupted to some degree by the steady increase of Sunday trading over the years, will all be further penalised, to a greater of smaller degree, by this additional burden. The churches of Bishop's Stortford are key features of the townscape. There is a common misconception that the state provides these magnificent buildings or that the churches are awash with money and can easily afford their upkeep, but it is, in fact, the congregations who must provide the funds to maintain these expensive structures, under strict guidelines set down by the Government, by English Heritage, by the Victorian Society and by other interested parties. With the secularisation of the state, the multi-cultural tendencies of education and the expansion of shopping, sport and other activities on Sundays, churchgoers find themselves more and more the poor relations of the Lord's Day. Please reconsider the imposition of parking charges in Bishop's Stortford on Sundays!	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
512	I wish to object to the proposed introduction of car parking charges on Sundays. This will adversely affect people attending church services many of whom are unable to walk great distances. Also when many local businesses are struggling it will be bad for Sunday trade and could force some businesses to close with the loss of council tax to the council. People can easily travel to Harlow or Freeport are park for free. Also with all the additional income you are receiving in council tax from 3000 new homes I don't believe that the income from Sunday parking is really necessary. I hope you will reconsider.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
513	I understand that EHDC are considering introducing car parking charges not only to cover Sundays but to extend the chargeable hour to 8pm daily. I am writing to ask that this proposed step be withdrawn. As we all know the last two years have been desperately difficult for many local small businesses who heavily rely on foot traffic to try and restore some of their lost earnings. The Bishop's Stortford BID have done excellent work in informing the townspeople of the new businesses that have been created since the end of the pandemic. They are working with these companies to enhance the shopping experience not only for the existing population but all those new families who will come to the town due to the new developments currently being built in the area. The high street needs re-invigorating and if the Council carries out the planned parking charges it does the very opposite of what we surely all want- a vibrant town offering facilities, be it coffee shops, restaurants, theatre, and open air events for the entire family. I do hope that you will re-consider and continue to provide individuals and families with the ongoing ability to come into the town at reasonable cost, and particularly retain free parking on Sunday which for many remains the only day in the week when they can enjoy the facilities of our lovely town.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
514	I would like to object to the plans which would see the 30-minute free period on Mondays to Saturdays and free parking on Sundays and bank holidays in Bishop's Stortford plus free parking on Saturdays and Sundays in Sawbridgeworth scrapped. We are in the middle of a cost of living crisis. People can not afford to eat. NHS trusts are setting up food banks for their staff... We the people of Hertfordshire are absolutely skint. Removing free parking will mean people stop using the local high street and small businesses will go under thus creating further poverty. It's all ridiculous - please give us a break and stop squeezing us financially at every opportunity.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Sawbridgeworth
515	I am writing to express my objection to the proposed changes to car parking fees in Sawbridgeworth. I am a local resident, living on Knight Street so only a few minutes walk from Bell Street Car Park. My objection is based on the following points: 1- local businesses rely heavily on customers being able to park quickly and easily for a short time to pop in to Bell St, for amenities such as the post office, local cafes and shops. I know many people who live on the outskirts of Sawbridgeworth who, if the free short parking is not available, will use those same facilities in Edinburgh Way Tesco for example, the same distance for them with free parking. 2- illegal parking on Bell Street and Knight Street is a nuisance and a cause of massive frustration for local residents, even now with the free parking at certain times. Our driveways are regularly blocked during the day and neither the council nor the police have addressed our concerns, raised multiple times. Should free parking be taken away more motorists will illegally park on those roads, blocking our driveways and making maneuvering dangerous (particularly the Bell Street and Knight Street Junction). If it is revenue that the Council require then fining these drivers for parking illegally will be extremely profitable. We are currently spared of this frustration at the weekends with the free parking allowed in Bell Street, if this is taken away I fear the parking nuisance for us residents will become unbearable. 3- free parking at the weekend encourages trade into our beautiful and charismatic town centre. Our local business owners will not survive if this is taken away due to customers going elsewhere. It would be a travesty for this to be taken away and for businesses to have to close down, with people going elsewhere for their shopping needs. Imposing these changes is incredibly short sighted by the council, and the local community economy and its residents will suffer as a result.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
516	I am registering my objections to the above plans. Town Centres are struggling as it is and I believe this will lead to less people using them. At present Stortford is quite busy on a Sunday morning but I cannot see this will continue. As for Sawbridgeworth it has a small selection of shops and the free 30 mins is ideal for just popping in. This will certainly put yet another nail in the coffin of local shops.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening	Sawbridgeworth
517	I write to you with regards to scrapping free parking for the first half hour in Bishop's Stortford. I drive to the town centre and park for the first half hour free, mainly to pick up an order from m & s, or to purchase a couple of items from the shops there, which takes me literally 20 mins maximum. I think, that if you scrapped the free parking, I like many others would take my business elsewhere, and find a retail park with the same shops which has free parking, resulting in the town unfortunately closing down. Alternatively, I would be fazed to shop online, which is the way the future is heading, however, that would definitely lead to the closure of the town, and many people losing their jobs, alongside the town having even more empty unsightly closed down shops. Surely, half an hour's free parking is a small benefit for people who nowadays are up against it, short of money, rising prices in supermarkets, and nipping to the town in less than half hour is trivial to the consequences of people's livelihoods? Looking forward to your reply.	30 Mins Free	Bishops Stortford
518	Hello, I wanted to comment on the proposed evening parking charges. I haven't lived in Bishops Stortford long but have appreciated that people are able to park for free after 6/6.30 to be able to go to restaurants in town, it seems more catering business have opened up in recent times and many have struggled during the pandemic and now the public are able to go out for meals in the evening but if you start charging potential customers to park in the evenings I feel it might deter people from easily going out to eat. Having to book a taxi only adds to the evenings expense and therefore I feel it would be counter effective to make people pay for an evening out when you are trying to encourage the public to support the local business.	Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
519	I strongly object to the council charging for car parking in Bishop's Stortford on Sundays. Please spare thought and consideration to those people trying to attend church services and all the retail outlets who have already suffered during the pandemic through loss of trade. I'm not overly impressed with Herts district Council and all the blunders over decision-making - mainly by Councillors who do not live in our town. Now is the time to show a caring side by not implementing this Sunday Parking Charge.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
520	Please accept this as a full objection to your parking charge proposal. As a resident of bell street in Sawbridgeworth the weekends and evenings bring trade into the area that during Covid was not here. It enables people to shop local rather than drive 10 mins up to Tesco and use their free parking! Also as my council tax has increased yet again and services also now have an additional charge like brown bins, I feel this is a step too far in a time when the cost of living is out of control 11.4% inflation and you are adding to the issue. The Conservative government have no plan but to put up taxes and now the conservative council! I think you will see a huge demonstration against this as people have had enough of increases and reductions in pay services. Do you have any surveys to see public opinion? Perhaps stop wasting millions on a new cinema that is not needed especially when the trend is against going to the cinema and there is an existing cinema? Please a part from increasing revenue why on earth the council would even consider this!	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
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522	I object to the changes to Parking Regulations being proposed for Bishops Stortford because: - the 30 minute free parking on North Street is essential for the many occasions we have to click and collect products we buy from the various businesses in the town centre eg from Cook, Boots, M&S etc. Other Hertfordshire towns like Welwyn Garden City have far more generous free car parking times and places. - the new Northgate End car park is not only much further away from shops (say those in South Street) and the amount of space devoted for each car is less than needed for modern cars. So providing free parking here would not be effective - Charging for car parking on Sundays and Bank Holidays is unfortunate, but if it is necessary then a flat £1 or £1.50 for the day would be more reasonable. - If the current proposals are introduced, it will reduce the footfall, be detrimental to the high street businesses and defeat the objective of encouraging residents to shop locally. - with the amount of new housing in Bishops Stortford, already built and occupied and with new homes currently being built, surely it makes far more sense for the council to encourage rather than discourage more people to shop in the High Street. I do hope that the Council reconsiders implementing these changes.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford



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523	I am writing to register my disappointment and despair as regards the imposition of Sunday parking charges. Firstly, whilst I do not live in Bishop's Stortford, I am a church warden at St Michael's, where I worship with my family, who live in Thorpe Road, Stortford Fields. My duties necessitate frequent trips to town. I use the train often, ( the bus service between Audley End and Stortford is unreliable, and does not run on Sunday.) I use my car when absolutely necessary. The churchyard, at St Michael's needs to remain clear for emergency vehicles, pedestrians, and drop-off for people with diverse disabilities. Many of our congregation are elderly, living on a fixed income, charging on Sunday is an unwanted financial burden for them. Walking from multi-storeys is stressful for them, especially in inclement weather, and darkness. Many of the elderly feel oppressed and nervous of the multi - storeys and have been expressing this to us. Could we not invest in small electric buses as they do in many countries successfully, and consider more joined - up transport into the area to avoid the need to park at all? During the week, I not only perform my wardens' duties at services, but also undertake outreach and pastoral work, most of which supports the community, Christian or not. I do not complain about weekly parking charges in this respect as I am sure that East Herts needs the revenue post pandemic. I do, however feel that Sunday should be an exception, not just for the sake of the badly impacted hospitality and retail businesses in Stortford, but also for those having to find additional money to come to church. It would appear to exploit the vulnerable, and discourage commerce, Saffron Walden, whilst on a much smaller scale, frees up council parking around their offices at the weekend. This undoubtedly supports the shops, market traders and Sunday worshippers, and helps the town to prosper. I hope you are able to give my protestations some thought.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
524	We would like to add our voices to the objections to charge for parking in Bishop's Stortford for evening & Sundays in future. Making these charges will have a serious impact on the residents & visitors to Bishop's Stortford and may have a detrimental effect on any evening trade that has begun to improve in B/S since the pandemic. Restaurants, pubs & wine bars have just started to attract customers in the evening and many, especially families may go out of town for restaurants where there are no charges thus causing a decline in town trade, with the BID running now, surely this would be very detrimental to the success of B/S? B/S has so much new development going on, it must be in the town's interest to attract trade into the town rather than push people away to other towns are areas, this will add to the decline of the town. What is the point of building the Old River Lane complex if the parking charges push people away on evenings & Sundays? Charging on Sundays will affect church goers as virtually no church in town has any parking so to charge people to go to their church, especially the elderly, would have a financial effect at the time of financial hardship for everyone. Many B/S organisations hold evening meetings in church & public halls in town so if you make a charge for evening parking many people will just not be able to afford to go to the meetings and consequently may think twice about their membership of such organisations. <b>Please do not implement these charges</b> at this most difficult time for everyone, help the town to get back on its feet after the pandemic by promoting evening & Sunday trade without the addition of a hidden extra expense.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
525	Treating Sunday like any other day of the week is wrong. To Christians it is the Sabbath, a day of rest and worship. It is also the day of the week when state and privately educated schoolchildren do not attend school, and thus a family day. There are Sunday restrictions on the opening hours of retail, and most offices are closed. During the pandemic many of our places of worship have struggled. Many church attendees are older and vulnerable and only recently starting to return to in-person worship. To charge people to come to town centre churches on a Sunday would be an added blow for churches that are struggling with fewer volunteers, and in many cases loss of income from community groups, which were unable to meet during the pandemic. Many people have no option but to drive into Stortford as there is no Sunday bus service where they live. Older congregation members are given lifts by volunteers who then park nearby. There is a cost-of-living crisis. East Herts Council is just adding to the burden at a difficult time for the vulnerable and young families.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
526	I am writing to object to the proposed extension to car parking charges which are proposed for Bishop's Stortford. As a regular church attendee at The Bishop's Stortford Methodist Church I view the proposed introduction of Sunday charges as a tax on Christians. There are several churches in the town and many of the members require a car to attend, as the bus service on a Sunday from the outlying areas is non-existent. No church within the town has parking space allocated to it. Churches are dependent upon their members for contribution to funds and it is likely that imposing car parking charges would reduce church membership and hence the funds which are available for the church use. These funds are not just used to help the attendees at church but to provide vital services for the more vulnerable of the town. The Methodist Church in particular is home to the Food Bank, refugee links, hospice support meetings and coffee mornings. These are not held on Sunday, but contributions from church members enable many of these activities to continue. Secondly as the Bishop's Stortford Methodist Church Safeguarding Officer, I am concerned about young people attending evening activities such as the Girls Brigade. Parents often park in a car park and accompany their child to the church before 8.00 p.m. which is the proposed time for parking fees to end. Many will not have the funds to pay another 90p just to drop their child off and so attendance at these vital organisations may well drop. Many evening meetings are held in the church buildings in Stortford, in addition to concerts and plays. Again as Safeguarding Officer I am concerned that meeting times will be pushed back to 8.00 or 8.15 in order to remove the parking charge from attendees. This will result in a later finish and therefore some people will be reluctant to attend knowing that they will be moving to the car parks at 10.00 p.m. or later, when I'm afraid to say many young people are hanging about car parks. Although many of these young people are friendly and harmless, I have been in Jackson Square after 10.00 p.m. when they are revving engines and appear to be threatening. Thirdly, I am the Bandmaster of the Bishop's Stortford Town Band and we rehearse in the Markwell Pavilion. East Herts Council only allow 2 cars to park outside the hall, so many of our members use Jackson Square or the Causeway Car Park and walk across. Parents dropping their children off will in future have to pay to do that. Members of the band will also have to pay for 2 hours parking to attend from 6.45 until 9.00 p.m. Imposing parking charges appears to me to be the most retrograde step in getting things back to normal after the pandemic. Small businesses, town park, the library, churches, cafes, restaurants, pubs all thrive on Sunday in Bishop's Stortford and part of that is because the parking is free. Families take advantage of this to spend time together, meet friends and enjoy shopping without the worry of if the ticket is running out. It is estimated that this initiative will raise £70,000 in 2022/2023. I'm sure there are better way of raising this sum of money without impacting on so many areas of life. I strongly object to the proposal to introduce evening and Sunday parking charges.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
527	I am writing in response to the proposed introduction of parking charges on Sundays. With the cost of living crisis and the struggling of small businesses in the area, would this not have an adverse effect on our already fractured High Streets? Sundays are still considered by many, including myself, to be a day of rest and a time to be with family. With many people working longer hours to try and make ends meet, asking people to pay to park so that they might relax with friends and family seems like a very narrow minded, short term idea for hardly any return. Add to this the members of Congregations from the various Churches in the Town Centres who may venture out on Sundays for what could be their only real social interaction all week. I do hope that this decision will not come to fruition and that common sense will prevail to help maintain our Communities. Thank you for your time in reading this.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
528	I write to lodge an objection to the proposed introduction of car parking charges in Bishop's Stortford on Sundays. A large number of people - families included - go into the town centre on a Sunday to meet up, shop, eat out etc and I believe that if parking charges are introduced, it would induce the majority of people to go elsewhere to spend their leisure time. If this were to happen the shops, salons and restaurants in the town centre would suffer an immediate lack of footfall which would threaten an already fragile high street and cause many of the smaller, independent traders to close down. I have lived in the town all my life and it is a drastically different high street than when I was younger, with far fewer independent businesses. It seems incredibly short sighted to damage the already fragile retail and service sector even further which, if some of the shops and restaurants were to close, would reduce the amount of revenue the council could collect in business rates. At the same time, local churches and places of worship would also be adversely affected if members of their congregation are unable to park nearby for free. If you require any further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
529	I would like to object to the application for new parking charges that you have put forward. I have seen some of your arguments for these changes and I feel that they're completely wrong. You say that you need to charge for Sunday and bank holidays parking as Sunday is the second busiest day of the week. Have you thought why this is its because at the moment their is free parking and people come to Bishops stortford for this reason if you start to charge them, it will put a lot of shopper's off they will find other shopping centres with free parking. This charge will have a great impact on local business in the town centre with some having to close down .Also you say that the free half hour will not be possible well I have used this service a great deal when I only want to pop to one shop its very handy .but I will now think twice about shopping in Bishops Stortford. Again it feels like the council is going to line their own pockets before they think about the local residents and businesses in these very hard times.	Sunday, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford
530	I write with regard to the proposed changes and charges for parking. I personally have no objection to removing the 30 min free parking, but do object to the other proposals. Charging in the evening and Sundays over and above existing charges is a bad idea when the aim is to bring footfall into the town. Incidentally I have no intention of using the new multi storey car park as 5 storeys and negotiating this again is a very bad solution.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
531	There are simply not enough on road spaces for the number of cars. As a resident living on Port Hill we often have non resident cars parked outside our houses when we return from work. We often wait in our car at the end of our road until 6pm so we can park on the single yellow lines. Extending this to 8pm is not acceptable. Alternatively we would use the 30 minutes of free parking in the car park and wait for people to move their cars. With the current cost of living crisis there is simply no way we can afford to pay £1.80 for two hours parking everyday. This on top of having to pay £9.60 for parking at the weekend. I also question why Port Vale residents have permits allowing them to park in the local car park, whilst residents of Port Hill do not. Often it is Port Vale residents that leave their cars outside our properties for lengthy periods of time. This in my eyes is simply a way to make money from the local residents at a time when living is difficult. This is going to have a significant impact on our financial and mental well-being. A sincerely disappointed and concerned resident.	All Elements	Hertford

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532	Sunday is not a weekday like any other: it is a day of rest when schools, offices and most businesses are closed. It is a day for families to spend time together. Sunday parking charges will make outings and activities more expensive at a time when a cost of living crisis is developing. Parking charges will in particular affect people who (like us) attend Sunday services in the churches of Bishops Stortford, especially the elderly and young families. The town's churches have few or no dedicated parking spaces and charges are likely to have an impact on church attendance and the community benefits associated with it, at a time when churches were already struggling to rebuild their communal life after Covid-19. Parking charges will adversely affect small businesses and the vitality of the town centre, also in a fragile state of recovery after Covid-19. Introducing Sunday parking charges would raise only a small amount of revenue in proportion to the damage done to the town and community. We hope that you will consider these arguments when arriving at a decision on whether to extend parking charges to Sundays.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
533	I am an avid supporter of our local businesses and therefore I am concerned that the introduction of parking tariffs will deter passers by from popping in briefly for one or two shops as they do now and our high street will become even quieter. I have already noticed this on Sundays with limited investment or encouragement from the local and parish councils to incentivise businesses to open on a Sunday and make more of the potential customer base. Indeed, recently businesses like the Mint Cafe have closed on a Sunday so we are seeing the opposite impact and I am fully opposed to any additional measure which will reduce trade on a weekend as the ability of local business to sustain themselves will be much reduced. Furthermore, we have a lot of elderly residents in Sawbridgeworth who may not be able to walk into town themselves due to their mobility. Making it harder for them to maintain their independence is likely to have a much broader burden on the welfare provisions in East Herts abs the well-being of these individuals. I also worry that drivers will look to avoid paying for parking by clogging up local streets or using Budgens car park which already causes a cacophony of traffic related challenges next to the Shell garage. Overall, I am opposed to weekend tariffs in the Sawbridgeworth public car park, however, I believe a compromise of 60 minutes free parking and then a tariff which is still relatively low (e.g. less than £1 for the 1-2 hour window) might enable some cash collection for the council whilst maintaining the major benefits for the public and local business of the current situation. I look forward to hearing a way forward on this matter and have full confidence that you are taking all of my concerns, and those of my fellow residents, into account.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
534	Please record this as a strong objection to the proposal to start charging for parking at the weekend and removing the free 30 min parking. There appears to be no other justification for this apart from revenue generation. The council's revenue generation will result in yet more financial pain for the businesses of Sawbridgeworth. It will also have an adverse impact on residents and make the town less pleasant as people will seek out the free parking elsewhere, and use residential parking areas. The cricket club for instance gets busy on Saturdays and Sundays, and I suspect some of those drivers will go and park in residential areas. The council needs to reconsider.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
535	I am writing as a member of the St Michael's church congregation to oppose the introduction of Sunday parking charges. For those who need to drive to church the charges are an added expense when many are struggling to pay bills. The new charges will have greater impact on the poorer, older and vulnerable in the congregation, reduce church attendance, and potentially weaken the ability of churches to help those in need. Older congregation members are often given lifts by volunteers who then park nearby. To have the parking charge in addition to the petrol cost will adversely affect these volunteers. Most churches in Bishop's Stortford lack their own parking facilities. St Michael's was built in the 15th Century and has never possessed dedicated parking spaces. Churches are now rebuilding following the pandemic. During the pandemic many people who would benefit from attending church were too scared to attend. Some have only recently started to return to in-person worship. To charge people to come to town centre churches on a Sunday would be an added blow for churches. Churches and their congregations make a key contribution to the Bishops Stortford community supporting Ukrainian refugees, the Foodbank, the Night shelter, Thirst Cafe and also many charities in the town. There will be an impact on small businesses and the vitality of the town centre through reduced footfall and length of stay. Some will use out-of-town shops and services (such as Tesco, Bishop's Park) where there is free parking. Town centre businesses will have greater difficulty in recruiting and retaining staff on Sundays. Charging for short-stay carparks outside the period of Resident Parking Zone restrictions, leads to problems for permit holders finding a space. Those who abandon car parks and park on single yellow line restrictions (not in force on Sundays) will create increased pressure on town centre and residential roads. There is an environmental argument to encourage people to walk to church or town and like most able-bodied people I always walk unless asked to give someone a lift. Churches promote caring for the environment and we know that caring for God's creation is part of our faith. The positive impact churches can have in this area (e.g. encouraging people to walk and be healthy) does not mean that we think charging for car parks on Sunday is the way to solve the problem of too many cars. The rich may well continue to drive and pay and those who are poorer but too far away to walk, will be discouraged from attending church or using the town centre shops. East Herts Council argues that the user should pay but carparks already produce substantial revenues, well in excess of the associated costs, and residents also pay directly through their Council Tax. £70,000 is due to be raised by Sunday charging in 2022/23. There must be better ways of raising this amount.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
536	I would like to voice the opinion of my wife and I about your suggestion to change the car parking times and fee's at the Bell street public car park. We are both members of the Sawbridgeworth Bowls club which is incorporated in with the local cricket and tennis club facilities there, all of these clubs have a lot of members who play seven days a week using the car park and paying as necessary for several hours at a time during the week. It has been a great help that Saturday and Sunday parking has been free. Also families come to your lovely village, and other events take place on a regular basis such as Vintage Cars meeting etc, and these events attract folk from surrounding areas and are the bread and butter to the local shops, cafe's and the charity shops. They will be running at a loss if these visitors decide they cannot afford the extra expense of parking on top of fuel increases. We will find it extremely difficult to continue using this car park if you go ahead with the changes and charges you intend to make, bearing in mind that everything is rising in price so much already. Most of our bowlers are pensioners and this is an important part of their life to keep healthy and happy by socialising and exercising together. Please look into this again, and take into account the number of protests you get for this rise in parking fees to go further. Your comments would be appreciated.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
537	I am writing to oppose the proposed changes to the parking charges and hours as recently stated. I feel that these proposals will be detrimental to the cost of living of the driving population in the East Herts districts, due to the already high cost of living (i.e. utilities, Council Tax, etc. etc.) I feel that it will also be detrimental to local businesses, as people may now not enter the towns mentioned until after 8.00 p.m. to save them parking fees, which will see a decrease in the amount of money being spent in pubs/restaurants, etc. Free Sunday parking is a good idea to encourage people to visit towns/parks, etc. and I also feel that this will be detrimental to the footfall of the public to these areas. Why the Council have decided to start charging people to park earlier in the day is also a mystery. I hope that this decision will be challenged by enough people so that the Council reconsider.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
538	Having lived in the town for 46 years, I write to express my views, we have lost too many shops in the town already, due to footfall, and parking is the prime reason, the redevelopment of Water lane will. Only turn people away the loss of 1/2 hour free parking will deter even more people from dropping off and picking up passengers and using the banks, GP's, dentists, opticians etc shop and office workers will be worse off the pressure of extra housing in and around the town is going to increase and I feel that a P&R should be given a priority, maybe near the Tesco roundabout Hadham Road, or south of the town, to reduce pollution and traffic in the town.	30 Mins Free	Bishops Stortford
539	Some people can barely afford to eat and pay rent. Food banks are being overwhelmed, yet you want more burdens on them by asking for more money with car parking. Many of these are Sunday church worshippers. They may not be even able to attend a church service if these charges are added to their outgoings. This may also result in the Tories getting kicked out of office by already disgruntled voters. Carry on grabbing more and more money from already struggling people, and the death toll to the Tory party could be imminent.	Sunday	Non Specific
540	I object to the proposed increase in local parking charges. Charging full parking rates every day, including Sundays, and increasing the hours these will apply will have an adverse effect on local churches, restaurants, coffee shops and other retail shops. All of these have struggled during the past three years due to Covid followed by inflation and rising prices. Please do not implement this increase.	All Elements	Non Specific
541	I have lived in Bishops Stortford for the last 28 years and feel the people who live in the town are being squeezed more and more for every last penny. First Residents parking permits, brown bin charged, now car parking charges in the evening, what next! An evening out now will have the added cost of car parking. For older residents it isn't going to impact on them as much as the younger generation who enjoy a night out at the cinema or out for dinner. Give the younger generation a break, life has been tough enough the last few years.	Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
542	I am writing to object to the council plan to scrap free parking periods in Bishops Stortford car parks. Many people in Bishops Stortford are already struggling with an out of control cost of living crisis in the UK. The free parking periods are essential for those on lower incomes and/or with mobility issues and I hope the council sees sense on this matter.	30 Mins Free	Bishops Stortford
543	Please take this email as an objection to the end of free parking in Sawbridgeworth and Bishops Stortford. As a local resident I think what your doing is disgraceful. Why are the council at east Herts so short sighted ? Its is quite simply baffling. Once again the local councils want to hammer the motorists. In the end it will be to your own demise.	30 Mins Free	Bishops Stortford / Sawbridgeworth

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544	I am sending in my comments on the car park charge proposals - I hope they will be considered as EHDC appears to have wanted to cover every angle of possible dissent with its Orders, Notice of Intention and Stated Reasons etc. So not much of a consultation really, is it? more of a dictat and fait accompli. Nevertheless here goes.....An increase in charges is hardly new - that's life - but the stopping of the 30 minute free parking issue in the Hartham Lane, St.Andrew Street and Gascoyne Way car parks should be seen as another nail in the coffin for local retailers and those people who want to quickly use them. When seen in conjunction with the HCC proposals for street parking in the town centre it leaves seriously reduced opportunity (just 3 spaces in Fore St for example) for quick turn-around users shopping locally. I understand all of the arguments being made on ecological, air quality and accessibility grounds - electric cars, pedestrians, cycling, disability etc - but a balance needs to be struck between that and the economic and commercial future of our town centre. Why are we so intent on blitzing this with a EHDC/HCC scorched earth policy when a more <i>incremental</i> approach would be helpful and sensible to move towards a balanced future for all town centre users. As electric cars become more commonplace that particular argument will subside. And I'm trying to avoid cynical and political points that others are openly making about EHDC grabbing more funds on the back of short-term car parkers, just to keep council tax low. And there may be free parking to <i>some</i> extent in the town's supermarket car parks but I am talking here about what is positive for <i>local</i> and small individual retailers - and local shopping residents - not visitors or those in the town for longer-term reasons - restaurants and more-considered shopping, who would expect to pay for their stays. I propose that the free 30 minute parking element should remain as both a lifeline to local retailers and as assistance to people needing to call into doctors and chemists, for prescriptions, to those just wanting to go to call into a bank, for those needing one-off urgent items or collections..... many of whom will have to reconsider using the town centre as a result. With the free parking reinstated I propose that it is reviewed in, say, 3 years time. This way, progress can be monitored during that period and should basic needs retailing subside in the town still further (let's hope not, we need a vibrant daytime economy), then the parking regime can be realigned accordingly.	All Elements	Hertford
545	I am writing to register my objection to the proposed increases to car parking charges on Sundays. Firstly, there are many people who give their time to serve the community through churches for free. That commitment can necessitate up to 5 hours on a Sunday for some and those people would have to pay the maximum charge going forward and would be unfairly impacted. Secondly, those who come into town on a Sunday to either shop or socialise will have the costs of that greatly increased. They are likely to choose out of town alternatives with free parking or free delivery from online suppliers, impacting local traders who are already struggling in an environment where families are having to severely cut discretionary spending. Finally, the consequent reduction in footfall would make it less likely that the new community facilities planned as part of the Old River Lane scheme would receive sufficient use to turn a profit. This scheme represents a highly significant capital investment involving Council Tax payers' revenue and I would suggest that putting its success at risk in this manner would be irresponsible, to say the least.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
546	I am writing to confirm my objection to the proposed increase in charging hours. Currently there are hardly any free parking spaces at all in the town. This is a small market town, we aren't living in London, the shops aren't even open past 5/6pm. How do you justify increasing the charges and scrapping free spaces when most of the town are on benefits or struggling to pay for things as it is?	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
547	I would like to protest about the increase in parking charges which are proposed in Bishop's Stortford. These would have a detrimental effect on all the town centre shops and restaurants. As a regular churchgoer it would alsomake it very hard on a Sunday for those wishing to attend one of the many town centre churches. The government says it wants to revive town centres. The changes would add to it's steady demise.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
548	As a resident in this town I think is totally unfair to start charging for Sunday parking or taking away 30 mins free parking at other times. Why would you do this to the businesses of the town who must find it hard enough to attract trade as it is. I would end up never going there to shop. I am a pensioner but do drive every now and then if I'm having to buy heavy goods. If anything you should have more free parking so it entices people to shop at anytime. You may then be able to get some really good shops move in.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Non Specific
549	Introducing evening and Sunday charges in town centre car parks in Bishops Stortford will simply push parking into residential streets where restrictions don't apply at those times. No doubt you will then charge residents more for widening the restricted hours to help solve this problem. If the council genuinely acted on behalf of residents, rather than as a money making concern, you would leave the situation as it is currently. I look forward to hearing your arguments about why and how this move helps residents.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
550	As regular users of Stortford's car parks, including on Sundays to attend our church's gathering, we need to register our objection to the council's proposals to extend parking charges both into the evening and to include Sundays. This is a seemingly easy way to raise funds, but in reality will only add to Stortford residents' and to visitors' frustrations with parking in the town, effectively giving us reason to choose other places to visit for recreation or shopping. For those of us - and there are more than 250 a week at Community Church on Sundays alone! - who use car parks to attend our worship services, this is effectively a tax on our choice to worship together in the town centre on Sundays, as well as for the numerous other community events hosted at the Charis Centre in Water Lane during the week. Evening events can be visited without parking charges with the current 6.30 deadline, whilst the proposed changes mean this is no longer possible. Please don't put people off our changing Stortford even more! Rethink this quick-fix measure and show how much you value residents and visitors.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
551	I would like to object to the scrapping of free parking in bishop's Stortford. This will discourage many people including myself from coming into town in the evening using restaurants and pubs etc, and coming on Sunday to shop and again use restaurants. For the high street in bishops Stortford to survive, this free parking cannot be taken away. I would love to always be able to walk into town but I have a newborn baby and therefore need to be able to bring my car and park up. Making people pay for these new periods will mean many people will go elsewhere instead of coming to our town. This will lead to restaurants closing and this is the lifeline of our town.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
552	I whole heartedly object to the Council's plan to introduce a parking fee in the evenings, Sunday's and Bank Holidays which are currently free in the car parks of Bishop's Stortford. Regular parking charges are high enough (having recently been increased) and the current "free parking periods" encourage people to come into town to shop, use the town park and use the facilities..... I am NOT in favour of the proposed plan.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford
553	I am not against the concept of increasing the periods when charges are made for parking in town in principle. However, the knock-on effect on residents parking does not appear to have been considered. It is very likely that people will choose to park in the residents parking zones that don't have restrictions in the weekends and evenings. Hence I am only in favour of this proposal if the effective hours of the residents parking schemes are increased to match.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
554	I was extremely concerned to note that East Herts intends to abolish free parking for 30 minutes and free parking on Sundays and Bank Holidays. This is detrimental for people who want to visit the park and get some exercise. I for one take my 85 year old mother to the park every Saturday and she can only manage 30 minutes of walking which is great to get her legs moving and to have to keep paying for this is ridiculous. I regularly shop in Bishop's Stortford town on a Sunday due to no parking fees and less traffic. If it goes ahead to charge on a Sunday this will reduce a lot of footfall in Bishop's Stortford and will cause a loss to many independent retailers who rely on us to attend their shops regularly. Please can you re-think this matter very carefully as it will be a great loss to everybody concerned. We have already had to endure the loss of a car park adjacent to Waitrose in which I used on a regular basis with my elderly mother as she cannot manage a multi storey so I need an open air car park. I am sure there are many elderly people who drive themselves and are also not able to use multi storey car parks. Since this has closed I have to rush to get everything done in 1.5 hours due to the parking restrictions imposed by Waitrose. Bishop's Stortford is becoming a nightmare day by day! I have lived here for 50 years and of course there have been many changes over that period which is understandable but over recent years it has become unbearable with new houses and clogged roads!	30 Mins Free; Sunday, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford
555	I saw the article in the Bishops Stortford Independent regarding potential rises in car parking cost and unfortunately I have to say that it would hugely reduce the number of times I would visit the town centre. I normally do a big food shop on a Sunday, and visit Sainsburys, have a coffee in town and do the bulk of my shopping. If the charges were to be put in place, my alternative would be to sporadically visit throughout the week and therefore not spending as much time, not visiting for coffee etc (as I'd essentially be visiting mid lunch break). Also, my parents (I'm 24) visit the Bishops Stortford Camera Club and would be much more reluctant to attend if they then had to pay for parking as well as the club membership fee, I think it would be a total shame if social opportunities were to be impacted too! I also think on a wider sense friends etc would visit restaurants less due to the lack of free parking, therefore reducing the variety of outlets that can be visited in Stortford.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Bishops Stortford
556	I wish to lodge my objection to the proposal to introduce car parking charges in Bishop's Stortford on Sundays, evenings and Bank Holidays. This proposal will cause increased parking on residential streets within the town and will no doubt impact on businesses, restaurants and retailers. I understand that it is expected that the proposed new parking charges will only raise £70,000 in a year and believe there must be better ways to raise this money. No previous consultation with the electorate has to my knowledge been made or proposed. It would be better for councillors to include this proposal (or not!) in their manifestos for the May 2023 Council election and to then see what support this receives from voters.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford

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557	The introduction of parking charges on Sundays, evenings and Bank Holidays (except Christmas Day) in various car parks in Hertford and the removal of all current free parking periods, except in Hertford will surely kill the town for visitors. Equally, having to pay to just pop into a shop and pick something up will drive consumers to online shopping and reduce the money being spent in local shops. This is a very bad idea and a poor deal for Hertford.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL Removal	Hertford
558	I am led to believe that the local council are planning to scrap the free parking periods in the town's car parks. I would strongly object to this action having lived in the town for over 24 years it is one of the few free benefits afforded to us the ratepayers. Please reconsider.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
559	I have read that EHDC are considering introducing car parking charges not only to cover Sundays but to extend the chargeable hour to 8pm daily. I am writing to request that this proposed step is NOT implemented. As we all know the last two years have been desperately difficult for many local small businesses who heavily rely on foot traffic to try and restore some of their lost earnings. The Bishop's Stortford BID have done excellent work in informing the townspeople of the new businesses that have been created since the end of the pandemic. They are working with these companies to enhance the shopping experience not only for the existing population but all those new families who will come to the town due to the new developments currently being built in the area. The local Churches have spent hundreds of thousands of pounds renovating and upgrading their premises specifically to keep their presence an important one in the town. Sunday parking charges will hit parishioners hard. We all know that our high street needs re-invigorating and if the Council carries out the planned parking charges it does the very opposite of what we surely all want - a vibrant town offering facilities, be it coffee shops, restaurants, theatre, places of worship and open air events for the entire family. I do hope that you will re-consider and continue to provide individuals and families with the ongoing ability to come into the town at reasonable cost, and particularly retain free parking on Sunday which for many remains the only day in the week when they can enjoy the facilities of our lovely town.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
560	I am not a Bishop's Stortford resident, but as a long-term Stansted resident, BS is my nearest town for shopping and leisure activities. I wish to register a strong protest to the proposal to make evening and Sunday parking payable and the withdrawal of the free 30 minute period of parking. If you wish to kill the town off completely, then you are going the right way about it. People are the key to a town's prosperity and like it or not, most people come to the town by car. If you make it harder or more expensive (or both) for people to park, then they will stop coming, businesses will close and the town will continue its decline. The changes you have made already are bad enough without compounding them further. The closure of the outside car park was a serious blow to the town. The new multi-storey car park is dreadful. I used it on the first day it opened and was deeply unimpressed with it - narrow entrance and aisles, lighting that comes on too slowly (when you are past the point where it would be useful), no ticket machines on each floor plus I damaged a wheel and tyre at the top of the ramp to the first floor where the fence stopped before the curb. (I am considering putting in a separate claim for that damage.) I now refuse to use it. Basically you are ruining the town with these changes.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
561	I am writing about the parking charges in Bishop's Stortford. Like everything with regard to BS (housing, etc.) it gets ignored but I am objecting to this. I don't go into town very often but when I do only use the 30mins free parking. Changing charges will deter me (and others) going into town. All of this is affecting shops and people will go elsewhere!	30 Mins Free	Bishops Stortford
562	I am writing to object to the proposed car parking charges. It seems a money grabbing idea that will stop families wanting to come into town at weekends and evenings. The free parking encourages people to come and spend money in the town and enjoy the facilities our lovely town has to offer, at least let people have a few perks, or Bishops Stortford will just end up being a dead town, full of expensive housing and very little else	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Bishops Stortford
563	If you want to kill Bishops Stortford off completely then go ahead but this family won't be coming in to spend any money if you do it's almost impossible to get in or out of town in the week so week ends are better for the not so well off, your choice !!!	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
564	Bishop stortford will become a ghost town if parking fees and put in place. Noone goes anyway as too much trouble after 9pm. The families and generations need to be encouraged to utilise areas in the evening.	30 Mins Free;	Bishops Stortford
565	It's come to my attention there are plans to scrap free parking slots. As a BS resident of over 25 years I think free parking is necessary as locals can access shops and banks easily and quickly. Local businesses will suffer as well as residents. We already pay too much.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Bishops Stortford
566	Hello I am writing this email to air my concerns about the proposed charges at Sawbridgeworth car park on the weekends. In my view I feel if you put these charges on at weekends it will cause the demise of the bowls and cricket clubs as this is when majority of the revenue is made. I also feel this will stop the general public who would come to shop in the town and therefore decrease sales and presence in the local shops. I would appreciate if you would consider the above concerns before going ahead with these charges.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
567	Dear East Herts Gov, What are you thinking. I often go to town on Sundays for a walk around the park and go to shops whilst there. I also go out in the evening to various restaurants. I will not be paying any extra charges as I think they are unreasonable and not necessary therefore the businesses will suffer as I will simply buy online and go to restaurants outside of the town. I urge you to rethink your decision to keep businesses and the town alive.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
568	I write to state my objections to scrapping free parking in BS on Sundays because: 1. This will drive people away from the town on Sundays for shopping and using the cafes. 2. Totally unacceptable for churchgoers. 3. Not acceptable for people wishing to use the cinema/bowling/ leisure facilities in the town on a Sunday. It is also totally unfair to move the evening parking charges from 6.30pm to 8pm. I attend an evening meeting at 7pm and often visit the cinema evenings which will incur me in further expense. You will drive people away from the town centre to the very many eating places there are now in BS. BS town centre is a great disappointment to many people now and with the new parking charges proposed will have a disastrous effect on business and trading. COUNCIL PLEASE THINK AGAIN	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
569	Dear Sir, I urge you to consider the restaurants that serve the town every evening and the shops that rely on Sunday trade from those residents who work all week and only get a chance to shop in the town on a Sunday. By introducing these proposed charges and changes to the existing times of charge you will negatively impact local businesses as residents are being hit with the ever increasing cost of living. You should be working with the local BID in finding ways to encourage more local shopping not drive people away or online. I hope you will reconsider as I know I am not alone in these views.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
570	A request to rethink scrapping the free overnight and Sunday parking. Yet another financial burden for the public at a time when household budgets are already under enormous pressure.	Sunday	Non Specific
571	I am writing to make the same points I assume you have received a thousand times by now. I do not object to the increase in charges. The council has to raise money just like all businesses do. I do object to losing the half-hour free parking if you are just picking something up quickly. I do object to the extended hours/Sunday & Bank Holiday charges as this will impact businesses in the town at a time when they are already struggling to survive. We have so many empty units and yet the council still wants to build more. Trying to make Bishop's Stortford a thriving high street is difficult enough already. This is also being introduced at a time when the impact of the economy on people this autumn/winter remains unclear, so in turn, the effect on the high street is also an unknown. I do hope the council re-thinks this plan and does not threaten the long term future for short-term gains.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
572	There are a large number of independent shops that we as residents want to support but charging people to park in the evenings will damage and impact people coming to the area for the theatre, restaurants etc. I appreciate the council probably has a budgetary gap but it feels churlish to ask people to pay to park on bank holidays and Sundays especially with the macro environment when living costs are already difficult. I suspect you will find if you push this through, footfall drops as people will go to free out of town shopping centres, businesses are damaged and the whole scheme backfires as you do not generate the anticipated revenue.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL Removal	Non Specific
573	I want to raise objection to the increase and introduction of charges for car parking. This is yet another decision from this council, which tries to destroy the town centre usage from council money making. The decisions in this process such as the terrible changes being made to the park area restricting its use are having negative impacts on Bishops Stortford community!	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
574	Please don't increase the hours or costs. Please only increase the fees in line with inflation. Too much tax/fees only inhibits business and revenue...	All Elements	Non Specific
575	Why should you have to pay for parking evenings and Sundays these are times for people to venture out and socialise don't need extra expense on car park fees. Car park fees have already been increased in bishops stortford during the day how much more money does the council need to make. That's my reason. during the day how much more money does the council need to make. That's my reason.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
576	I am against removal of free parking, residents wanting to pop in to the shops should not pay, it is at such a bad time, when the cost of living crisis is at its height, bad timing at best. The shops themselves could be adversely hit when internet shopping has already decimated our towns, please reconsider and scrap the proposed charges. I suppose this will fall on deaf ears and the charges will be implemented, but I can only try	30 Mins Free	Non Specific

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577	These charges could have a serious impact on all the town centre churches where a lot of older residents of the town attend and need to be able to park to access church. It will also have an adverse effect on restaurants, coffee shops and all our other traders, who are already struggling. I would therefore like to lodge my objections to these proposed Sunday charges and changes in times for charging. With the general cost of living going up in all other areas of our lives, please don't add further to the expenses and misery we are already facing	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
578	Evening/weekend shopping should be encouraged as a way of reducing traffic as should eating out so I think reducing free parking in the town centre would be detrimental	Sunday, Evening	Bishops Stortford
579	I object to the council scrapping the free parking. As a local resident we have faced increased council taxes and increased parking permit costs already. Permit costs rose an unprecedented amount way out of line with inflation. I therefore think it is unfair to also remove this parking and make people pay for that as well. I also fear this will have an impact on people coming to the town to use the bars/ restaurants and amenities which have already been effected by covid.	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
580	Stortford has a high percentage of hospitality venues, restaurants, bars pubs etc, this is because they are one of the few businesses that can survive the punitive business tax and other charges associated with having a shop in our town centre. One of the reasons they can survive is that customers are able to find plenty of free parking of an evening, without which they would not visit. Additionally the hospitality venues employ a lot of people on, or around, the minimum wage and as they work late hours they are reliant on the current free parking and if you introduce a charge it may well mean that they have to give up their job because they cannot afford to come to work.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
581	I'm writing to object to the proposed Sunday new car parking charges in Bishop's Stortford. The reasons are: - serious impact on churches in the town, - major affect on local residents and visitors wanting to visit the town who may go elsewhere where there is free or low Sunday parking	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
582	I am writing to oppose car parking charges on a Sunday in Bishop's Stortford's car parks. We are still a small town and many avoid parking in town already due to the cost of parking charges and chose to park on Sunday as it's free then. I oppose the parking charges due to the fact that the cost of living is increasing and that people will avoid parking in town to use the shopping facilities and purchase online or go elsewhere where there are more shops and maybe free parking. Also the parking charges are detrimental to all the town centre churches and to people who want to use the paddling pool area or eat at restaurants in the town.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
583	Whilst I understand the need to raise revenue, please take steps to ensure that charging in Sawbridgeworth does not have a knock on impact on narrow and busy Bell Street, which is already subject to frequent bad/illegal parking which is dangerous for pedestrians and through vehicles alike. It would also be interesting to know how many of those who are driving to Bell Street are actually local residents who should / could walk or cycle to our town centre. Hopefully EHDC will continue to promote these choices too, as an alternative. A Sunday exemption should also apply - this is a quiet day as it is.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
584	This email is to object to the scrapping of the free parking periods in the Bishops Stortford Town car parks. It will be one more nail in the coffin of our town centre along with congestion caused by over development and the removal of the open air car park (replaced by a poorly designed multi story), and will be another hit to people already struggling with the cost of living crisis.	30 Mins Free	Bishops Stortford
585	I wish to inform you of my objection to the proposed additional parking charges and extension of parking charge hours outlined in your consultation documents. The reason being that businesses will suffer by putting a barrier up impacting people coming into the town. The town centre has already been 'hollowed out' as a result of mismanagement by the council during and post the pandemic and because of planning decisions which are detrimental to the aesthetics and attractiveness of the town for visitors including the reduction of open air car parking. This additional move to impose additional car park fees is yet another detrimental step that will further impact the social and economic benefits of a once vibrant market town.	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Non Specific
586	While I think an increase in parking fees in Ware is acceptable, I do think it is wrong to remove the 30 mins, evening and Sunday free parking. I would be much less likely to use the facilities and spend money in the town centre is this were the case.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening	Ware
587	I'm emailing to object to the proposed increasing of parking charges in Bishop's Stortford town centre. I feel very strongly that with everything else rising in cost terms these days this is yet another cost increase that people will feel very discouraged about, and not see any benefit from. (pot holes in and around the town for a start have required attention for ages), and BS is now so often congested with more and more housing being built with no improvement to roadway infrastructure. I doubt if any notice will be taken of these objections, but at the very least people have to make their views known.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
588	BS BID represents 330 town centre businesses who rely on daily parking and visitors using town centre car parks, some from surrounding villages with limited public transport who rely on cars. Businesses are currently building back after lockdown and limited trading and are struggling to recruit (parking costs a barrier). Cost of living crisis to escalate in Autumn. Decreased footfall re online shopping and increased parking charges will exacerbate effects on the town centre. These changes will undo much of the positive work achieved. Highlighted issues previously with Council re the new Northgate End car park in BS. Urge Council to delay changes at this time until businesses in a stronger position and car park issues resolved.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
589	Existing system works fine for Bell Street Car Park. Weekend motorists are mainly local ratepayers using what is left of the useful shops (local paper states Council want to swing burden of free parking from ratepayers to motorists) and another nail in the coffin for businesses. Difficult to believe free parking causes operational costs.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
590	Object strongly. Recognise Council's problems with debt but fail to see why motorists should be targeted to help pay for Council's long history of poor financial management. Christian country, charging on Sunday immoral as people may be attending Church. Christmas Day excluded, so should Easter Day, as other businesses. Removing 30 mins free parking will add pressure to 'on street' parking areas and more vehicles circulating town centres will cause traffic congestion, impact air quality and add pressure on non-Council car parks who provide free parking. At least two car parks used by patients visiting GP surgeries and removal of 30 mins free will impact those least able to afford it (vulnerable). Will the additional cost of enforcement on Sundays and B/Hs and evenings erode the cost benefit?	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Non Specific
591	Changes will seriously impact businesses, which are already struggling as a result of fewer people shopping in town centres and the pandemic. People will shop online and go to leisure facilities and restaurants with free parking. Understands Councils need to increase revenue but it needs to be balanced with failing economy and high cost of living, why discourage spending in the town centre?	All Elements	Bishops Stortford, Hertford, Ware
592	Detrimental to high street and local businesses as it will deter people from visiting and they will go to large stores instead, with free parking, ultimately leading to a loss of revenue to local councils (loss of rent, business rates). Local businesses have suffered enough with Covid over the past few years.	All Elements	Non Specific
593	Negative effect on businesses and eateries, who have already suffered during the pandemic and now face increased living costs, fuel, rent, etc. Residents also face increased cost of living so charging for car parks could result in them going elsewhere to avoid charges.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Non Specific
594	Many people use the town centre and shops because of free Sunday parking and introducing parking charges will cause them to go elsewhere. For the sake of show owners and local residents, please scrap Sunday charges.	Sunday	Non Specific
595	Dropping the 30 minute free parking will deter people from popping into town to spend their money. Extending charging times makes things harder for people. Sunday parking charges will deter people from going into Hertford to enjoy the parks and scenery. People will start parking at supermarkets and create traffic jams there - Sainsbury's is already a nightmare at certain times (Old Cross traffic lights).	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening	Hertford
596	In bognor Regis (1980s) the town Council did the same, believing they would get money from day trippers and local residents. The opposite happened, the day trippers went to other resorts and residents shopped at retail parks and larger towns, decimating the high street. The Council lost income as there were fewer people left to pay the business rates. Buntingford is smaller and has only one central car park, hence, the Council will lose money and also destroy businesses and people will go to Bishops Stortford which is larger and has more to offer. As with Bognor Regis, once the shoppers leave, they don't return. The proposals are a misguided and short-sighted way to increase revenue.	All Elements	Buntingford
597	Absolutely dispute changes to car parking in Hertford and other East Herts areas. Some people only get to enjoy shopping and leisure time with their families on Sundays because parking is free. It is awful that at times like this the Council are choosing to make it harder for people to manage financially.	Sunday	Non Specific

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598	Strong objection to changes in parking charges in Sawbridgeworth, death knell for all small businesses. Huge housing developments in Sawbridgeworth and instead of encouraging local shopping the changes will direct people to larger shopping areas as although parking charges may apply, there are more shops to choose from. Parking charges are not the way to pump new blood into the high street, which is what is needed. Urges Council to rethink plans.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
599	Added financial burden on individuals and families already hit by cost of living crisis will effect well-being of public, especially elderly who rely on cars for mobility. Reduction of footfall will decimate fragile economy of shops/businesses in the expanding town and could result in loss of livelihood for many. Sunday is a religious day for church goers. Recommends that the Council enquires further re parish, Council and County records as former agreement (50 years ago) re St Michael's, the Bishop's Stortford parish church re car parking in Apton Road and it was confirmed that if parking charges were introduced that the church would be allocated free parking on Sundays and agree Saints Days.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
600	Formal complaint re proposed charges for car parking evenings and weekends. Charity 'car meets' first Sunday of each month, which brings in welcome trade. Cost of living crisis and Council Tax rises again, Council might want to look at driving trade, not forcing people to go to large supermarkets where parking is free!	Sunday, Evening Charge	Sawbridgeworth
601	Fortunate to be able to park on Folly Island as a resident but visitors (family/friends) won't be able to afford to leave their cars in Hartham Car Park overnight or evenings if they now have to pay. Detrimental effects personally as no other places locally for partner to park free of charge.	Evening Charge	Hertford
602	Increasing charges and removing free parking would be an utter disaster as only just picking up in our town centre following Covid and shops have struggled. Rethink required by EHDC, I don't think this has been thought through.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
603	Proposed amends will have a negative impact on businesses and eateries who have suffered due to pandemic and now face difficulties re increase in living costs, fuel, rent, etc. Residents may have to make cut backs due to increased living costs and may go elsewhere to avoid car parking charges. Thirty minute spaces in Hertford have reduced which has had an impact on local businesses.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening	Non Specific
604	Proposals will seriously affect the number of visitors to the town, impact church congregations and deter people from visiting Bishops Stortford. We hope EHDC will seriously consider dropping the plans.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL	Bishops Stortford
605	If you want people to visit towns shops parks you need to give them some free parking. Costs of everything are increasing you need to provide free parking as an incentive to encourage people into local areas.	All Elements	Non Specific
606	Hertford resident, objection to proposed changes in district, especially Hertford. Changes unreasonable. Hertford suffering due to restricted parking in town centre. People won't pop into town during lunchtime if they have to pay to park. Extend chargeable parking to 10pm but don't punish people who decide to have a drink and leave their car overnight, this will encourage people to drink drive rather than pay for overnight parking. Hertford Council trying to promote Hertford (families) but proposed changes will deter them. Hertford has been suffering for a few years due to both Councils making terrible decisions and I believe this is another one that will result in the independent shops closing due to lack of footfall. I hope you reconsider.	All Elements	Non Specific
607	Parking already difficult (Hertford/Ware). Changes will make it more challenging to park. Additional charges will negatively effect local restaurants and pubs, who already struggling after COVID and increasing cost of living crisis. With many residents struggling, surely the Council should be trying to make life easier rather than adding more charges. Thanks for taking this into consideration.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL	Hertford, Ware
608	Resident of Ware nearly 20 years, spend considerable amount of income in town. Having to pay for parking when Council Tax already paid feels like an insult. Love the high street, as many locals and this will not encourage others to support local businesses.	All Elements	Ware
609	Hertford resident. Businesses have struggled over the past couple of years. Getting rid of free parking periods deters people from shopping locally, despite shopping in the high street being continually encouraged, as cheaper and less hassle to shop online. It shows a complete lack of joined up thinking by Council to place another barrier in the way of business in local communities.	All Elements	Non Specific
610	Scrapping 30 mins ridiculous, stops people quickly popping to high street to pick up something, making more use of delivery service, killing high street like many other small towns.	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
611	We are desperate to maintain our local high street and save our local shops and we are being encouraged to support our local community and to shop locally. If you remove this benefit, people will drive to Tesco to enjoy their free parking. That will also add to the environmental issues by encouraging people to use their cars. Please stop these plans	All Elements	Buntingford
612	I absolutely dispute the charges to car parking charges in Hertford and Other East Herts Areas. Some of us only get a chance to shop with our Families on Sundays because we can park for free. This also includes Family times spent in local parks and on walks. It is awful at times like this you are choosing to make it even harder to manage what little income we do have.	Sunday	Non Specific
613	Negative effect on local business owners as may reduce footfall. Cost of living rising and financial considerations for those who don't have a choice but to park in East Herts car parks. Local residents who have no choice but to use East Herts car parks due to lack of available parking at properties will be unjustifiably penalised. Lack of affordable parking may impact value of properties and sales. Encourages online shopping over high street, damaging local economy.	All Elements	Non Specific
614	Proposed changes, mistake. Cost of living squeezing household budgets will deter people from using town centres. It doesn't feel like the right time to introduce this. Is it value for money as you will need to pay for more parking enforcement?	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening	Non Specific
615	We strongly object to any charges within Bishops stortford what are you trying to do close our town down. What of businesses restaurants supposed to do for there customers. You want votes to retain you jobs think carefully	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
616	Charging for Sundays, Bank Holidays and evenings will have an adverse effect on the town and its residents and visitors. It will be a charge on those who otherwise might not use their vehicle but are doing so because they give lifts to those who would otherwise be unable to access church or other activity. These good Samaritans already bear the cost of using their vehicle and filling their tank with fuel - prices are ever increasing.	All Elements	Ware
617	Please register my objection to the proposed changes to car parking charges. We should be encouraging visitors to the town and not discouraging them.	All Elements	Non Specific
618	I use at some time most of them and as a full time carer it has always been possible to find parking when it is needed. However any increase I feel will affect lots of shops and other market traders as it will be now more beneficial to shop at large stores and park for free.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
619	This will reduce footfall into the town centres, much needed to support businesses. It will also be another hit to families facing a cost of living crisis - making them unable to afford to make trips into town centres.	Sunday, Evening	Hertford
620	How is this going to get people back to our town? Not everyone can walk in? Not everyone can afford parking charges. Get the bus, oh wait you have to pay for that too ....	30 Mins Free;	Hertford
621	I object to charging Sundays and evenings. For those on a budget we choose to do activities at these times to help manage costs	Sunday, Evening	Non Specific
622	The parking charges for Hertford are extortionate as it is and the trade in Hertford is already absolutely dead, so why do you feel the need to take away the couple of days free parking from us?	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL	Hertford, Ware
623	The increase in charges will be yet another cost added to the cost of living crisis, with the real value of pensions reducing. It will also make the decision of meeting friends for a coffee in town, going for a walk in the common etc at weekends or evenings another cost to budget for and probably will reduce the footfall in the town's which are predominantly social centres, rather than serious shopping destinations.	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
624	I live near a primary school and already have issues with parents blocking driveways on double yellow lines while dropping off/picking up and visiting teachers. Most of the parents however park down the road in the Kibes lane car park making use of the free car parking. The removal of this free 30mins is going to cause traffic chaos around local schools and make life hell for local residents	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
625	I would like to register my concern over changing the parking rules in Hertford – charges after 6pm and on Sunday. I think this is wrong as it will stop people using the town's restaurants they will go to pubs that provide free parking	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford

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626	These changes would no doubt be detrimental to many and prevent people and predominantly families from frequently visiting our town centres and social hubs. It would be a challenge for people to carry a weeks worth of shopping home if they were perhaps unable to drive due to these proposed changes, even more so if they have children with them or are a single parents, elderly or somehow physically impaired temporarily or permanently. Removing free periods of parking at this time will mean that parents simply cannot afford to take children to certain locations or visit certain locations to get essential items.	All Elements	Non Specific
627	We're in a time where life is extremely costly as it is, with businesses and families struggling to pay rates and bills, increasing the hours that carparks charge for would only add to this, with people then avoiding towns for leisure purposes, or having to worry about the added cost of parking for work purposes.	All Elements	Hertford
628	Removal of free 30 minutes. This is a useful approach along with check in and check out, to enable people to collect goods, i.e prescriptions, or heavy items that are not suitable for non motorised transport. Removing this will reduce footfall in town centres as people will use out of town shops. 2. Different charging rates in different towns. Given the charging falls under East Herts, why confuse residents with different rates in different towns? It does not make sense. It will also increase pressure on other parking facilities provided by third parties such as supermarkets	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
629	As a pensioner with an elderly husband with mobility problems a car is often the only way to get near to some points in the town in the evening with a very limited bus service available. The free half hour enables us to collect prescriptions without incurring a fee. Sunday Charges will affect members of Church on Sunday when attending morning and evening services. In a Christian country it seems wrong to charge for attending church.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Ware
630	The council should not have evening or Sunday charges because they should be doing all they can to encourage people to use the town facilities. Parking charges will encourage people to shop and eat out of town, where independent pubs and restaurants have there own free parking	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford, Ware
631	At a time when going out for dinner is an increasing luxury adding car park charges would make this unaffordable for many. A decrease in use in this area would lead to less productive business. Not something we want in Hertford or any of the other mentioned areas.	Evening Charge	Hertford
632	I am school parent governor at Christ Church Primary School and can confirm the Kibes Lane car park is the closest car park to the school, the free 30 minute parking period is vital to allow working parents and those living further than walking distance to safely collect their children. In most cases parents are only parking for 20-30 minutes, the current free parking bays on the road outside the car park are not sufficient to support the parents using Kibes Lane, there is no other alternative parking provision in the area around the school, I'm not sure it's feasible to ask everyone to pay 70p twice a day to park for such short amount of time. Christ Church has a fairly large catchment area, unfortunately it is not practical to ask all parents to walk to school, and with already increasing charges for petrol and energy bills, this is a step too far. Also the parking period length has increased to 07:30-20:00, why is this? it was previously until 18:30, this is deterring people to visit our local restaurants and is significantly past working hours. In addition, the free 30 minute parking period encourages local residents to use the local shops, particularly the independent ones. If this is removed, the local shops will suffer as residents are more likely to travel to further out of town shops where parking is free or use online shopping, we want to encourage visitors to Ware, not deter them. On Sunday's/Bank Holidays the car parks are generally very quiet, having free parking on these days encourages people to visit the town and any shops / restaurants that are open rather than travelling out of town.	All Elements	Ware
633	I object to adding charges to the areas, especially Buntingford. With the cost of living crisis, it would mean less people visit the areas or will park in places that are not safe. This would impact local businesses negatively. Buntingford already has a problem with people parking in the wrong places and this will just increase it.	All Elements	Buntingford, Hertford, Ware
634	I note that you are considering changing the car parking fees for evenings, weekends and bank holidays in the EHDC area. I wish to record my objection to the plan especially In this time of high inflation.	Sunday, Evening	Non Specific
635	This will force even more cars to park on the roads, which are dangerous enough now. When I drive through the town, after having already run the gauntlet of cars parked on both sides of Bengeo Street, as I turn right into St Andrews Street from Old Cross traffic lights, I am nearly always met with someone having parked on double yellow lines and making life difficult and it is the same when I come back through St Andrews Street. This makes my journeys even more frustrating, and yet there is never a traffic warden in sight for these misdemeanors?	All Elements	Hertford
636	There is very little incentive to visit towns and the proposal reduces this incentive to support our local communities to zero.	All Elements	Non Specific
637	Introducing proposed charges in the evening and Sundays will further discourage diners and other patrons of the town who will simply go to other locations with free parking. The town will thus further decline into facilities used only by local residents who walk in, and not by those who could be encouraged to drive in from surrounding areas.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
638	I live in Bengeo, Hertford and sometimes I like to pop into town for a meal or a drink during the evening or on a Sunday, I don't want to be charged for this, nor will it help the already existing and struggling businesses.	Sunday, Evening	Hertford
639	I'm writing to express my dismay and concern about the proposed new parking charges in Hertford. I cannot see how this will benefit the businesses in the town, many of whom are struggling with soaring energy costs etc. As a parish priest of a town centre church (St Andrew's), this decision will also affect many of our congregation in these times of increasing living costs.	All Elements	Hertford
640	I would like to object to the proposed introduction of car parking charges at weekends and bank holidays. This will discourage people visiting and spending money which will in turn reduce trade for local shop keepers, pubs and restaurants.	Sunday, BHL Removal	Non Specific
641	On the rare occasions that I visit town I do so for short periods of time to avoid paying parking charges. If this facility was lost I would visit other local towns such as Stevenage or Welwyn with shopping areas that do provide free parking. Introducing parking charges in the evenings will affect the night time trade of the town, considering the struggles the pub and restaurant trade has had over the last few years due to covid and even still face now with huge staff shortages in the industry, the council should be doing what they can to support these businesses not driving away their trade due to unnecessary car parking charges.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
642	I do not wish to pay evenings, after 5 or bank holidays. It will stop me from going into town and I would just go else where.	Evening Charge,	Non Specific
643	We are only just picking up in our town centre following covid and our shops have struggled. Increasing charges and removing the free parking would be an utter disaster.	All Elements	Hertford
644	The additional hours of parking will affect local businesses who are struggling to trade as it is. At present 30mins free parking enables people to drop off and run an errand in the towns. Without this the local community will be driven to larger towns to conduct basic tasks.	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Non Specific
645	Introducing evening, Sunday, and bank holiday charging to car parks in East Herts is a terrible idea. Already struggling businesses will suffer. Prices will go up to cover loss of revenue feeding into the current inflation situation. The only way this would be of benefit is if there was some kind of joined up thinking regarding the appalling public transport network, you can't price people onto public transport if there is no public transport.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL	Non Specific
646	As a resident of Hertford living in the actual centre it is already almost impossible to park anywhere. I live in a restricted zone and I can't get a residents permit because my property was built after the scheme was introduced and my actual address is therefore not mentioned. I can't even get a visitor's permit. We need the situation to remain as is, or actually relaxed to stop the town from dying a quiet death. People shun the town because of parking restrictions and residents can't park either. In the mean time the ridiculous COVID road blocks are still in place, further reducing spaces. They need to go asap.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
647	I highly object to the proposed price increase and weekend/holidays charges do you not think things are hard enough for people now all that will happen is more people will use the adjacent roads etc the high street in Hertford is bad enough now in the evenings with people parking on blind bends for their take aways	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
648	This will have an impact on already struggling businesses in towns like Buntingford, Bishop Stortford and Sawbridgeworth, for the weekend and evening economy. It will also have an impact on people who are struggling with a cost of living crisis, that may chose to go shopping on a Sunday to have free parking as they cannot afford to pay for parking at other times! If the council goes ahead with these proposals people will chose to go to bigger retail parks where parking is free, many small business in our lovely small towns will close people will lose there jobs!	Sunday, Evening Charge	Non Specific
649	At a time when towns and villagers are dying due to local shops closing because of rent and rates one would have thought local councils and councillors would have done all that is within their grasp to support local communities but no the complete opposite is seeing to be happening by bringing in car parking charges at the weekends ?????	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth

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650	Ware has enough to contend with trying to recover from the closure of small high street businesses without EHDC making it harder for members of the public to be able to park for free for a limited time to be able to visit these establishments. For a lot of the older generation being able to park for free for 30 minutes enables them to visit chemists for much needed prescriptions; it allows parents to pick up children from nearby schools without clogging up the already congested roads; it allows locals to use local coffee shops and food establishments to pick up takeaways without having to park on already congested highways.	All Elements	Ware
651	personally our roads are awful and haven't been resurfaced in the 8 years I've lived here- hadam road in particular so I'd rather drive somewhere else and not use our town centre if after all the increases in taxes and addition of brown bin fees, parking charges are going to implemented on Sunday and in the evenings - most others I've spoken with feel the same so local businesses will suffer especially restaurants.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Non Specific
652	I am a local business owner offering yoga classes in Hertford and Ware in the evenings. As a service provider to the local community I am acutely aware of the affects of the rising cost of living that local people are experiencing. Many people that come to my classes are elderly, recovering from the effects of lockdown, or have concerns about their WELL-BEING. Currently access to free parking is helping these people access my classes, many people car pool or give lifts to those in their locality. I believe that the additional costs of parking in the evenings would make it difficult for my customers to drive into Hertford and Ware for evening yoga classes. There is a need to for the local community to connect and to have access to yoga for WELL-BEING and physical wellbeing. The proposed changes would have an impact on my class numbers and make it difficult for me to operate as a business. I hire community halls from the local council and hall hire costs have risen over the last year.	Evening Charge	Hertford, Ware
653	Please keep the free parking 90mins in the Buntingford car parks and re think weekend charges. Local shops are struggling to recover after the pandemic, and this will not help. People will block the high street , trying to park, and on the surrounding roads , leading to chaos It's the one good thing we still have left in Buntingford , as infrastructure , doctors and schools are all overcrowded and struggling to cope , after the hundreds of extra houses the council have allowed to be built. Leave the locals with some reason to stay here .	30 Mins Free	Buntingford
654	Some of us only get a chance to shop with our Families on Sundays because we can park for free. This also includes Family times spent in local parks and on walks.	Sunday	Non Specific
655	Hi, not sure who comes up with these ideas? Obviously nobody who can be bothered to come and actually look at the state of parking in the above towns? Free and discounted parking is a godsend as it keeps people from blocking the high street.	All Elements	Buntingford, Ware
656	I am a Hertford resident and run a small business as a sole trader in Hertford and surrounding counties.I ask that you reconsider these proposed changes of introducing parking charges at evenings, sundays and bank holidays; daytime parking is already expensive and as a resident, I feel we need to be further enticing people to go out and spend money locally and it is more likely to happen when one does not have to pay to park;	All Elements	Hertford
657	There is a thriving business at the weekend and evenings in most places you have mentioned. (In Particular hertford where I live) We have local yoga classes and also charitable activities going on in the evenings around the town. I feel making these changes will change the dynamics of these sort after areas. They will become more like a city and have negative impact on the locals and the community being charged all hours for a quick nip into town.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
658	I object to the preposed increase in parking charges at this time. You should be looking to decrease or scrap parking charges to encourage commerce otherwise town centres will only consist of charity shops. I would be interested to know where you live and your thoughts of how to revive town centres	All Elements	Non Specific
659	I live in Hertford and the proposed changes are not necessary. If it's a true attempt to reduce congestion then focus on where double yellow restrictions should be implemented. Otherwise this is just an attempt by the local government and parking companies to extradite more cash from already struggling public.	All Elements	Hertford
660	As a pensioner we do not like to go out late in the evenings but would go for a walk and drink earlier.We take our grandchildren to the castle and buy refreshments. Our local towns will be like ghost towns, because of the councils greed. No wonder people are choosing to work from home, with extortionate parking fees which in turn is the death nell for our local shops.	All Elements	Non Specific
661	This will have a knock effect on theatre shows which Hertford will be promoting soon, the new Hertford Town Centre and new businesses and all assets that Hertford has to offer.	All Elements	hertford
662	Buntingford high street and surrounding are doesn't have a good provision of free parking. The parking in the area is atrocious.People to avoid paying end up parking in driveways, sidewalks and even private parking lots (i.e. the parking lot of the Medical Centre). Bringing extra charges will only encourage this behaviour.	All Elements	Buntingford
663	I can understand wanting to jump on the inflation band waggon but really taking away the only attraction for ware parking for quick visits and weekend parking is mind boggling for the economy of the town In fact it would make more sense to scrap parking charges completely to stimulate growth in our depleted town Maybe the shops could give out parking vouchers with purchases Please just don't put these charges into play without getting town inhabitants ideas	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Ware
664	I am writing to say how disgraceful the new proposed parking charges are ! It's bad enough with the increase in the cost of living without having to pay to go and try and earn a living then to be hit again at weekends when you try and relax and having to pay through the nose even more . Rethink this as it's going to hit people really hard , and also force residents to have to put up with people parking in their roads because they don't want to pay .	All Elements	Non Specific
665	This will stop people dropping into shops locally. I also drop my daughter at her nursery using one of the car parks in Hertford as there is no other parking available. 30mins free is ideal for this. My doctor's surgery is also next to an East Herts car park and again 30mins Free means I can drop in and out.	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
666	Residents of Hertford and the villages have to come to Hertford to see their doctors, dentists etc and also to pop into the shops. The free 30mins is a massive help to people who have to just pop into the chemist to pick up prescriptions and to make appointments at the doctors	All Elements	Hertford
667	You will be putting a stop to many of us just popping in to the town to drop something off or pick up a takeaway, having to pay to park for a 5 minute stop is ridiculous, disgraceful and simply money grabbing at a time that people are struggling with finances. Small businesses will suffer for this as it will put people off just popping in to town for half an hour if they have to pay. Some people only get a chance to shop with Families on Sundays because they can park for free. This also includes Family times spent in local parks and on walks.	All Elements	Non Specific
668	I'm writing to object to the proposed car park fee changes in Buntingford. In the current cost of living crisis, I don't think it's the appropriate time to be changing/increasing these costs and think it will be detrimental to the town. A number of local/small businesses have already been forced to close, and less people will be encouraged to come to the town if the proposed charges are enforced which will be detrimental to the high street. It will also cause chaos on the actual high street, which is already a major hazard with the dangerously parked cars, of which there will be even more because nobody will want to/can afford to pay to park. I'm writing to object to the proposed car park fee changes in Buntingford. In the current cost of living crisis, I don't think it's the appropriate time to be changing/increasing these costs and think it will be detrimental to the town.	Bowling Green Lane	Buntingford
669	I'm writing to object to the proposed introduction of parking charges on Sundays and Bank Holidays as well as the removal of the fee half hour parking in some car parks in Ware. For me shopping with local retailers is important to help local businesses and they rely on easy, cheap access for their customers. Increasing/introducing charges in these car parks will keep people away from town centres and push more customers towards the supermarkets out of town.	All Elements	Ware
670	Buntingford has a busy high st, and a wonderful community feel. The changes in parking will more than likely discourage people from shopping locally and be more likely to go elsewhere. This will have a detrimental effect on local business that is crucial to the community spirit and feel of the high st.	All Elements	Buntingford
671	I am a local ( ware ) resident and Hertford business and these proposals re immensely damaging to business and residents.Westminster council backed down from a similar scheme due to huge opposition. It is sheer greed and will change the tranquil nature of towns off peak and the desire of resident and business to co exist.	All Elements	Ware
672	This will be detrimental to town centre shops and trading and in fact you should be considering free parking on Saturdays to encourage more face to face business. As authority you should be doing everything you can to keep high streets alive and imposing more car parking charges will not assist with achieving this.	All Elements	Non Specific



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673	Good evening, I would like to express my opinion on the new car parking charges. I live in ware on bowling road just along from the car parks . As a resident parking is a nightmare as it stands right now, people park down the road instead of using the car parks. This is only going to be made worse by these new changes, I appreciate that some things need to be done but I would like you to consider the knock-on effects, and potentially think about making bowling road residential parking/permits only	All Elements	Ware
674	This is a crazy idea, particularly at this time when town centres are struggling and people have less money to spend: it is a double whammy and shouldn't even be considered. Surely we want as many people to come into Hertford as possible, daytime, evenings, weekends and even for a quick half-hour visit, whatever, not drive them away.	All Elements	Hertford
675	I feel that extending the chargeable period, including the introduction of payment on Sundays, would likely cause an increase in parking in our adjacent residential road: Coronation Road in which I am a permanent resident. At present, those visiting the town for dinner of an evening can freely park in Baldock street car park at a reasonable time of 6pm. By extending the chargeable period, it is likely you will force people to park in nearby residential roads or take their evening custom elsewhere. Also, by implementing charging on a Sunday, those that have left their vehicles overnight in the car park (having not driven home on a Saturday because of drinking alcohol) will move their cars earlier than they otherwise would have in order to avoid charges. This may increase the risk of people driving under the influence.	All Elements	Ware
676	I want to register my objection to the proposed extension of parking charges. Many elderly people and non drivers have to rely on fellow churchgoers on a Sunday to get to church because there are no buses operating and those drivers will be penalised for their service. There are five large churches in the centre of Bishops Stortford where attendees would be penalised.	Sunday	Non Specific
677	I think at a time when cost of living is increasing and when families are finding it harder to make ends meet, introducing new charges is going to be another cost a lot of families have tried to avoid. It will also have a negative impact on local, small businesses as customers will opt to shop at larger retail parks where there are no car park charges.	All Elements	non Specific
678	The introduction of parking charges here in Sawbridgeworth can only be seen as a short sighted money making scheme by EHDC, which goes against the support it should instead be offering local businesses at a period of immense residential growth across the town, to ensure their businesses remain viable and supports the local economy at a time when everyone's pockets are being hit hardest.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
679	As a ex retailer, I believe this will have a detrimental effect on local businesses. As a regular visitor to North and South Street, I would not shop or visit the town parks so often if this were to be removed and I am sure this would be the case for many people.	All Elements	Non Specific
680	High street stores were affected enormously during the pandemic and we are just getting back on our feet. To introduce charges on Sundays, bank holidays, evenings and removing the free 30 minutes currently in place will have a huge impact on our businesses and on the high street in general.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
681	Hertford car parks are always busy on evenings and weekends. The risks is put to off these visitors from coming to our town and going elsewhere and this having an impact on our businesses.	Sunday, Evening	Non Specific
682	With the change in the current financial climate people who have to just pop into town to quickly pick up a prescription or a quick visit of less than 30 minutes should not have to pay for that visit.	30 Mins Free	Hertford
683	We have just moved to Sawbridgeworth and now find the car parking charges are likely to be introduced, I don't object to paying for parking but think it's unfair the free 30 mins to be removed This is such a nuisance if you need to nip to the post office or the pharmacy or just collect some food, this was one of the reasons that we moved to this area as everything convenient .	30 Mins Free	Sawbridgeworth
684	Life is going already expensive and extra charges for parking is already too much. There is no reason to add charge for parking as roads are not overloaded with cars.	All Elements	Non Specific
685	I am utterly shocked by these changes. People are struggling like never before and parking has always been difficult. This will stop people visiting the town and be detrimental to all the small businesses.	All Elements	Non Specific
686	The impact this would have in Buntingford would be terrible ! The High Street would be so busy with everyone trying to park to shop . The parents on school pick ups would have to pay to use the car park to take the kids to and from the schools all situated within walking distance of the car park . There would be total traffic gridlock at school start and end times. How many people could afford to use the Carpark every time they need to go into town ?	All Elements	Buntingford
687	I wanted to raise my objection to the plans to start charging for parking on Sunday's/ Bank Holidays and free 30 minutes in Bishop's Stortford. We already pay a premium to park in our town on other days, compared to other areas. Sunday is often a day where families get together to socialise and relax over lunch. This brings extra revenue into local businesses without having to watch the clock. I know many people also go into Stortford on Sundays for adhoc shopping for busy lives where time is short to fit this in during the week.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
688	Having free parking in the evenings and Sundays is vitally important to the evening economy of the towns, encouraging many people to visit restaurants, theatre and other activities at these times. It is especially important in helping local businesses to recover after the pandemic and encouraging the town to rejuvenate.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Non Specific
689	I would like to object to increased parking charge times in Buntingford. Businesses and the public are struggling enough because of the cost of living crises, this is just making it worse.	All Elements	Buntingford
690	Free parking for 30 minutes is helpful when only a short stay is needed. Such as, attending GP appointments (the surgery is situated adjacent to the car park), collecting prescriptions, popping to the Post Office or dropping/picking up children attending adjacent nursery school. Implementing charges is likely to encourage more drivers to park in Bell Street making it dangerous for pedestrians crossing the road between parked . Under the rationale for proposals quoting Sunday as the second busiest shopping day of the week. Sunday is not a busy day in Bell Street, it's the quietest as the majority of shops and business are closed. So implementing charges on a Sunday under this rationale does not hold water.  Free Sunday parking encourages people to drive into Sawbridgeworth and use the cafes, restaurants and public houses which are open. These businesses have struggled to keep afloat post Lockdown and implementing charges may prove to be detrimental to their trade.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
691	I bring my elderly mum out on a Sunday and couple evenings for a walk using her walker. Seems very unfair to charge us to park	Sunday	Non Specific
692	Local businesses (already struggling because of covid and Brexit) • Education and the use of the local library • WELL-BEING, we are in a cost-of-living crisis and beginning to charge for periods that would otherwise be free will stop some families and individuals using the beautiful parks and facilities available in Bishop's Stortford and East Herts	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
693	I am writing to object to the proposals to introduce charges to evening and Sunday parking in Hertford. I live in Port Vale and there is a small carpark opposite my house. When I am unable to find a space outside my house which is quite frequently, when I return home from work in the evenings, I normally park in the Port Vale Car Park, like other neighbours do, this would mean I would now have to pay charges for evening parking and Sundays too. Car parking is free in our road but parking space is always limited and it is also very expensive for one of the designated resident bays at £300 per year and also I have been told spaces for these bays are very limited. Also we tend to get visitors on Sundays and in the evenings and it seems unfair that they would have to pay charges as well.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
694	impact businesses in the High Street cause more parking problems in the High Street (people parking illegally while they quickly pop into a shop) cause major inconvenience to the residents of Buntingford and surrounding areas.	All Elements	Buntingford
695	High streets are already suffering and its been shown in other towns that this method of extra charging has only further killed off revenue.	All Elements	Non Specific
696	I oppose council introducing withdrawing free parking times. Many families depend on the benefits of free parking for shopping and attending church services. These people keep the town alive at such times.	All Elements	Non Specific
697	My family and i sometimes pay on a Saturday for parking and visit church on Sunday with coffee and shopping normally following the 9am mass at the catholic church. We are not alone in doing this. By introducing car parking charges, it forces us and all others to think twice about visiting the town centre.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
698	The reason for the uproar should be easy to figure out, especially for all of us who go to Stortford on Sundays, to go to church, to take people to church, to give lifts, to do shopping, take children to parties, have a coffee in town, etc. With the causeway car park rotting away, in the middle of town, and the northgate development that no one wants, nevermind the new arts cinema which is the biggest joke we have ever heard: stortford and the community is more than irked. Add the Sunday parking charges and you can pretty much complete the end of what's left of the lovely Stortford community that once was.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford

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699	I was astounded to read of the proposed changes to the car parking in Ware. Do you want a ghost town as that is what would happen. People would shop elsewhere and the few new shops would end up closing down. The car parking at the moment is fair and the half hour free is a godsend if I want to put a prescription into my doctor's surgery or collect one from the chemist. If I had to pay I would find it very difficult with all the extra charges on my household bills and petrol prices.	All Elements	ware
700	Sent on behalf of Sawbridgeworth Bowling Association. Majority of members elderly, concerned re COVID and only recently returned to bowling, which helps their health and WELL-BEING. Introduction of charges will have a negative effect financially as most on fixed pensions and huge increase in cost of living, hence may stop exercise. Clubs may be deterred from playing at weekends, which will effect club's funds as it relies on weekend matches for income. Car park generally not full at weekends so how cost effective will it be to employ parking officers? Has a study been undertaken re no. of vehicles and duration of stay at weekends? Also other sports facilities at weekends (cricket, tennis, walkers) hence penalising families who are partaking in healthy activities. Removing the 30 mins free during week will also penalise bowls club as used to drop off goods/supplies to club. Shop keepers will suffer as many people use local shops for a few extras and it will deter them and they will wait until they do their shopping at large supermarkets. Is the extra income the council will get from half an hour free parking worth the detrimental effect on town? Smaller shops likely to close and Council will not receive rates from shops. I hope you will consider these points.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
701	Do not understand why proposed changes being proposed apart from a money making scheme for Council. Citizens asked to pay during peak times and also pay through Council Tax, please don't include non-peak times also. It will bring in less revenue as not many people park at these times. People need a break from constant charges. Are you expecting to gain more money through fines? It's penny pinching and there doesn't appear to be any other reason to do this. We are all struggling with the cost of living, do not add to this burden.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL Removal	Hertford
702	Cost of living crisis, increase is another expense for residents who are already struggling and it will put people off visiting/spending money in town where shops and business owners already struggling to encourage shoppers back after COVID. It will put a strain on already struggling economy. Resident for 30 years and Folly Island scheme only allows two parking permits (not enough for a family) and not permitted to purchase annual permit for child who can't afford hike in prices to park, esp as other hikes also. Current parking scheme fraudulent (further info provided in email re specific examples - long email). In short the council are looking at raising charges for residents who are in permit parking areas and for residents of Hertford to park to shop at a time when people are struggling with everyday expenses the charge increase will kill the town and put extra burden on residents who have no choice when some are already having to choose to pay bills or eat, i think the council should seriously consider this move carefully as it seems like a greedy move from the council who already run a fraudulent permit parking scheme and if you know who i should contact regarding this i would be most grateful as do not see how i should pay into a scheme that is not being run properly according to the councils own rules when implementing the scheme in the first place.	All Elements	Non Specific
703	My primary concern is that we drop off and pick up our daughter off at Busy Bees nursery (Hartham.) daily. Removing the 30 minute free parking for this drop off will add even more cost to our significant child care costs. This is really unacceptable in the midst of a cost of living crisis. Additionally, removing Sunday & bank holiday free parking could only affect the already declining Hertford town centre footfall. This scheme will only reduce peoples ability to venture into town, who rely on their car (Small children, babies and all the prams etc, that accompany).	30 Mins Free; Sunday, BHL Removal	Hertford
704	I am writing to oppose the proposed parking charges. We have a problem with parking on the High Street in Buntingford at the present time and the argument has always been that there is ample free parking in the Bowling Lane car park behind the High street. The proposal to get rid of the free parking in favour of a three hour or all day charge is ludicrous. All that will happen is that parents dropping their children off for school, or waiting to pick them up from school, will be forced out onto Bowling Green Lane. People popping to the cash point or to pick up a few items from the shops will think twice about using the car park. They will either dump their car on the road side or use shops where the parking is free. I use the shops on the High street every day and do not want to see them close due to a lack of custom. The bread shop is already under threat from the new Greggs at the garage at the top of Baldock Road. Children coming for their dance classes in the URC at the weekend are more likely to be dropped off in the road rather than the parents parking in the car park in safety and then patronising our local coffee shops whilst the lessons are in progress. At a time when everyone is feeling the pinch financially it is a very unfair decision to make and it is one which is likely to backfire on you because your proposed increase in charges will force more people out of the car park. Please will you think again.	All Elements	Buntingford
705	I am writing to object to the proposed charges to be made for parking in Bell Street car-park, Sawbridgeworth. The land was given to the town for the use of a car park with the covenant that there will be no charge for parking. Even your current charges are in contravention of the covenant. Our local shops rely on people being able to park and do their shopping. We have several elderly and disabled people who use the car park for the visiting the Post Office. Not only that, the doctor's surgery is adjacent to the car park with the two pharmacies close at hand. Anyone wanting to renew a prescription or collect a prescription is now going to have to pay for the privilege of parking for less than half an hour. Many patients are on life saving drugs, why should they have to pay parking fees for the privilege of being kept alive? If you need more income then you will just have to put the Rates up on each household. As we have been dumped with new developments in the town (without the infrastructure to support it) you should be able to cover the cost of maintaining the car park whilst adhering to the covenant in the transfer of the land to the local authority.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
706	I object to the changes very much.....they would have a negative impact in every situation apart from lining the pockets of the council, the high street would suffer, the schools rely on the carpark being free after 3pm for parents to collect children and reduce traffic congestion on bowling green lane, do the council think that we don't pay enough council tax to cover this already? Surely it's not in their best interests to kill the high street trade by putting people off popping into town. I really do hope you reconsider on behalf of the residents and visitors of Buntingford.	All Elements	Buntingford
707	I'd like to strongly object to the removal on free 30 min parking and introducing parking charges on Sunday and public holidays. Council tax charges have gone up, together with the spike in the cost of living. Some sort of respite is necessary in order for the public to make short trips into towns or to enjoy some of the recreational facilities for longer periods on Sundays or public holidays. This suggestion seems particularly punitive at what is an extremely difficult time for many.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, BHL Removal	Hertford
708	I am a shop owner in sawbridgeworth and have been for the last 5 1/2 years. I understand the Carpark has been very reasonable and we have only had a very slight increase in charges which I completely understand. However I personally feel that introducing payment for a Saturday and bank holidays is not encouraging people to come to the town/ village. As a small town we struggle to get people to stop as it is and losing the free parking on a Saturday is not going to help. I already feel that shop owners should get a reduced rate as I myself pay £3.80 5 days a week and now it will be 6 if you include Saturdays. It will also encourage terrible parking down the side roads where the residents already have trouble parking as it is. My husband is a member of the cricket club and has to use the Carpark on a Saturday as does every other member of the team and the opposition. That will make sawbridgeworth the only club that you have to pay to park when you play cricket. This will stop the supporters coming as they won't want to pay either. Please think twice about ruining our town!	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
709	I do not agree with changing existing parking regulations in Ware- it will negatively affect our local shops and cultural life in town.	All Elements	Ware
710	I would like to object to the proposals to extend the car parking days and times. I regularly park in Ware and Hertford for a short period of time to shop locally such as prescription collections, takeaway from coffee shops, deli shopping etc all of which individually can be done in less than 30 minutes. These proposals will have a seriously detrimental effect on local independent shops. On Sundays especially families visit the open spaces and parks, in my opinion, parking should be free for these important family outings. These again support many local independent businesses. These proposals will force people to use supermarket car parks, buying some items to get free parking and again having a detrimental effect on independent businesses.	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
711	I object to the proposal of charging for parking in Ware and Hertford in the evenings, on a Sunday and Bank Holidays. The reason I object is because it will take away custom from the towns that have been struggling to attract business and footfall for a while now, people who want to come to the parks, leisure centres, visit pubs and restaurants, or meet friends will be more inclined to go somewhere else with free parking. It will kill the buzz of the towns and the businesses, which are only just starting to thrive again after covid. Please do not take away this simple thing that brings so much to our lovely towns.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL Removal	Hertford
712	I feel that the carpark charges will have a dramatic effect on Sawbridgeworth because people will not come to the three charity shops there if they have to pay at weekends, and for the retail staff who will now face being charged seven days a week without a wage increase. I would think a nominal 50p per day would more than suffice.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
713	I am writing to object to the proposed changes to Parking charges in Hertford. Business' have suffered greatly and making our town more user unfriendly seems a retrograde move. The new theatre will not add any parking and too add cha The snow at an evening will potentially affect it's viability in the future - why come to the cinema in Hertford and have to lay for parking when you can go to Stevenage a have free parking plus restaurants to go to. The free parking will help the Hertford economy.	All Elements	Hertford
714	I find the new charges totally unacceptable we should be encouraging people into sawbridgeworth this will drive them away.Its bad enough charging on a Saturday but on a Sunday when the only shops we have open are two newsagents and two coffee shops is beyond a joke.This will also hit the cricket club, tennis and bowls club plus pubs and restaurants.Lets hope these charges are dropped	Sunday	Sawbridgeworth

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715	Could you please not start charging fees in the local car parks. I fear the local shops will suffer as a result. At the moment with all the cost of living increases, this is totally unjustified	All Elements	Non Specific
716	I am writing to appeal the changes to parking charges in East Herts. I think the charges would be detrimental to towns such as Sawbridgeworth especially at a time when prices are increasing drastically. I feel charges to local parking would drive business away from small towns into areas where there are no parking charges such as business parks.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
717	I am writing this email to voice my strong opposition to the proposals to the changes to the Parking Traffic Regulation Orders in East Herts. Given that we are facing an ever increasing cost of living, this is just another kick in the teeth when we are all feeling the pinch. Especially for those of us who use these car parks on a daily basis. Furthermore, during Covid, it is clear that our high streets have struggled. The 30 free minutes parking have greatly encouraged me to pop down to Ware to run a few errands and to support the local economy as opposed to going to Royston or Stevenage and taking advantage of the large supermarkets. Moreover, it has to be noted that other towns and District Councils have tried this and found they found actually get less revenue because shops close and they collect less tax revenue through businesses paying less money in business rates. This is, I'm sure you will agree, extremely short-sighted and will only be harmful in the long term. The new proposals are nothing more than a money grab, attempting to make a profit on a public service which is supposed to be for the good of everyone. How long will it be before the parking charges are increased again? Finally, I find it laughable that the parking charges that were increased at the start of April were not mentioned at the time of the last election. I also find it ridiculous that these extensions are even being considered not even 4 months after we were forced to pay more to use EHDC car parks. If these changes are to be made (which they will as the Council will pay lip service to acknowledging our complaints, saying they'll act on them, will fail to do so and hope we forget my the time of the next election) then they should be made only once the cost of living crisis has stabilised or once inflation has significantly decreased.	All Elements	Non Specific
718	I object to the proposal of charging for parking in Ware and Hertford in the evening and on a Sunday. The reason I object is because it will take away custom from the town. People who want to come to the parks, the lido, visit pubs and restaurants, or meet friends will be more inclined to go somewhere else with free parking. It will kill the buzz of the towns and the businesses, which are only just starting to thrive again after covid. Please do not take away this simple thing that brings so much to our lovely towns.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford, Ware
719	I read with dismay that parking charges are to be implemented throughout the area every day except Christmas Day. It is widely accepted that the cost of living is putting tremendous pressure on everyone. I know that I rarely travel very far now as the cost of petrol is prohibitive and rely on local amenities and services and I'm sure others are in the same position. Whilst I understand that parking charges are necessary to contain irresponsible parking, I feel that to impose these on Sundays is very hard on people who want to, for example, take their children to the park in Bishop's Stortford or meet friends in town. Cafes in Sawbridgeworth, already struggling, will find that people just won't visit at weekends. I find it very ironic that these charges are explained on the the same website that states that it offers advice on the rising cost of living! Surely these charges are just contributing to this. The cynics among us might say that these charges are just an excuse to make money for the council. Surely the council should be encouraging people to go to local shops and towns to support businesses, not discourage them by imposing more charges. I sincerely hope this policy will be rescinded for the benefit of local residents.	Sunday, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford
720	I am writing to express my opposition to the new parking charges proposed in Hertford (and surrounding areas). My children attend various clubs in the evenings in Ware and Hertford (cubs, beavers, football etc.) part of what makes this affordable to us as a family is the peace of mind that we can park for free whilst dropping off and picking up. It also gives us the flexibility to park the car and run errands whilst they're there. My husband and I also have our own fitness classes we attend in town for which we rely on free parking. Hertford is so vibrant in the evening, at a time when small towns are struggling to attract trade, why would you risk affecting its popularity? During this time of costly living, councils should be finding ways to save people money and support local trade not slapping them in the face with more costs. Please reconsider these proposals.	30 Mins Free	Hertford, Ware
721	Please note my objection to changing the charges for parking in sawbridgeworth on bank holidays and Sundays. There isn't enough free parking for residents so we use the parking spaces. I have a young family and need central parking for my children's safety. With cost of living increases this makes myself having to reconsider my family transportation altogether or not not have heating.	Sunday, BHL Removal	Sawbridgeworth
722	I am writing to lodge my objection and concerns about the proposals for parking changes to East Herts car parks. I live in Buntingford but also shop and use car parks in the other proposed sites. My first objection is that it is a very difficult time for businesses, particularly retail and anything which makes it more difficult for people to access or afford to go to the shops is really unacceptable at this time when we are heading into a recession – does the Council not care about local shops? We need more free parking to encourage people to visit our shops, especially in smaller places like Buntingford, we are already seeing shops having to close – one just last week. Secondly, we all know that people are really struggling financially at the moment and it is forecast to get much worse. We pay an awful lot of Council Tax in Buntingford, as much as Hertford, but we get far fewer facilities. We only have a part time police support for a start. But there are many other facilities that other places get that we don't – bins on the layby's on the A10 spring to mind – local people have to pick litter if we don't want the place drowning in litter dropped from traffic on the A10. In many other areas we are poorly served compared to the rest of the County – yet the Council want to charge more for parking on more days. My third objection is that we have big issues in Buntingford as we have a very old and narrow high street. We already have big problems with cars parking on the pavement and blocking the road – that is only going to get worse if people are avoiding paying car parking costs. This is a real safety issue for pedestrians. My fourth objection in Buntingford is that currently there is no charge after 3pm which ensures that parents are able to use the car park to pick students up from Edwinstree and Freman schools. If charges were made it would encourage more parking on Bowling Green Lane which is already a hazard for children crossing the road. This is the wrong time for the Council to increase parking charges and particularly in Buntingford would lead to chaos on the high street and roads surrounding the schools and dissuade people from using the car park at a time when we want to encourage more people to use the car park not less. I am totally opposed to these changes, particularly in Buntingford, for the reasons I list above.	All Elements	Buntingford
723	This is to register my dismay and disagreement with the proposals to change car park charging arrangements in Sawbridgeworth. The affect on local businesses, doctors surgery, community focused events and community organisations, especially at weekends, will be nothing but detrimental, reducing footfall, social engagement, community cohesion and general well-being of residents. Vehicles will just move to side streets, creating congestion and danger to pedestrians and school children. The paltry additional income that will be raised is likely to be far outweighed by additional administration costs and would be dwarfed by the cost of just one resulting traffic incident/accident. I look forward to the day the council works to support local communities rather than the constant schemes that do anything but improve residents lives.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
724	In respect of the statutory consultation currently being conducted by East Herts District Council on its proposed changes to parking charges in its car parks in Hertford, please find my objections to these set out below. I am strongly opposed to East Herts District Council's plans to abolish the 30 minutes of free parking in Hertford's car parks, and introduce charges for the first time on Sundays and in the evenings, for the following reasons: This action will undoubtedly have a detrimental impact on town centre businesses. There are many businesses which are heavily supported by people doing quick trips into the town centre, but many people are likely to be reluctant to pay a minimum of 90p a time to pay for parking. They will inevitably look for alternative ways to carry out activities, and avoid going into the town centre. This will most likely include going to out-of-town shopping centres and supermarkets where parking is free, and moving to online ordering of goods and services. I have heard the argument that abolishing free parking will encourage people to spend more time and money in the town centre, by lengthening visits. This may be the case in some instances, but people make different types of trips for different reasons, and significant numbers of visits will be to make a single transaction at a single business that does not require more than 30 minutes, but which still means money is contributed to the local economy. Hertfordshire County Council, with the support of East Herts District Council, recently implemented their decision not to reinstate over 20 free short-stay parking bays in Fore Street which were available before the pandemic, making the timing of this action particularly poor by largely eradicating general short-stay free parking provision from the town centre. Whilst people who are registered disabled have a blue badge and are able to park for free, there are many people who don't reach the disability threshold, but are not mobile enough to walk or cycle into the town centre, and rely on their car for short trips to carry out quick errands. This requirement will now come at an additional cost, which may not be viable for them. Hertford has several churches in the town centre without their own car parks. Many of those who visit the churches are older, and the option of using public transport is less likely to be available on Sundays or weekday evenings. It is likely that this will require them to pay a minimum of £1.80 for 2 hours' parking. The work of churches and other religious bodies goes way beyond offering places for people to worship together, often carrying out voluntary activities for the wider community, or providing a venue for community activities. Similarly, those involved in leisure or voluntary activities such as art groups and choirs will find themselves caught up with parking charges for the first time. Inflation levels are making life challenging for a large section of the population. Whilst the parking charges may seem relatively small sums to some people, to others they will make a fundamental difference at an already challenging time. The idealistic view that everyone should stop using cars and instead walk, cycle or use public transport is simply not realistic. If people are time-poor, less mobile, or live in the villages that surround Hertford for which it serves as their main business centre, driving may be the only practical option. I appreciate that East Herts District Council will have its own financial pressures, but the Council has a duty to support both the local economy and the wellbeing of its residents, and it will fail to do so in implementing the planned changes to the car park charging regime at this time.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
725	Hi I'm a delivery driver for yodel and the half hour free parking for me is great as I have a small van and can not park in the streets without a traffic warden giving me a ticket I get 85p a parcel and it will cost me 90p to park	30 Mins Free	Non Specific

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726	I would like to object in writing to the proposed parking changes in Bishop's Stortford. Sundays have always been free. It is great for the church-goer to the many churches in Bishops Stortford as well as for the customers and workers of shops and restaurants. The cost of living is so high at the moment and life is tough enough to then include Sundays to be charged the same as any other day and to increase your chargeable hours. Have a heart. I thought Bishop's Stortford was a friendly town and supportive of its community. Please listen to your community. If you must charge, then charge £1 like the new car park building does and not in the ridiculous hours from 7.30am to 8pm. Inevitably it will not be good for the town to include Sunday parking rates. People will think twice about visiting Bishop's Stortford on a Sunday and shop and restaurant owners have it hard enough after the two years of covid. Allow Stortford to be the friendly town it has always been and keep Sundays free!	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
727	Sunday parking charged til 8 pm is a good way to shut Bishops Stortford town centre down. Idiiotic!	Sunday, Evening	Bishops Stortford
728	I massively oppose the proposed changes to parking charges in East Herts car parks. I live in George St SG14 3AD where there is little off street parking. Free evening and Sunday parking in this car park is essential, as well as the free 30 minutes for the school parents who drop to Mill Mead school. I already pay an extortionate fee (in comparison with residents parking in other counties and London Boroughs) to park there. We cover the costs of visitors and parking when they come to see us via the app. Most if not all are in the evening and on Sundays and this will cost us even more than it already does. The free parking periods are essential For quick pick up and drop offs all over Hertford, especially for the car parks close to schools which makes the school sites safer and reduces traffic for residents close by. It's so short-sighted to take away the 30 mins free parking. I'd imagine it's pretty essential for retail and restaurants in the town too. It's a short-sighted plan that targets car owners who are constantly trying to do the right thing - use car parks rather than off street parking! Port Vale in particular is constantly used for short pick up and drop offs to residents.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
729	I am writing to object to the introduction of Sunday, Bank Holiday and evening charges in Hertford's car parks. I see this as making profit unnecessarily. I live on Port Vale, Hertford where it is very difficult to park. When I cannot park on the road, I am happy to pay to park in the Port Vale car park. This is affordable for me and helps residents park helpfully and obligingly. If this should become unaffordable then parking will become harder and people may become angry or upset. This would cause upset in our happy community and is something that it is very upsetting to contemplate. The half-an-hour free parking opportunity is used by many of the parents collecting from Mill Mead School. Should they be charged for parking in future this will lead to people risking yellow lines and the school zone zig zags - the worst case scenario is children being hurt by this. Hertford attracts people on Sundays and Bank Holidays because it is an attractive town with the Castle grounds, the canal side walks and, of course, Hartham. These people spend a lot of money in the town, particularly in the restaurants and cafes. If parking charges are introduced than this will discourage people from visiting and the businesses that serve them will lose out. It will also encourage visitors to park in residential areas, thus creating more inconvenience for residents and causing tension between locals and visitors. Are you also thinking of charging Blue Badge holders as they (disgracefully in my opinion) do at Hertford County Hospital? Please reconsider this decision - I think it makes no sense and will not improve Hertford in any way either for residents or visitors.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL Removal	Hertford
730	This should not be happening with the cost of living.	All Elements	Non Specific
731	I hope you are well. I would like to object to the parking proposals to remove the first half hour of free parking. As we all know, the high street, which plays a crucial role in the health of our communities, is struggling more than ever. Shops are closing faster than we've ever seen before. East Herts has always prided itself on the range of independent shops in our main towns. The free half hour is crucial to them and for this reason, I would like it to remain. I know that the council is under great financial pressure and needs to make major savings but empty high streets will benefit no one. Thank you for considering my response.	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
732	Having seen the proposals for parking fees in this district I can only assume that the Council no longer require revenue from shops, restaurants etc as they will all be going out of business if these proposals come to fruition. Bringing in parking charges in the evening will deter people from coming into town centres especially for Hertford and Ware. They both have a fairly lively restaurant and pub evening trade which will be affected by these charges. Trade will move elsewhere to country pubs or restaurants with parking available. As Ware has already lost its market to provide parking it will just be another nail in the coffin to this small town's trading. I am sure others will have other reasons but please give my thoughts some consideration. Sunday parking fees will also affect churchgoers. There is a decline in parishioners going to church so this will also affect church revenue.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford, Ware
733	We need to encourage footfall in local areas. Out of town parking is generally free, this is one reason these venues are so successful. Parking charges mean many do not bother to stop and visit local areas wether this is for shopping or other activities including Leisure. Encourage local shopping and other activities and the revenues will come from this. Parking charges are a very short term revenue collector, if people don't come, the shops and other facilities will fade away. This is happening to some degree in any case, so think very carefully what you ask for. You can't turn the clock back later.	All Elements	Non Specific
734	I am writing to express my concern regarding proposed changes to parking charges in Sawbridgeworth's Bell Street car park. I understand the intention is to remove the 30minute free parking period and to add charges on Sundays, bank holidays and later in the day than currently. I live on the edge of Sawbridgeworth and walk in to the town centre when I can so this will not impact me too much. I assume the changes are intended to increase revenue by charging the public on occasions they currently park. I fear it will have the opposite effect by discouraging people from visiting the town centre on Sundays, bank holidays, evenings and for quick stops when they otherwise would. This could both reduce the parking charge revenue and have a big effect on businesses. At times Sundays can be busy with a steady flow of people parking in Bell Street car park. I fear that is partly due to the free parking and charges will put people off. I regularly stop in Bell Street Car Park if I am on my way somewhere and use the 30min free parking to visit the post office, Green Room, grab a coffee, drop off or pick-up dry cleaning etc. I'll definitely do that less often and instead go to other places in Harlow, Bishop's Stortford etc where parking is free. I doubt I'll be the only one changing my habits. My daughter used to attend the nursery on the edge of Bell Street car park but is older now. I assume these changes will mean parents needing to pay for parking each time they drop off and collect their children. Some will pay and be annoyed by this others I suspect will park in streets around rather than pay each time. Twice a day 4-5 days a week, the cost will really add up. In my view the council would be better off simply increasing existing parking charges but leaving the structure of when there are charges alone. As I said my experience relates to Sawbridgeworth but I suspect changes will have similar negative impacts elsewhere.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
735	I am writing to object to all proposals to introduce more car parking charges in Hertfordshire, particularly Bishops Stortford and Sawbridgeworth. At a time when families are struggling financially and businesses will be too as a result these increase charges are not fair or helpful; they are likely to discourage shoppers at a time when we need to be doing things to support the economy.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford / Sawbridgeworth
736	I wish to object to the proposed implementation of parking charges on Sundays in Bishop's Stortford. Parking charges would have a serious impact on not only the town centre churches - with Sunday being our main day of worship - but also restaurants, cafes and traders, who are in the midst of trying to recover from the impact of Covid restrictions. The imposition of parking charges would have an adverse effect on all churchgoers who use these car parks, particularly the elderly and vulnerable members of church congregations, many of whom will be struggling financially going into winter with the current cost of living crisis. Many people are forced to drive to church due to the absence of public transport services in their area. Car park charges would no doubt end up reducing church attendance and weaken churches in general. East Herts is already profiting handsomely from these car parks. This proposal is not a wise approach to take in attempting to raise more funds. I strongly urge the council to reconsider and withdraw this proposal to charge for parking on Sundays, and avoid putting the residents and businesses of Bishop's Stortford under further unsustainable pressure.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
737	Why on earth are you planning to charge us for parking on Sundays and Bank Holidays? Aren't you making enough money from the charges already in place? Thankfully I can walk into Bishops Stortford as no way will I be trying to drive into the new car park in Northgate End. To do so would be to damage the alloys on my car due to the access being far too narrow - whoever the idiot was that designed the entrance to this car park should be shot. And no doubt, despite the fact that cars are larger than they were 20+ years ago, I bet the car spaces are still far too small to accommodate the width of 21st century vehicles. How come America and the Middle East for example have, for many many years, have ensured that their vehicles can easily be parked in reasonably sized car parking spaces. Why on earth in this day and age has this not been addressed in our country????? Bishops Stortford is not the town I came to 50 yrs ago as a child.....how sad that poor parking and high rents have made the town a charity and coffee house town.	Sunday, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford
738	Sunday & bank holidays. Should still be for leisure purposes. Hertford is the county town and must be accessible to all new and existing visitors. I for one pop down to do my shopping after the charged hrs as it's a lot more convenient. With out the risk of a ticket.	Sunday, BHL Removal	Hertford
739	I was very disappointed to learn that EHDC is considering introducing Sunday charges to the Bishops Stortford car parks as well as extending the charge period in the evenings. We frequently come into Stortford on a Sunday because of the convenience of free parking, and similarly we often eat in the restaurants in the evenings and also go to the cinema. Whilst I appreciate that there is a financial implication for the council, I think this is short-sightedness and that it would adversely affect footfall and revenue in the shops and restaurants. I live in Little Canfield and therefore if I had to pay to park on these occasions, I would be more likely to travel to Braintree, Chelmsford, Harlow, Cambridge or Lakeside where there is a greater selection. I hope that EHDC will reconsider this.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford

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740	I do not believe that the proposed changes to the parking charges in Bishop' Stortford and other towns in East Herts will ultimately benefit the people who live in them. - Increasing the cost and the length of time the charges are in operation will have an impact on the night-time economy, which has struggled to recover from the pandemic. Public transport in the evening is woefully inadequate, so people can't get home from later events. Not everyone can afford taxis. - The availability of public transport is limited and of little use to the working population due to its operating hours. - Whilst some people are able to walk or cycle into the town others cannot, but they may not qualify for a blue badge. They may have small children who cannot walk far enough but are too big for pushchairs. - If you are fortunate enough to be able to walk or cycle into Bishop's Stortford, there is a limit to what you can carry home. all routes out of the town centre are uphill and it takes the majority of residents 20-30 minutes to walk into or out of the town. - The increase in charges and charging hours will dissuade people from visiting towns so parking revenue will be reduced and the revenue from business rates could also go down if businesses shut due to lack of trade. Shoppers will go elsewhere, use out of town shops with free parking or shop online and visitors will stay away. I have already reduced my visits to shop in the town centre from an average of once a week to once every two weeks, do more online shopping and eat more often at pubs/restaurants that do not charge for parking. With inflation running so high people will make any cuts to their discretionary spending that they can. - The change to charges on a Sunday is particularly drastic and will affect people in all the ways described above. It will probably affect the hospitality industry particularly badly as this is often a day when friends and family can get together. In addition, people attending the eight churches that meet in the town will now have to pay a lot more to do so and again it will be the elderly and families who will be most affected. There are also people who need to come into Bishop's Stortford by car from surrounding villages that do not have churches. Some of them then visit shops and eating places, but may not if it will further increase the cost of parking. In addition, the churches are manned by volunteers (many of them pensioners) who have to be there some time before the service starts and remain after it has ended to clear up. The Community Church in Water Lane, Bishop's Stortford is about to return to two Sunday morning services in September and approximately 20 members will be serving at both services, so they will be there for about 5 hours in total. If they use a short stay car park, they will be under pressure to leave before their parking runs out or will have to use the long stay car parks. The long stay car parks are all situated in the north of the town, but the churches are spread throughout the town, ending with the Methodist Church in South Street. Churches in the area have supported the local community in many ways both before, during and after the pandemic but their members may not be able to continue to play such an active part in this if it is going to cost them a lot more to volunteer. A flat fee for the whole of Sunday would be more reasonable. £2 would be an increase of 100% but would probably not affect people's behaviour as much as having to pay £4 - £5 pounds as proposed (depending on where the parking is). I appeal to the Council to give this proposal further consideration and try to find a better balance between raising revenue and supporting local businesses and services.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
741	Dear Sir/Madam. Re the new parking charges. The revenue gained from parking charges on Sunday and Bank Holiday would nowhere near cover the wages of someone to do the ticketing . Double time on Sunday and triple time on Bank Holidays. You could justify removing the free time but extending the time to 8p.m. ? Why, whats the thinking behind this. IS THERE A PROBLEM THAT CAN BE RESOLVED by extending to 8p.m	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL	Non Specific
742	I am writing as a resident of Sawbridgeworth and Chairman of the Sports Association. The Association's secretary Steve Hyam has advised you of the adverse impact that weekend charges will have on the various sports clubs in the town, particularly as opposition teams will be deterred visiting the town and incurring significant charges during a weekend of sport activities. The association has a car park at Townfields but this would be insufficient to accommodate all the vehicles displaced from the Bell Street car park by your action. As a resident I also have concerns about the impact on businesses of weekend charges at a time when they are already struggling to attract customers affected by the cost of living. Surely the District Council has a responsibility to ensure that town centres are viable and not to introduce weekend parking charges that would act as a deterrent to shoppers. Finally my plea to the authorities responsible for traffic matters is to address the frequent tailbacks that occur on the main road through Sawbridgeworth, due primarily to temporary traffic lights and road closures. Not only is this a huge inconvenience to road users and residents but it must have an adverse effect on air quality (which is no longer measured on the road). Please restore my faith in local democracy and decide not to implement these weekend charges in Sawbridgeworth.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
743	May I open your eyes to the failings of the new Northgate car park. I can honestly say that I could not believe my first visit to this car park. Here are MAJOR points. 1. There is no way of knowing that the car park IS a car park. Why not a vertical, easy to see by road traffic CAR PARK sign. 2. Secondly, the EXIT space is much larger than the ENTRANCE. It IS TOO EASY TO DRIVE INTO THE exit space IF YOU DON'T ALREADY KNOW. 3. My first visit took me to LEVEL B via the (rather narrow) curvy driveway. A notice asks me if I have paid. There is no sign to direct you to WHERE you pay. 4. I joined 3 people who were also searching for WHERE TO PAY. There NEEDS to be SIGNS OF DIRECTION. I have never seen such a lack of help in any other car park. Because YOU know doesn't mean the public does. I was amazed at this lack of thought. AND THEN we have the new Car Parking Charges, etc. Yes, the Council has to get money from somewhere but your suggested plans are going to make it hard for shops and supermarkets, church-goers, visitors to the town, etc. and especially those who are having to save hard to feed themselves in the mad rise of the cost of living. I may be able to (reluctantly) afford it but what about those who now have to visit FOOD BANKS for example, and those who are stressed by the thought that, come the Winter, will they be unable to cook and keep warm through rising prices. I ask you to look at your present plans. Car Parks are mainly for those who come into town to shop and have some interest in the town. Do you really think your plans are helping?	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
744	Having recently become aware of your proposal to charge for evening, weekend and for the first half hour of parking in Sawbridgeworth, Bishop's Stortford and other areas within the district. I find it beyond belief that anyone could come up with such a proposal to drive out what little trade is left in these town centres. Businesses are already struggling with vastly increased costs and your proposal will only reduce their customer base. Your proposal is supposedly being introduced on the grounds of costs, I suspect that the loss of business rates from the empty shops has not been factored into your calculations. What cost is allowed or the vibrancy of a busy community, people come to the town for the outlying villages to meet in a cafe, or perhaps bring their children to sports clubs (as I did with my sons). As someone who lives outside Sawbridgeworth, I will no doubt become a less frequent visitor. Why not try to enhance people's experience of Sawbridgeworth and other towns and boost trade by adopting the disc parking system allowing say 2 hours of free parking and it seems to have minimal enforcement costs. It seems to work very well in North Yorkshire in most towns and villages, that are full of independent shops in vibrant communities.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford / Sawbridgeworth
745	I am writing in response to the outlined proposals for changes to parking in Bishop's Stortford. Namely; Charge on Sundays and bank holidays Our shop on North Street has a good following on Sundays but this is mainly due to easier parking restrictions. If this is taken away, I believe we will see a dramatic loss in trade as our customers will look elsewhere for somewhere with more accessible/ easier parking. Charge in the evenings up to 8pm. I can only see this as 'greed' I'm afraid. Where else would you ever see this? We open 2 late evenings a week and I'm sure that our customers take advantage of the cut off point for parking charges. I also believe that you will affect the local restaurants as people will have to pay to park when going out for an earlier evening meal. I don't understand this at all,... all High Street businesses have had it hard enough for the last 2 years! Remove the 30 minute free spaces. This is a very handy thing for a barber shop in particular as customers can book a 30 minute appointment and take advantage of 30 minutes free parking. Why on earth would you take this away when many other councils are trying to help with this type of issue? This will not go down well with shoppers or shop owners alike. On another parking issue; The Causeway car park This has been a 'go to' car park for so many people for so many years. Why is it closed? A big open waste of a good facility. I understand that you now have to recoup the cost of the multi-storey but to close The Causeway is a joke. I used it at least 3 days a week when going to the office for a few hours and then picking up some shopping from Waitrose on my way back to the car before heading home. Now if I have a few bags I have to pick the car up from wherever I have had to park to then drive to Waitrose to do the shopping. Not a very 'green' thing to do. The new car park is fine, as long as you have an electric car as it looks as though there are more electric spaces than normal ones. Basically, I wish you to rethink the strategy on parking. It is not just people who live in/ can walk into the town who shop here. Many customers travel in from villages and towns outside and the High Street has had enough of a tough time without making it tougher for traders.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
746	I write to oppose car parking charges in town on Sundays. This will be to the detriment of the many churchgoers who attend the various churches in our town. Please don't inflict this on people, especially when the cost of living is rising	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
747	I am writing to object to the proposed changes to parking charges in Hertford. I have lived in Hertford some 40+ years and really noticed how our town has suffered immensely over the past 4 years, its a shadow of its former self. Removing the free parking periods means we cannot pop to the shop quickly. People will soon shop elsewhere where it would seem there is more on offer for shoppers, or we will simply shop online. The town cannot suffer the loss of more businesses. Introducing parking charges on Sunday, evening and Bank Holidays is very upsetting. We are all struggling enough financially in this current climate. It will lead to more street parking after hours as people will park on yellow lines. This is already becoming a problem on the B158/Mill Bridge and St Andrew Street. It feels very much like Hertford town doesn't need any more set backs. We need to be encouraging people to visit our town, not push people away. Please consider the impact this will have.	All Elements	Hertford
748	I realise everyone would ideally like free parking all of the time & that's not possible. The proposal to introduce Sunday & evening charges whilst in the midst of a cost of living crisis is unreasonable. The evening economy especially in Ware needs all the support it can get & with limited free parking available this will deter footfall in the town. This doesn't mean existing fees should be increased to compensate should your cu proposal be dropped.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Ware
749	The Kibes lane car parks in Ware are used heavily for drop off and pick up for children at Christ church school. Removing the free 30 minutes will create grid lock in the surrounding roads which already have insufficient parking as parents try to find additional places to park rather than pay since living costs are going up. Children with additional needs often, for their own safety, require driving to school. Furthermore since the school is associated to a church people often travel slightly further to get to the school. I believe this change is short sighted in these regards both in terms of burdening additional costs on families and creating potential safety issues by adding more traffic and congestion in the area surrounding the school.	30 Mins Free	Ware

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750	I am writing to express my objection to the suggested removal of 30 minutes free parking in Ware. This 30 minutes parking is invaluable to parents on school runs but also as a way of encouraging people to use the high street. I would ask that this suggestion is reconsidered.	30 Mins Free	Ware
751	Please do not scrap the 30 mins free parking in Kibes Lane. This is vital to so many parents who drop their kids off at Christ Church School, and many patients who visit bowling road clinic. If you were to get rid of this, an already congested bowling road would be even worse in the mornings as people would have nowhere to park for free, and would most likely pull up on the road.	30 Mins Free	Ware
752	Please accept this email in protest of the proposal to stop free car parking for thirty minute. This will add to road congestion as people will park on roads for school drop off etc to avoid charges, which will be dangerous.	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
753	I would like to object to the proposed increase in parking charges, particularly the introduction of a Sunday charge. The extra revenue you will get will be minimal and you will completely mess up the informal classic car meet up which takes place the second Sunday of each month. This event brings life, vitality and trade to the town. Why not stick with the status quo and increase the existing charges slightly. This I suspect will be more palatable to the people of Sawbridgeworth.	Sunday	Sawbridgeworth
754	I am emailing regarding the proposed parking regulations. I have objections due to the following reasons: 1) It will have a detrimental and negative impact on local businesses which are already struggling post covid and with the increase in the cost of living. 2) It will encourage individuals to shop in other locations such as Lakeside where they can get free parking. 3) It will have a negative impact on families accessing the green space around Grange Paddocks. 4) The above in turn will have a negative impact on individuals WELL-BEING and physical well-being, which contradicts the county's "never too late" campaign. So, although the proposal will raise revenue it will have a negative impact on health, well-being which will put greater pressure on GPs, WELL-BEING services. And it will change people's spending behaviour, which will have a damaging and harmful impact on the high street.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
755	I am a resident of Hertford and I am appalled at the proposal to introduce parking charges on the days and times that are usually free. This email lays out the reasons I object to this decision. - This is another unnecessary burden of cost at a time when living costs are increasing across the board. - It is also going to discourage me and many others from visiting the centre of Hertford for leisure on these off peak days. Which will in turn hurt the businesses that rely on footfall to survive. - I find the fact they're even being proposed an absolute disgrace, are the people in charge of these decisions tone deaf when it comes to local peoples wellbeing and the unavoidable pressures of rising costs elsewhere?	All Elements	Hertford
756	I would like to strongly object to the ending of free parking in the evening and weekends. Given the cost of living crisis it cannot be the right time to do this. Also as car parks are normally empty in the evenings it cannot be justified from a capacity standpoint. At a time when everyone is under pressure and the wider economy is heading for a recession you should show leadership and make the case for keeping charging periods as they are.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Non Specific
757	I am writing to yourself to object to the new car parking charges being installed in Sawbridgeworth car park. This is an absolute disgrace right now, not what the town needs. After a really difficult period of covid, shops and customers are trying to repair the financial burden on themselves and these small shops. We need the 30 mins free, to pop in and collect prescriptions for ourselves, elderly relatives / neighbours etc. You stop this, just popping to get medication makes this really painful. Popping to the post office to get something sent off, quick birthday card you've forgotten. Pint of milk. Flowers from local florist to help cheer someone up in need. all these little things we need or little gestures to help our neighbours and friends, will STOP, because who wants to help when in these current times of financial hardship everyone is already struggling. You will be amazed how much revenue this 30 mins free parking brings our local shops and keeps them ticking over. You might think it's only a small charge, but when it's a pop in pop out situation this will STOP and all those small pit stops will reduce the shops overall income and one by one you will kill off all the local shops. What's the point of charging for parking if there are not going to be any shops to visit in the long term? You might not think this will have an impact but I promise you it will. I for one will go elsewhere to do the small gesture / prescription shops and go to the supermarkets instead where there is free parking. You will kill off our local town without a doubt. What a ludicrous idea this is to raise extra money, when this will strip the town's shops and residents financially overall? Sawbridgeworth is small and united, where its residents help each other and our vulnerable Take this 30 mins free parking away and you cause hurt to not only the local businesses but to those residents who receive help from neighbours and friends. There won't be I'll pop and get that for you attitude any more, this attitude will be killed off as who wants to find more money in these current times. You may think a small charge but to some this is the end of using the town's shops and services for sure. Please think seriously about the impact this will have on shops and the vulnerable before following this increase of charges for 30 mins free parking. This 30 min free service helps more people than you realise. Take it away and there will be no more Sawbridgeworth town. People will just go elsewhere and one by one the shops will close. What an absolute awful thing to do to a small town's trading, especially after only just surviving the pandemic. Shame on you East Herts.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
758	Treating Sunday like any other day of the week as far as charging for car parks is concerning. Many church attendees are older and vulnerable and new charges are likely to deter them.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
759	I object to the car park charges in the evenings and at the weekends. I live on fair green and it is very hard to park as it is. Even more so when friends come to visit. Please don't put these charges in place parking is already a nightmare in the village, this will make this so much worse. If you are going to do can you issue some local residents permits or something so at least the people who live here (and pay there taxes) can park.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Sawbridgeworth
760	I'm a resident on bell street and have no other place to park my car. I'm also a self employed single mum and with all the food, gas and electricity cost which are essential going up this is another unnecessary expense. Also friends visiting makes it awkward asking them to pay for the car park. I really hope it won't come to this.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
761	I would like to object to the proposed parking charges. It comes at a time when we are all feeling the extra financial strain from the cost of living, high fuel prices, double the cost of household energy bills, expensive food bills & increased in national insurance!! Putting in the proposed parking charges will also affect visitors/customers coming into town to shop & eat out etc....causing businesses to suffer. The only benefit to these proposed parking charges is filling the council's coffers! I HIGHLY OBJECT THE PARKING CHARGES!	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
762	A both a Town Centre resident and business owner we would like to object to the following proposed changes: Introduce parking charges on Sundays, evenings and Bank Holidays (except Christmas Day) in various car parks in Bishop's Stortford. Remove all current free parking periods, except in Grange Paddocks B & C, Bishop's Stortford. Amend the parking charges on Sundays for Link Road and Northgate End car parks to align with the all day tariff. We object to these proposed changes at this time when town centre businesses really are experiencing incredibly tough trading conditions. We have never known trade to be so precarious. Our shop and most businesses are currently: Building back up after two years of lockdowns and limited trading • Are struggling to recruit staff and parking cost are a significant barrier to recruiting and retaining staff. In the midst of a cost of living crisis, which will only get worse in the Autumn when these proposed changes come into effect. Seeing an increasing change in shopping habits towards online shopping post pandemic. Increased parking charges will exacerbate this and deter town centre visits even further, therefore resulting in a decrease in footfall and the decline of an already fragile local high street landscape	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford
763	Due to the severe cost of living crisis that is currently gripping the entire United Kingdom, I believe the plans to increase the hours in which people are charged to park their cars is a quite frankly immoral decision to take. Evenings are when people come off work and Sundays are some individuals only day to get out to enjoy leisure activities. These parking charges would deter many members of the community from going out to village and town centres to spend any of the little disposable income they have left, which is essential in supporting the wealth of small business that rely on this trade. The knock on impact of implementing these changes on small business are unquantifiable and not to mention it wouldn't reflect well on the council in the eyes of the public it serves. I thank you for taking the time to read this correspondence and I hope it has found you well.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Non Specific
764	Hello I am registering my objection to the proposed car parking charges for Sat sun and Bank Holidays in Sawbridgeworth. In my opinion the small businesses need as much support as they can get and this expansion of car parking charges is totally contrary to this it is difficult for many people at the moment which is widely known and this proposal helps no one.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
765	My objections and questions are as follows : 1. Regular visits to 97 year old mother for shopping care and support . Just another increase in expenses involved in this task . Is this really necessary ? Your suggestions about being better for climate control by discouraging motorists doesn't work when it is necessary to travel by car . Mum falls over or feels unwell - get a bus not possible ! 2. East Herts must consider that the costs of everything is increasing so why on earth increase the parking expenditure for residents at weekends and evenings . Is this just part of the plan to reduce car travel . We would ask how we are to travel from remote locations ? To provide care and go about our daily business. 3. Has this been advised via the Hertfordshire weekly news network ? Feels as this is being sneaked in via the back door . 4.How much additional income do you anticipate achieving by introducing this change? Is it really that significant ? 5. We would have thought greater attention should be paid to all of the local roadworks ( obviously necessary ) but awful management in terms of advance information, awfully misleading signage , traffic lights phasing - operating when no work going on and not required . 6. Will introducing these charges effect businesses in Stortford and Sawbridgeworth ? 7. There are safety issues for young people walking in Sawbridgeworth during the evening . Really is this necessary at this time when the cost of everything is increasing!	All Elements	Non Specific
766	We pay quite high parking prices already and I also think it will stop people coming in to town - yet another reason - and could potentially impede businesses, eg restaurants, in the evening.	All Elements	Non Specific
767	There is currently a cost of living crisis and an additional cost of parking in the local area is another unnecessary cost for people to contend with. The local towns are already quiet on weekends and evenings and local businesses and shops are already struggling. As for charging on bank holidays, this again feels of detriment to local people, shops and small businesses for the above reasons.	All Elements	Non Specific

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768	I feel that increasing the timespan of parking charges can only result in an increasingly negative effect on the retail and restaurant businesses in the town. The decision to start charging on Sundays will surely also have significant effects on the churches and places of worship.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL	Bishops Stortford
769	At a time when we are facing the greatest cost of living crisis in most people's lifetime, it seems absurd to increase parking charges and therefore reduce even further the number of people who will visit the town centre. This will clearly impact retail hospitality and entertainment venues and will also make it more difficult to attend Sunday Service at the town centre Churches.	Sunday	Non Specific
770	There are many Sunday worshippers that the only social life and company they can get is their church visits. Many pensioners who do not have big pockets, like to drive to church, as they are not capable of even walking from the bus stop, and even in some cases live in villages with no Sunday transport	Sunday, Evening Charge	Non Specific
771	The current free half hour is critical for the doctors surgery, the nursery school and the local shops for drop offs and pick ups Free weekend parking is important for the adjacent sports clubs and visiting opposition teams Additionally the proposed measures would cause chaos to local residents with the consequential random parking Sawbridgeworth is regarded by many as the forgotten town when we read of the monies spent on Stortford and other East Herts areas To impose these new charges would bring nothing but despair and cause damage to our existing facilities	30 Mins Free	Sawbridgeworth
772	My main concern is the proposal to extend charging hours to 8 p.m. At this time those working in town/commuting are returning or have returned home and the car parks are empty. However, those of us attending evening meetings will now have to pay for the first hour or so. This seems unreasonable as most of us are volunteers. Although I always walk to town during the day time, I drive in the evenings as I usually have paperwork and files to carry. b. Sunday charging - I do not often drive into town on Sundays as I am retired and can shop etc during the week. However this does not apply to younger people who are working, and it is these who are more likely to have to shop then. At the present time when the cost of living is increasing frighteningly, it seems unfair to add another burden to families. If they are Churchgoers, it would make life even more difficult.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
773	I write as a member of Hertford St Andrews church because I believe the changes would be detrimental to our ventures as a faith community and for the wider community. The extension of chargeable hours to include Sundays would add complexity and cost to people attending Sunday services.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Hertford
774	As a member of St Andrew Church, I consider this totally wrong.	All Elements	Hertford
775	As a Stortford resident (CM23 4QF) I would like to lodge my objection on the grounds it will make it harder for local businesses and churches. Also it will disadvantage the less physically able who do not qualify for disabled parking.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
776	I've lived in the district for 60 years and have watched the car parking charges having a detrimental effect, especially on the shopping area. The new proposals will do nothing but harm to the surviving retailers who are still reeling from the Covid lockdown and will badly affect the sports clubs who rely on the town's parking for their existence.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
777	It is criminal in these difficult times that the council is even considering this. The council is killing our local towns. Absolutely not to increased charges, it hurts local businesses and discourages local residents and it penalises older people needing to drive to town and young families. I can't state enough how objectionable this proposal is.	All Elements	Non Specific
778	I understand that you are proposing to charge full parking rates at all town center car parks every day including Sunday and extending the charged time to 7.30am to 8pm. This could have a serious impact on all town center Churches, but it could also have an adverse affect on restaurants, coffee shops and all other traders who are struggling to keep afloat. It could have the affect of putting off those casual visitors who like to browse on a Sunday and who spend money in the small independent shops and tea shops. Bishop's Stortford cannot afford to lose any more businesses. It will simply become a ghost town and you will lose even more revenue.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford
779	Sundays within the town this will massively impact the workers and the shoppers on a Sunday, especially given the economic climate with increased cost of living, the levy of a £1 charge on Sunday was considered maybe quite acceptable should it be actioned.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
780	30 minutes free parking is especially important for school parents dropping off and collecting their children from Millmead School. It is also enormously important for keeping the actual school site safe. All of the above are important for reducing parking congestion for local residents and their visitors.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening	Hertford
781	As a church goer and Sunday user of Hert Hartham, I feel that it is a really bad idea to remove free parking times. Already, because of parking charges, people are driven to avoid the town centre and to park in Tescos. This in my opinion, is contributing to the decline in town centre use and has an adverse effect on business.	Sunday	Hertford
782	As residents of Warwick Road we object strongly to the charging for Sunday parking in the Town. This will inevitably lead to an increase in parking in residential areas such Warwick Road and lead to the same congestion we have in weekdays.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
783	It has the potential to restrict the freedom of access to religious worship - many churches in the towns affected do not have car parks and so people use the town car parks (and may stay in the town to spend money in the area for lunch/coffee so local businesses/hospitality industry could miss out - Sunday charging - this directly affects me for Ware Kibes Lane (north and south)) 2. Local businesses could lose out if the 30 minute grace period is removed as people pop to use them 3. Local amenities like public libraries could lose out if the 30 minute grace period is removed 4. The hospitality industry has been badly hit by covid, removing free evening parking could have an affect in all towns mentioned - this also directly affects me for all towns mentioned	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Ware
784	In addition to my previous complaint I wish to submit an additional different complaint based on new facts that have come to my attention. As a resident of Windhill and the B3 parking zone, I have been made aware that the proposed changes to free parking in the town would not come with any protection for resident parking zones and that these would remain free for out of hours parking despite the free parking being removed from public car parks in the town. This makes no sense. Visitors to the town will simply park in the resident zones for free which will mean residents will find it very difficult to get parking in their own resident zones despite paying for annual permits. This is of particular concern to use in zone B3 being in the middle of the town.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
785	Hertford should be encouraging people to visit the town not put them off - as the option of using the inadequate/expensive bus service is not an option for most of us - people will simply stop coming to Hertford from outside the town (which already happens). I strongly disagree with the charging on a Sunday as many local people use the free car parking on Sunday to attend their place of worship and link up with friends Charging on bank holidays will also be counterproductive; there are often events + festivals on BHs - usually visitors don't know how long they will be there - this new arrangement will ensure visitors only stay a limited time to avoid parking costs- reducing the amount of money they spend in the town.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL Removal	Hertford
786	We are only just picking up in our town centre following covid and our shops have struggled. Increasing charges and removing the free parking would be an utter disaster.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
787	Do you really want to kill the town centres off completely. Surely the council makes enough money from the charges it all ready makes!!!	All Elements	Non Specific
788	When I was a Councillor for EHDC we took off and gave free parking at all off-peak times to encourage custom including Sundays to our dying towns. Suggest a blanket (ONE POUND) for Evenings/Sunday all day and all Bank Holidays if you are desperate for cash flow and do it right across the county's car parks.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL	Bishops Stortford, Hertford
789	As a business owner on Bell Street itself, this will damage my Business. My business works on a drop off/collection basis and the half hour free makes a huge difference	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
790	There are many small businesses in the town that have already been adversely affected by the pandemic and removal of 30 minute parking on Fore Street. There is a chronic shortage of retail parking in Hertford especially with the loss of Bircherley Green spaces. These proposals will further impact these businesses which are really struggling with the current arrangements. I have been told many will have to consider whether to remain in the town. I have also been approached by many elderly and less mobile individuals who are horrified at the prospect of finding parking fees out of their pension or benefit income when visiting the town to collect prescriptions, attend appointments, use local services or to meet friends. These social interactions are essential to maintain the wellbeing of our more vulnerable communities. Cllr, Hertford Town Council	30 Mins Free	Hertford
791	I wish to complain strongly about the start of car parking charges on Sunday's and extending the hours. Bishops Stortford is changing fast and not for the better Many people that attend church do so not only on religious grounds but also social, so sometimes you have to think of other implications. There are many voluntary organisations that meet in an evening and by extending the hours you are targeting these lovely people that give up their time to run charities and churches but that probably would not cross your mind, as they give up their time to provide these things for the people of Bishops Stortford.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Non Specific

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792	People are struggling enough as it is financially. How many more new charges are people going to face! This will impact small businesses as many people choose to go in to town on Sundays, evenings and bank holidays as the parking is free. Give everyone a break and leave it as it is.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL	Non Specific
793	This directly impacts Sunday Worship. I have attended the 8am Service at St Michael's Church for over 50 years. I travel from Stansted Mountfitchet and use private transport, because I can't rely on public transport on Sunday's when quite often there are few or no trains running due to maintenance work. As a pensioner I'm already struggling to make ends meet with inflation approaching 11% and the massive increase in energy prices. Everywhere prices are going up, and to now add a parking charge for my Sunday worship is a step too far.	Sunday	Non Specific
794	We do not have an issue with parking at weekends so why change it? I would not be surprised if the monies raised would not cover any additional salaries needed to enforce the parking and in addition if there is not an issue, then why change it? I would be very keen to understand why this should take place and also why it should be an East Herts wide policy. Isn't local decision making a better way forward? Finally in the car park off Bell Street the machine does not/work properly as the letter "E" does not work due to the majority of cars having an Essex registration, another issue I'm afraid.	All Elements	Non Specific
795	Such increases in charging will decrease footfall as people seek alternative venues with cheaper / free parking and mean that the intended revenue increase will not be realised. The charge increase will cause people to seek alternative shopping venues with free / cheaper parking and shun the town centre causing shop closure, loss of jobs and loss of business rate revenue through shop closure Bishop's Stortford is already challenged by its inadequate infrastructure and these measures will serve to further discourage visitors to the town Increased parking charges will lead to more people seeking road parking causing more congestion and misery within residential areas.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
796	While I am generally in favour of anything that may deter unnecessary car use, I am concerned that the effects of the proposal will unduly impact the churches and worshippers in the town as the proposal seeks to extend charges on Sundays. Many people travel to churches from outlying villages to attend worship at a time when the town is generally quiet. They do not in the main add to congestion at these times nor take up space for a prolonged period. Many have no other alternative means of transport. For these reasons I think a Sunday exemption is appropriate.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
797	1. The shop keepers are suffering enough already, this will just discourage people from visiting the town centre and therefore have an adverse impact on the retailers. 2. Evening charges will restrict people coming into town to visit restaurants as timing how long you are likely to be in a restaurant or pub is an unknown. This will kill the restaurant trade. 3. Generally this is a very bad idea and can only result in a total decline of the town and its community. Hardly forward thinking when all the retail and food outlets all already trying to recover from the devastation of the past two years.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
798	In response to your proposal to take away the 30 minute free parking this is an utter travesty. At the moment the 30 minute free parking is ample time for people that just want to collect prescriptions, make doctor/dentist appointments, visit post office drop donations to charity shops, visit library collect take away food orders. We pay enough in road tax to use our cars on the road.	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
799	I think it should be made as easy and cheap or free to park so that more people would visit the town. Then the empty shops might get occupied with retailers other than charity shops, coffee shops and restaurants. It is unrealistic to walk, cycle or take public transport and bring home any quantity of shopping, especially if the weather is unfavourable	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
800	As a regular worshipper at St Michael's church I am concerned that it will put a barrier in the way of people being able to attend the many town centre churches (2 Anglican, 2 independent, Roman Catholic, Methodist, United Reformed, Salvation Army), none of which have private parking facilities.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
801	I have been unable to view detailed exposition of the reasons behind the proposals to increase days, times and costs of parking in Bishop's Stortford from the EHC website but from the limited information in the public domain I wish to register a number of objections: It has been indicated that EHC is facing general financial challenges and consequently needs to review its revenue streams. However, specifically on parking charges, (and changing the days and times of their application to increase revenue), I'm sure both yourself and the Executive Member are aware EHC must comply with the Road Traffic Regulations Act and that as tested in case law eg Atfield vs London Borough of Barnet et al, it is unlawful to set charges for a surplus and that parking revenue must be applied to 'traffic management purposes' only. Many of the specified traffic management purposes in the legislation do not fall under the purview of EHC but are functions of HCC and therefore EHCs revenue needs are limited for such purposes. It has been established that charges should not exceed costs over a three year forecast and so would kindly direct me to EHCs statutory forecast of income and expenditure for providing its parking service and how as required by the RTA this is ring-fenced? In the meantime, please also note my objection to proposed changes on the grounds that it is inappropriate and unreasonable to implement such major changes less than a year from elections given that there may be a new administration and for the following reasons: Businesses and residents in Stortford as elsewhere are facing the highest taxes in decades, a cost of living crisis of inflation and rising road fuel and energy bills; Town centre residence is increasing as vacant units are converted and many of these tenants own cars and need to park, (contrary to assumptions by EHC Planning as public transport is poor and east - west journeys impractical by public transport); Out of centre and catchment village residents have limited bus transport and none on Sundays; Avoidance of charging will add pressure on residential streets, particularly those outside of an RPZ, (already subject to some avoidance and growing Airport parking and EHC has no plans to add to RPZs); Extending charging periods could impact the developing night-time economy, (has this been assessed?). Personally, we currently use Jackson Sq free parking on Sundays. Implementing the EHC proposals will result in our taking our major supermarket and associated other shopping out of Bishop's Stortford. Walking would not be a viable option. I doubt we'd be alone in that action. I also currently make several weekly trips into town to take advantage of the half and one hour free parking spaces. These would be curtailed.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
802	I wish to object to the car parking charges. As this will kill the town as the shops are already struggling. Also will block other side roads up as people will park there cars in other roads and then add to congestion.	All Elements	Non Specific
803	We think these are unfair as these include the Drs surgery and chemist, which often only involves a few minutes stop.	All Elements	Non Specific
804	I believe that these changes to car parking in Ware will have a devastating effect on the Town Centre as below: 1. If residents and visitors can no longer have the free 30 mins (albeit with a ticket) then they will merely go to other locations reducing the trade in the town. 2. It will increase parking in surrounding streets of the town impacting on residents and the ability to park near their properties. 3. It will increase parking in both Tesco and Asda car parks, potentially leading to car park charges being introduced yet again decreasing the footfall in the town. 4. I fail to understand the logic of charging on Sundays. Sundays increase the footfall in the town allowing many businesses and places such as Ware Priory to benefit. The cost of living is already having a major impact and people will be thinking twice about driving to our town - drastically reducing footfall.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Ware
805	At a time when we're encouraged to 'shop local' and keep our high street shops going, this is a terrible idea. Our lovely old High Street has predominantly independent shops. They need all the support they can get to keep going and keep the High Street 'alive'. Especially while still recovering from lockdown. This proposal is also going to lead to more illegal parking in the High Street which is narrow enough as it is. As a High Street resident I appeal for this proposal to be scrapped and for Buntingford to retain its free periods of parking in our public car park.	Bowling Green Lane	Buntingford
806	In particular, the removal of all free parking is of concern, as I believe it has the potential to result in adverse impact on the towns High Street, both in terms of maintaining the free flow of vehicles and to the retail economy. In today's challenging retail environment, such local enterprise struggles to survive and remain sustainable. As a result, any intervention which may impact upon daily footfall, even to minimal levels can result in severe consequences for local business. Where I believe adverse impact will be most prevalent is in those situations where high street users are only intent on very short stay activity. For example, buying lunch from our popular bakers, or the adjacent supermarket. Maybe a one stop visit to our hardware store for that urgent unforeseen DIY repair or to other retailers for specific item collections. These are the situations which, I fear, will result in persons seeking the abandonment of their vehicles elsewhere other than in the car park.	Bowling Green Lane	Buntingford
807	I feel very strongly that the Council are making a backward move in increasing the car park charges in Bishop's Stortford at a time when all businesses, especially small independent ones, are still trying to recover from the Covid lockdown period. Surely we should be concentrating on supporting town businesses and kick starting the local and national economy. Equally I am appalled at the plan to introduce parking charges on Sundays. Sunday worship in Bishop's Stortford is alive and kicking and every effort should be made to make it easy for everyone to come to the various services in the town. This measure would particularly hit the elderly who probably make up the majority of Sunday worshippers.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford



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808	The Bowling Green Lane Car Park in Buntingford serves as a vital lifeline for all those that utilise the High Street in Buntingford, which is already struggling in the wake of recovering from the pandemic and the recent higher cost of living and if the proposed changes go ahead, is only going to make things tougher still. Removing the free parking periods and introducing charges at weekends (which as you know are currently free of charge and always have been) will have significant negative repercussions for the town, business owners and it's residents. Not only will it discourage shoppers from visiting High Street outlets, those who reside on the High Street and do not have designated parking facilities with their home (of which they are several and rely on the car park) are highly unlikely to sign up for season tickets, but simply park their vehicles at the nearest convenient place where there are no restrictions thereby cluttering up otherwise normal and regular streets.	Bowling Green Lane	Buntingford
809	I object to the proposed changes in car parking charges . They are detrimental to the use of town facilities for churches, leisure , social needs and businesses, and short term shopping businesses	All Elements	Non Specific
810	As a small "independent business this will have a massive effect on people coming into the town. It will just encourage more and more people to shop online. We need support to get people back into he hight street...not turn them away.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
811	Prices have already increased recently and as someone who works in the town centre, I have no choice but to pay for parking 5 days a week already. If I want to shop or eat out to support local businesses I would be penalised and made to pay again. I truly believe this will make people think twice about visiting the town and choose to spend money in other towns, where parking is free outside of working hours.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
812	I object to the proposal to remove free parking for half-an-hour which will make purchasing a single item such as a newspaper, bottle of milk or loaf of bread, an expensive luxury! I also object to charges for Sunday parking which can only drive even more people away from Bishop's Stortford and are likely to be an ill-judged decision, contributing even more to the need for Car Park subsidies.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Bishops Stortford
813	I wish to express my dismay that car parking charges are being considered to be introduced in Bell Street car park, Sawbridgeworth on a Saturday and Sunday. Our lovely town welcomes visitors and for those who work Monday - Friday the weekend is their only opportunity to enjoy visiting our heritage and shops, so this would be a great deterrent and detract from the vibrancy of the town. It is a lovely gesture that we can currently park for free on these two days and we surely need this incentive so that we can enjoy ourselves without the added expense of parking charges	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
814	I can't understand what the reason for these changes has been. Certainly it won't support the town and its high street. I'm also surprised that no one has consulted with our Chamber of Commerce in advance. Certainly our membership will feel this is extremely detrimental to supporting the high street it's businesses.	Bowling Green Lane	Buntingford
815	less cheap/free parking will impact business on our high street a lot. An empty high street is just depressing and obviously will hit your business rates income	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
816	The changes being planned will impact surrounding businesses, especially the smaller ones, at a time when they are already struggling. Potential customers will be driven to other towns and in general will think twice before coming to Hertford.	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
817	This will have a huge impact on business in the town...stopping to drop off laundry or run a quick errand or pick up an item ordered in town will become a thing of the past. Everything will go online	30 Mins Free	Bishops Stortford
818	I think that to extend chargeable hours into the evening is to damage Stortford's evening economy. I live in Broxton near the airport and often come into Stortford in the evening to go to the cinema or out for dinner with friends.I have many alternative places to go (Braintree to to the cinema or its many eateries with free parking attached, numerous pubs and restaurants in and around Dunmow and Saffron Walden with their free evening parking) and frankly will no longer be coming into Stortford in the evening if chargeable hours are extended	Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
819	It's hard enough to attract customers into town without the council making it even more difficult. I survived the pandemic and working harder to attract customers into the store and online and these new initiatives in parking and charges are just beyond unfair. As an independent I will struggle if you are insistent to continue with these proposals	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
820	I feel it will definitely affect the footfall coming to town. These changes would have a detrimental affect on us that work there.	Sunday, BHL	Bishops Stortford
821	At a time where many town centre businesses are trying to recover following the loss of trade throughout the pandemic coupled with high rents in town centres, a disincentive to use the car parks by <b>increasing both the days and hours of operation</b> is the last thing these traders need. We need to encourage trade to begin the revitalisation of both the local and national economy therefore making it more costly to park at a time of a cost of living crisis will drive shoppers elsewhere. I fear this loss of trade will lead to more shop closures with Bishop's Stortford and Ware in particular becoming ghost towns.	All Elements	Bishop's Stortford, Ware
822	Charging for Sundays and evenings is abhorrent. The state of the town now is a joke, taking Station Rd down to 1 lane and allowing all the extra building works is nothing short of ridiculous. Station parking on top of the new multi-storey and the new and existing residential property's has brought the town to a daily standstill. Seems like you are just trying to rip more money out of the town's residence at a time when money is extremely short and any chance of spending what little spare money available on keeping our high street shops alive will be seriously damaged.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Bishops Stortford
823	I object based on accessibility for local residents, I object that this impacts at a time of cost of living crisis - where do you think residents find extra money from??? - and I object based on the fact that life is now returning to normal since the pandemic, businesses are starting to open up and thrive again and this will have a significant impact directly on local business	Sunday, Evening Charge	Non Specific
824	So I live in a part of Stortford, Hockerill Street, and do not have any parking space so I am forced to use Crown Terrace car park every day. To add evenings and Sundays would be extortionate for me. It seems unjust and discriminatory that other residents have permits but I am not allowed one	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
825	1 Sunday church goers who worship weekly will have to pay for parking and may not be able to afford the additional regular expense. Myself included. 2 The high Street as we know it has been changing over time with shops closing due to the pandemic and various pressures. Those very pressures will now be magnified with their own bills to pay (which will also be skyrocketing I imagine) Compounded by less shoppers on a Sunday. Who currently take the opportunity to park and get Sunday coffee. 3 The council already takes additional money from residents for the pleasure of parking outside their own homes. (Which I think should be free)	Sunday	Non Specific
826	The extended chargeable hours are penalising evening visitors to restaurants after The shops are closed. Hertford has become an evening destination since Bircherley Green has been out of action. - Parking charges on a Sunday will mean families and dog walkers will pay more for a visit to Hartham Common to use The open Green space. This will penalise people wishing to undertake health walks too. - It is very unfair that people who are making a living in Hertford (employers and employees) have extra charges on parking. - People will be put off going into the County town. It is already struggling to attract visitors because of the poorly managed Birchley Green development. Free parking periods allowed quick access to the shops and services.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
827	Introducing charges will adversely affect the businesses in the town centre on a Sunday: businesses which are still struggling to bounce back after the pandemic.	All Elements	Non Specific
828	Sawbridgeworth needs to keep its current parking charges as we are paying more than enough in council tax charges to retain this service.Furthermore, I will not be using the dreadful new car park in Bishops Stortford or shopping in the town centre. The closure of the two car parks and the threat of taking the Waitrose car park has forced me to shop elsewhere.You are not acting in the best interests of both communities.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford / Sawbridgeworth
829	I can only see these new parking charges as being detrimental to the high streets. Particularly by charging on Sundays & evenings. I can actually walk into Stortford town from where I live but I wouldn't be able to carry much home. I'm going to find going out to dinner a strong consideration come the autumn/winter but having parking charges for evenings would certainly put me off. These sorts of charges are penalising the disabled/less able & elderly also.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishop's Stortford, Buntingford, Sawbridgeworth
830	Not only will small businesses be impacted by this proposal but also the use of the library - a valuable resource for all of the community. What will happen with regards to school drop off and school pick up time - if parents/carers are expected to pay in order to use the car park as a safe pickup/collection point this will not happen causing even greater traffic issues along Bowling Green Lane and other residential roads off of it and it will create safety issues for the school children navigating their way to their school transport. . It will undoubtedly add to more parking in the High Street where people want to 'pop in' to shops/services without having to pay the parking fee which will result in a congested High Street and potentially dangerous situation with cars parked up on the pavements as we continue to see even now. People employed in the town will be impacted if they are working at the Weekends & on Public Holidays which myself & my employees do.	Bowling Green Lane	Buntingford
831	I feel these changes would have a negative impact on residents and discourage shoppers from visiting our town.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford

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832	I go to church most Sundays and often go early and stay late to serve this community. I therefore use the car park for at least half a day, this cost will add up significantly over the year and add to a year where costs have increased significantly. There are many religious organisations this will effect in the town. Please can you reconsider as many won't be able to afford this and will not be able to go to church any more. It will also effect businesses as many go to cafes, restaurants, shops or supermarkets around this trip into town. I feel it will be detrimental to the town and religious community and urge you to reconsider.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
833	I can tell you Saturday charges in Sawbridgeworth and Sunday charges are far from a sensible idea. The town is like a ghost town anyway. I really worry this will stop people visiting the area and will wffect so many of our small Retailers. Bishops Stortford and Sawbridgeworth has many many people who rely on these free periods to do their visits to the towns. There are many homes locally in Sawbridgeworth who rely on free evening parking. This will effect many their values and saleability.	Bell Street	Bishops Stortford / Sawbridgeworth
834	As Sunday and Bank holiday is important family day, raise of the car park fee will impose more burden on families.	Sunday, BHL	Non Specific
835	This will further effect businesses in Bishops Stortford, but more importantly it will effect community activities such as attending church and support groups that operate in church premises during the week. For example I run an important charity support group on a Monday Evening in one of the churches and if attendees need to pay for parking they may not be able to attend which will put further strain on local and social services.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
836	The after-hours charges will have a major effect on the stores and retailers will see a drop in revenues and footfall if the Sunday plans get the go ahead. The Country and families are struggling with the cost of living this will make matters even worse. BS Community Football Club -The club pay the County a lot of money for Children to play for their local football team. The teams across the County are aware of Bishops Stortford Car parking issues and campaigns have started to the Leagues about not playing our teams	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
837	For us the main carpark would be grange paddocks swimming pool. My three children attend there twice a week and I would not be prepared to pay this parking. I would leave and go to the collage which is the same price for swimming and no parking charges. Also Sunday parking and evenings would stop me taking the children for dinner in town. We normally come on Sundays or after the charges stop during the week. All this will do is encourage people parking on private property which their is no laws that can stop this. As I found out recently when Airport holiday makers parked in our estate for free for two weeks.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
838	1. Introducing Sunday parking charges will disproportionately affect Christian worshippers in Ware and is therefore discriminatory on religious grounds. Car parking should therefore remain free until at least 12.30pm on Sunday. Free parking should be retained for 30 minutes in the library car park in Ware to allow access to the pharmacy adjacent to The Dolphin House surgery in the library car park. People who have regular prescriptions are usually elderly or have some chronic illness or disability, and removal of this free parking in the library car park is therefore discriminatory. Not all who are elderly and /or chronically sick are able to qualify for a blue badge.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Ware
839	Applying charges to park, just stops shoppers from wanting to use the high street. With cost of living, inflation and increased fuel prices atm too, it is ridiculous applying these charges. With businesses already struggling after the effects that COVID had on them, surely your local business owners need customers to visit them to stop them going bust? Customers should be encouraged to visit not charged to park, as this only prevents people wanting to go into town!	30 Mins Free; Sunday, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford
840	At a time when the finances of every person and household in the country are being stretched further, with negligible attempts by the Government to mitigate this happening, this increase will add further pressure. I must, therefore, object strongly. This change would prevent many people coming into the town, especially those on a fixed income, such as pensions or benefits. So adding bigger strains on the businesses, churches and social amenities. This will result in failures of such places.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
841	I would like to object to the parking situation of paying for Sundays. Already the inflation rate is up for the cost of living and pay for many people is not in line with this. So people are already struggling. A lot of business in town will suffer as less people will visit the town on Sunday	Sunday	Non Specific
842	This will affect trade for the town and for town workers add expense to already expensive parking. I work in the leisure industry and as a General Manager are concerned that the young people who work for me are unable to afford the parking. Our venue closes at midnight and so does the Jackson Square car park, where are these young girls supposed to safely park, you will end up pushing more people to park illegally or in residential streets.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
843	I'm emailing to voice my concern at the proposal to increase parking charges to Sundays and out of hours in Bishops Stortford. I know it's an easy way for the council to make more money but the people of Stortford are already feeling the squeeze from every direction with bills increasing. I strongly disagree with your proposal and hope you'll take into consideration that many people are struggling and reconsider.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
844	Bishop's Stortford is already suffering. Shops are closing faster than they can be counted.. this will surely discourage people from visiting the town even more. In addition, people have ever increasing rises in their daily costs, with no rise in wages.. please don't make things harder than they already are.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
845	Hello, I am writing on behalf of Snap Fitness in Bishop's Stortford to address the new parking regulation that is getting put into place in Jackson Sqaure Car Park, A lot of possible members always get put off from signing to the gym due to the lack of parking. Our only saving grace is that we can reinsure them that parking is free after 18:30 and on Sundays. We lose this opportunity if you raise the parking charge time to 20:00. Not to mention our staff have nowhere to park if they're working over 5 hours. This is going to damage not only our business but all of towns business and completely put people off from wanting to come into the town. This appears to be nothing but greed.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
846	<b>East Herts Proposed Parking Changes</b> - I am writing to state my objections to the proposed changes to parking charges in East Herts. 1.The town centres of East Herts are currently attempting to recover/adapt from the lockdowns and to the changes that were already occurring in retail sales, due to people shopping more on-line. 2. Current rising inflation is now beginning to affect people's abilities to purchase goods and is forcing many to have to cut down on leisure activities such as going out to eat, socialise, go the Theatre etc. 3. Retailers have already suffered in the towns where many short stay on street parking spaces have disappeared and have been replaced by planters (I was in Bull Plain Hertford yesterday ( Aug1st) and 2 of the planters there simply contained dead plants, hardly an environmental improvement!). 4. The current 30 minute free parking is very useful for when one has to run errands, go to the post office etc. I am a 70 year-old pensioner and make use of the 30 minute slot when I have to collect prescriptions from my pharmacy in St Andrew Street. 5. To charge for parking on Sundays and Bank Holidays seems rather misguided when local Councils are trying to increase/encourage the footfall of visitors, of local residents and tourists to visit the towns and in the case of Hertford use Leisure facilities such as Hertford Theatre ( when it reopens) and Hartham Pool and Common. 6. I think I read somewhere that the price rise would lead to an increase of revenue of £70,000, if this is correct it does not seem to be much of a revenue generator given the good will that will be lost due to the price rise and loss of free parking. Would not a small increase on the Council Tax precept be a preferable solution. 7. What are the Environmental benefits of such a price change, it seems to me to be solely driven by the need to revenue raise. Bus services are virtually non-existent on Sundays, so how will the elderly for example, be able to get easily to their places of worship etc. It is unrealistic to expect everyone to walk! 8. The change will also of course encourage motorists to stay away from the town centres and make them increasingly use out of town stores/facilities/retail parks, so putting another nail into the retail offer of East Herts town centres. Given regeneration schemes such as Bircherly Green will be reopening shortly, it seems rather short-sighted in this context. Finally, if the Council do go ahead with the price rise, I hope they intend to remunerate the Parking Enforcement Officers appropriately, for them having to work on Sundays and later in the evenings!	All Elements	Hertford
847	Hi there, I object to these parking changes on Sundays, Evenings and Bank Holidays. It is just a ploy to get more money out of the general public coming to visit our great little town. It won't affect me personally because I have a residents permit for my vehicle, but for family and friends that come to visit us on Sundays, Evenings and Bank Holidays it will deter them from coming which is really sad. Hope this has been taken on board.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL	Bishops Stortford
848	Hi I am emailing to object to the proposal to end the free parking for half an hour and on Sundays and Bank Holidays in Bishop's Stortford town centre car parks.The local car park charges are already high and many businesses in the town centre are struggling to survive as they are competing with online shopping as well as out of town shopping centres that provide free parking. The car parks are also sometimes used by local residents, who, although they have already paid for their residents permits, can find nowhere to park on the street so they have to park in the public car parks. Please reconsider this as our town centre needs to encourage visitors for it to survive.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford

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849	I am writing to voice my objection to the proposal to charge car parking fees 7 days a week in Bishops Stortford and in addition to the possible increase in the chargeable hours from 7.30 to 8pm. This will, without doubt have a negative impact on the shops and restaurants in the town - and in the years that I have lived in the area I have already seen many businesses close to be replaced by charity shops - something that the town does not need more of. With the increased cost of living this will also have a negative impact on low income families who will have to find the additional money to pay for parking - not just a one off, but 52 weeks a year. This will also impact on churchgoers, the elderly in particular who may combine a Sunday visit to church with an opportunity to use the town shops and cafes. Pubs and restaurants are gradually starting to recover from the massive financial impact of lockdown - they add to the vibrancy and life of the town. Shops across the board are suffering competition from on-line retailers, a trend likely to continue and increase in the future. There have been news reports on how other town centres have become ghost towns, full of empty shops so people shop be encouraged to shop locally. Whilst plans to redevelop Causeway for example are admirable, the reality is that there are empty retail spaces on the main high street and Jackson Square has never used it's full capacity of retail units. The council has other options available - including increasing the charges for the current chargeable period up to 6.30pm but still leaving the hours the same and Sundays free of charge. I believe that the council should be encouraging people to use town shops and facilities but charges 7 days a week will discourage this, potentially harm local businesses and impact low income members of the community.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
850	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to car parking charges in Hertford car parks. We live at 5, Goldings Lane Waterford, SG14 2PT, and are frequent visitors to Hertford. In your statement of reasons for the changes no reason is stated, it is simply a statement of where the charges will apply. I can only assume that the proposal is simply to increase revenue! We worship at St Andrew's Hertford and are dismayed at the proposal to charge for parking on Sundays, a significant number of the congregation are elderly and on fixed incomes and these proposed charges may well prevent a number of people from attending as walking may not be an option for them. Usually, on a Sunday morning, (and especially during the winter) the car park is not busy and I would question whether the cost of supervising the car parking will be covered by additional revenue. Generally, I consider the proposal will have a negative impact on the town and either discourage people from visiting or increase usage of the supermarket car parks which are free to customers using the stores and then users are unlikely to visit the town. The proposal is also likely to increase on-street parking on Sundays and evenings which the current regulations permit. I think there will be a knock on cost to the council of another consultation in a few months, if these proposals go ahead, as the street parking regulations on St Andrews Street may have to be reconsidered. All this will mean that the increase in revenue from the changes will be minimal if anything at all. I do believe that the poor parking provision in Hertford has caused irreparable harm to the town center during the thirty years we have lived in the area and this latest proposal is likely to have a similarly negative impact on Hertford nightlife and the many community events which are staged around the town, particularly on Sundays. We would request that you reconsider the introduction of charging on Sundays.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
851	Why are you increasing parking charges now, when we need all the people we can get to come and shop in Stortford and support our restaurants and pubs. Stortford is slowly dying at the moment and needs some help in returning to pre pandemic levels. Sunday charges could have a serious impact on all the town centre churches – we at Holy Trinity have no parking at all, so people rely on town centre parking. This will also have an adverse effect on restaurants, coffee shops and all our other traders, who are already struggling. If people have to pay in town centre car parks, they are most likely going to find a side road to park in. This could have an adverse effect on permit parking zones and even lead to parking restrictions on a Sunday, when we in Zone B5 are only between Monday and Saturday. Parking costs should not be increased at this time, when most people are struggling financially and this will get even worse in the coming winter months. So I say NO to increasing parking charges.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
852	I am writing to object to the changes proposed to parking restrictions, in particular with regard to Hertford. I am a Hertford resident and I worship and work at St Andrew's Church, Hertford. Charging for parking on Sundays will directly impact those who use their car to travel to worship at church, and the same will apply for those attending Sunday afternoon or evening services if the chargeable hours are extended. The loss of the free parking period is also a worrying thought for many of our congregation and community; that short window of free parking is so helpful and practical for those who need to pop into town briefly by car. Many cannot walk or cycle and catching a bus isn't always quick and easy. I am also concerned about the detrimental impact on businesses in the town if these changes come into force. Thank you for considering my objections.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
853	I am writing to you in response to the East Hertfordshire District Council (Bishop's Stortford) (off-street parking places) Order 2014 (Amendment) (No 2) Order 2022 consultation. I object to the following proposed changes: Introduce parking charges on Sundays, evenings and Bank Holidays (except Christmas Day) in various car parks in Bishop's Stortford. Remove all current free parking periods, except in Grange Paddocks B & C, Bishop's Stortford. Amend the parking charges on Sundays for Link Road and Northgate End car parks to align with the all-day tariff. In proposing these changes the council shows no regard to the fact that businesses in Bishop's Stortford town centre are already struggling. The changes would cause many of them to close altogether. It is a short sighted way of trying to increase council revenue, when in the long term it could actually REDUCE the revenue obtained from car parking. It would create a spiral as fewer and fewer people come into the town centre, more and more businesses close, meaning there is even less reason to come here. Perhaps the council sees the Sunday parking as a way to get money from visitors to the churches around the town centre. But one of the larger churches has planned for some years to move to larger premises as the congregation keeps growing. No doubt the charges will be an incentive to speed up those plans, so again, the council will lose out in the long term. (Community Church, Bishop's Stortford, currently meeting in The Charis Centre, near Waitrose).	30 Mins Free; Sunday, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford
854	I'd like to email for formally lodge a complaint over the proposed changes to parking tariffs in Bishop's Stortford. In light of the recent cost of living crisis gripping our country and county it seems out of touch to propose changing the current parking tariffs when costs of maintaining the car parking in Bishop's Stortford are clearly met by the current charges. The risk to business's and families that rely on the current system is huge. When taking into consideration the local supermarket, the gym in the centre of town and the multiple independent businesses and their current costs of rent and supplies the addition of extra charging will mean a decrease in the custom that these businesses require to stay afloat. For example, to have a membership at snap or Nuffield gym in Bishop's Stortford you're looking at spending £40/60. For a gym goer to now afford to go three times a week, they need to now find an additional £10 a month. To go shopping in their local supermarket once a week, an additional £4 a month. To go to your church on a Sunday, £4 a month. With the above in mind, you're asking normal, working class people to find an additional £18 per month for no additional benefit to the people. The council have pledged to build an art centre in the middle of town? We need road surfaces fixed, not a gallery. The council are also changing the roundabout by the m11 roundabout when there was nothing wrong with the existing system. We need Hockerill crossroads sorting, not a through road. The priorities of this council are not for the people, they are there for the pompous prats that sit in an office and think an art gallery at a time where families are on the brink is a good idea, and to fund it? Get those families on the brink, the ones that can barely afford the cost of gas, let alone their shopping (which now they'll have to pay to go and do) This is disgraceful, get your priorities right, for the people.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
855	QOI would like to raise my objections to the current parking consultation. Removing the free parking periods in Bishop's stortford and Sawbridgeworth on Sundays and Bank Holidays plus extending the hours will certainly mean that I will choose to shop elsewhere. Currently most Sundays we travel into stortford, go to the cinema, eat lunch in an independent cafe, plus shop in other shops in town. I personally spend between £100-200 every visit. I live in Takeley, the public transport is not reliable and frequent enough for me us risk using it. Plus I have two children still needing car seats so a taxi is not a safe transit option. If you are going to bring in full aligned charging I will instead opt to go to the Saffron Walden where it has excellent independent shops and cafes and where I can park for free or Harlow where I can park for the cinema for free and charge my car for free at the Queens gate centre. Or park in the Water Gardens for a nominal charge. By extending the charging period from 6 to 7.30pm you will also put off myself and others with young children from choosing to have a meal out in Bishop's stortford or Sawbridgeworth. I can drive to Great dunmow or Braintree and park for free. All this is doing is punishing hard working retailers who pay in business rates. The public will just choose to take their business elsewhere. Councils need to be supporting their high-street not punishing them with pseudo green cash grabs. Mayor Khan tried this in London with the widening of the ULEZ. There was a predicted income from it, but people and businesses chose to stretch already thin budgets to buy compliant vehicles so therefore this backfired as it produced significantly less income. Whilst I am all for being green, people like myself who live in the surrounding villages will choose to spend our hard earned money elsewhere.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford / Sawbridgeworth
856	As a resident of Bishops Stortford I wish to register my objection to increased car parking charges, in particular for Sunday charges. I feel this would be very detrimental for the town, especially as many local businesses are still struggling after the Covid period and for local places of worship.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
857	I would also like to add my concerns. Whilst I agree the charges need to increase to help meet the shortfall in the budget I cant agree with all the charges. In Sawbridgeworth the shops and businesses are open Monday to Saturday and therefore parking charges should be applied. The shops are not open on Sundays. At this time the car park is used once a month on a Sunday for a Men's WELL-BEING Charity. What would happen to this? Are you saying this should stop, or do you propose to charge a charity? The Sunday worshipers will all just park in the local streets adding to the angry and disgruntled residents over this issue. Why not increase the all day rate that are mainly the commuters to London to cover any shortfall. I sincerely hope that you look at all the comments you have received from residents and change the proposal. If not it makes a mockery of the consultation.	Sunday	Sawbridgeworth
859	I am horrified to learn of E.H.D.C. proposals to do away with the remainder of the free parking at the above car park. This initiative will further reduce footfall into Buntingford High Street and lead to additional parking problems in neighbouring residential streets. Customers with opt to shop and socialize in neighbouring towns such as Baldock, Royston and Stevenage. Perhaps this is what the County Council want!	Bowling Green Lane	Buntingford

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860	I would like to express my concern and objection to the proposed new parking charges . This will adversely affect residents who will have to pay for parking near their homes, and also reduce the number of potential Sunday shoppers to Stortford . They are more likely to go to Harlow retail parks or Sainsbury's Harlow car park- where parking is free for 3 hours . As most Stortford central churches have no car parking , Sunday worshippers will also be adversely affected by the proposed Sunday charges .	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
861	I object to the Sunday charges because it will inhibit people visiting their place of worship and there are many visitors on Sunday, including tourists who prefer not to pay to park. Charges will impact on the attractiveness of Ware as a location and impact on local businesses such as cafes. I object to the Evenings, a lot of people who visit during the evenings currently are volunteering their time for the good of charities and of the town in many ways. The charges will impact on the volunteers and organisations. I object to the removal of the 30 mins free parking. This is very useful for people collecting prescriptions or stopping briefly to post letters and other activities that are possible within 30 mins. I object to the removal of free bank holiday parking as this will deter people from visiting the small market town of Ware. This will adversely affect the retail trade also.	All Elements	Ware
862	May I re-iterate my objections to the proposed changes in parking as outlined to you in my email of 1/2/2022 below. In addition to my objections from a Christian point of view of making Sunday a day like any other and the impact this will have on church attendance, I would like to make the following points in regard to the extension of parking charges to 8pm: 1. This will have a severe impact on the hospitality sector within our town, many of which have only just started to recover from the pandemic 2. This also severely impacts charitable activities within the town, for example young people being taking to BS Brass band practice, young people attending chess and other clubs and not least for our own Girls Brigade whose hours are 6.30 to 8pm. For all these examples parents would have to pay twice, once for drop off and once for pick up. These proposals may well kill off youth work that takes place within the town centre. 3. The extended hours will also impact charitable concerts - these normally start at the Methodist Church at 7pm because the demographic of the audience is elderly and a 7pm or even a 7.30pm start time means that concerts finish at a reasonable hour. 4. Most church evening meetings start at either 7 or 7.30 pm these vary from social inclusion like our Thursday Friendship club to committee meetings such as Church Councils. It is already difficult enough post pandemic to get the required number of volunteers and trustees, charging them for parking would be another nail in the coffin. Finally I would like to take issue with the lack of information posted in our car parks regarding the change in charitable hours. Not everyone in BS takes the Indie where it has been covered, and I would have expected far better notice to have been posted in the car parks. Last week I counted only 5 notices telling people of the proposed changes, some of which were posted on the back of paymachines and others on pillars which were difficult to see. Out of the 15 or so pay points only 4 had notices easily visible. Indeed the most used pay points by the pedestrian exits had no notices. I feel that the council has failed in its duty to draw the attention of users of car parks to the proposed changes and are therefore trying to introduce this by stealth.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
863	I am a member of Christ Church (Ware) PCC. I hope I am not too late to respond, as an individual, to the issue of introducing car parking charges in Ware, particularly, Kibes Lane Car Park. Please note that if charges are introduced on a Sunday, I anticipate that this may have an adverse effect on people parking to attend the church services and therefore an adverse effect on attendance, at these services.	Sunday	Ware
864	As a local resident I would like to add my total objection to the proposals. The free 30 minutes enables people to access chemists etc. to pick up goods and vacate the car park quickly, enabling efficient usage, and subsequent access for other vehicles that provide income via longer stays. This avoids the potential for people to park anywhere, causing nuisance and blocking traffic, with all the negatives this brings. Current system encourages people into the town, which boosts trade all round, and helps alleviate the need to go to large retail parks that do nothing for the local shops/trade. I find it hard to believe the projected income benefits received from the proposed changes are sufficiently rewarding compared to the negatives they introduce.	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
865	I write to object to the Council's proposals to scrap the free 30 minute period at car parks in Ware, and to introduce full charges on Sundays, Bank Holidays and evenings, on the following grounds: Scrapping the free 30 minute period will harm businesses in the town, by denying potential shoppers "quick stop" access to independent local traders, forcing them to resort to "big business" options such as Tesco, who can offer free parking. At a time of strained budgets and imminent recession this can only be harmful to the local economy and High Street life and variety. At the end of the school day, it will also deprive parents picking up children from Sacred Heart Primary School across the river bridge of a no-cost option, and force them to wait for their children in potentially more disruptive on-street locations. Charging for Sunday parking will also be harmful to local community life, hitting church-goers (at St Mary's, Leaside, Christ Church, Sacred Heart and the Full Gospel chapel), as well as visitors to frequent events at the Southern Maltings Arts Centre. It will also impact on potential supporters of Council-run events at Ware Priory. As for the proposed evening parking charges, these might be considered reasonable if there were alternative public transport methods of getting to and from the town centre, which would be a commendable aim. But as things stand, public transport routes only conveniently serve a very small proportion of Ware's population, and barely at all in the evenings. Just one 395 service from Fanham Common is timetabled to come down to town at 7.00pm – and is notoriously unreliable. And there is no service back from the town centre later in the evening. I also have a general complaint about the process of public consultation in this matter, namely that the published information gives no background to the proposals, or their justification. Indeed the document entitled "Statement of Reasons" does not spell out any reasons at all, merely giving a brief summary of the Council's plans. I hope that the Council will reconsider, and withdraw these proposals, which in my view are not in the interests of the population or of local businesses and enterprises.	All Elements	Ware
866	I am writing to object to the proposed parking charges in Hertford town. It will do more harm to the few shops as people will travel further afield, as it is Hertford is becoming a ghost town with more and more empty shops.	All Elements	Hertford
867	Just wanted to email to express my concern. This would be madness for the prosperity of the businesses in Ware High Street. Preventing people from quickly popping in for what they need in 30 mins will prevent people from using the towns shops and services rapidly at the point of need. Car parks are busy enough during the day as it is!	All Elements	Ware
868	I understand there is a proposal to do away with the 30 minutes free parking in Ware car parks and increase the charge 'til later in the evening. Also charges being made for weekends and Bank Holidays. I object most strongly as this will not only have a big impact on the local shops which are rapidly declining and could be the final straw for some retailers but the council will not receive the income from empty shops. Local shops had to deal with the one way system in the High Street for months during COVID and lack of parking which will have made life very difficult for them. This cost would have been huge. Also the older generation who often need to collect prescriptions from chemists etc. will be effected. In my opinion this has not been thought through enough.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Ware
869	As a resident of Great Amwell I use most areas affected by this parking charge increase, and whilst I strongly object to any of the changes proposed I am particularly disappointed about the evening parking change. I hope that the Council does not go ahead with this plan.	Evening Charge	Non Specific
870	We have charity shops across East Herts, including Ware, Bishop's Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, Buntingford and Hertford. I would like to formally object to the proposal to introduce weekend parking charges, specifically based on the proposal set out below: Consultation is currently live and will end on the 5 August. The general effect of the Orders will be to: Introduce parking charges on Sundays, evenings and Bank Holidays (except Christmas Day) in various car parks in Bishop's Stortford, Hertford and Ware. Introduce parking charges on Sundays and Bank Holidays (except Christmas Day) in Buntingford and Sawbridgeworth. Introduce parking charges on Saturday in Bell Street car park in Sawbridgeworth and Bowling Green Lane car park in Buntingford. Remove all current free parking periods, except in Grange Paddocks B & C, Bishop's Stortford and Wallfields, Hertford. Amend the parking charges on Sundays for Link Road and Northgate End car parks to align with the all day tariff. If this goes ahead, it will greatly impact our customers as the cost of parking will deter them from visiting and this will impact our footfall. With the cost of living continuing to increase, charity shops provide a valuable lifeline to those who cannot afford to buy brand new clothing and homeware. To ask them to pay for parking on top of increasing costs would be detrimental. We also rely on the public's donations to stock our shops. Isabel Hospice provides vital end of life palliative care for the local people in these communities, but we need £7 million each year to provide these services to patients from East Herts for free. Our Charity shops are a vital part of raising these funds as we take people's preloved items and turn them into income for our hospice. If our supporters have to pay for parking to drop off donations to us, there is a high chance that they will go elsewhere to out of town locations with free parking. Our shops are also a community hub for both customers and volunteers who are looking for companionship, support and work experience. We only have 1 or 2 paid staff members in our shops, and the rest of our workforce is purely reliant on volunteers in order to provide the maximum amount of profits to the hospice. If our volunteers now have to pay parking, they may decide not to continue working with us or we will have to pay for their expenses which will impact what we can give back to our patients. Our volunteers are also very proud, and many of them would not want our funds to be spent on their parking as they are so passionate and committed to what we do for the local community. I would strongly ask you to re-consider this proposal. Our shops, the income we provide back to the hospice, and the community hub that we provide for local residents that the council are meant to serve, would certainly see a detrimental effect if this were to proceed and we are only just starting to get back on our feet following the pandemic.	All Elements	Non Specific
871	I would like to be added to the list of objections on the new parking charges in Hertford and Ware, I understand that there will be no free parking on Sundays in the car parks and also no free half hour parking for people that only need to spend a short while in the towns We need to encourage people to come into our towns again, for the retailers to recover after such hard times in recent years, with Bircherley Green development and then Covid, and the ugly and ridiculous planters in the town centres, not try and put more obstacles in their way, especially in the current economic crisis we are all facing in the coming year, the open spaces should be for everyone to enjoy on Sundays especially, Please note my objection	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Hertford, Ware

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872	I object to the increase in parking charges/ hours. It is difficult enough finding places to park and with the increasing cost of parking I would find somewhere to go where I could get all purchases in one place or order on line. I like small independent shops however if charges are increased for me to park to access these I would not be able to use them.	All Elements	Non Specific
873	Apart from the councils perceived calculation of an increase in revenue I cannot understand why the council would add extra burden in this cost of living crisis, to its citizens and indeed its voters. And if this policy should go through feel with some certainty that come the next local elections the council will see what the majority of local people feel about this. IE their votes will go elsewhere ! Putting the above to one side. I feel that over time the councils revenue will not increase as local people will visit the town less because of this. I myself, regularly park in the town using the "Free" 30 mins to pop into the town to get various items. And regularly go into town after/at 1830h and on Sundays when parking is free to shop, have coffees and meals. If this increase goes ahead, at the very least I will decrease my visits and at worst will stop. Not least, as a protest. I am not the only person to have these views, and this can easily be seen for yourself by looking at the local papers and local social media. This will result in less income to the car parks (Council) and less trade to local business, at a time when this can be ill afforded. The council should be running schemes to help local business and its local citizens, not hinder. Also, in regards to the new Northgate End multi story car park. I used this car park once, on a Sunday. To see what it was like. I actually liked the car park. But had to pay £1 for the parking. I will not be using this car park again on a Sunday unless this charge is removed. As I wont use any car parks in Bishops Stortford if these proposed changes come into effect. I will be going to places that have free parking. Tesco,s Sainsbury's, Harvest Moon, Nags Head etc, out of town. I imagine that this email and the feeling of local people will be ignored. But it wont be forgotten at the next local elections !	All Elements	Non Specific
874	If the aim is to kill off any trade or footfall in Hertford then the plan to increase Car Parking restrictions is a sure success. Having lived in Hertford for 22 years and witnessed the steep decline in this town with bonkers planning (I mean leaving the centre of town a wasteland in Birchley Green, while at the same time redeveloping Castle Hall and the Leisure Centre) and now no free parking at anytime except Christmas Day (how generous!) and after 8pm at night - congratulations! Job nearly done!	All Elements	Hertford
875	I absolutely disagree with new plans especially evening charges. My household was hit with extra 40 pounds per week for water and gas. Meanwhile my payment didn't increase in last 5 years. If we squeeze everywhere my family will suffer dearly.	Evening Charge	Non Specific
876	I disagree with the proposed parking as it will discourage more people from using the towns which will affect trade which is inconceivable in the present economical climate. Counter productive to raise funds this way if people stop coming into town to park.	All Elements	Non Specific
877	I want to object to the removal of 30 minutes free parking and weekend charges at bell street car park Sawbridgeworth. I use this car park a lot as i live on the outskirts of the town, this will impact me and the decision where to go for services I require that have no parking charges. I want the council to reconsider this and help Sawbridgeworth retailers by removing the proposed extra charges	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Sawbridgeworth
878	I am writing in relation to the planned changes to the parking charges. I absolutely oppose the new planned charges on the basis of the effect it will have on local businesses as well as have a huge impact on the amount of people having access to outside space such as Hartham Common. This will also impact people collecting prescriptions from dolphine house surgery in Ware. If the is a petition to be added to that is against these plans I would very like to be added to it.	All Elements	Non Specific
879	So sad to hear that evenings & weekends could change to normal day time charges. Going to St Andrews church on a Sunday will likely stop for me or become very speradic as I need to have far tighter control on spending, with increases being applied left, right & centre. Some people can't cope. All those times I pop into Ware Town to grab a quick necessity will also stop if I can't grab 30min free ticket. Shops will loose out on business as people head to the larger stores with free car parks. After the pandemic & over the last decade, the change in our small towns is vast. So much has changed, shut down, gone. I fear this will impact small independent shops further. Please, please leave things as they are.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford, Ware
880	I fundamentally object to the proposed increase in parking charges for Hertford. I am a resident. Our town is on its knees and increasing parking charges is not going to entice visitors to come to our town.	All Elements	Hertford
881	I would like to raise an objection to the changes to parking charges - in Ware specifically, as I'm a resident there. I could not properly understand from the documentation the reasons for introducing the charges, except to increase revenue. However I object as I think introduction of more charges will have the opposite effect, People will be deterred from "popping into Ware" to get e.g. something from the butcher, deli, bakers, hardware store. I park regularly in town and pay for full/half day, but if I need to pop down with something heavy or for shopping, the 30 min free period is helpful (I do walk as much as possible) I think it will also mean less Sunday and BH footfall I am happy to be convinced otherwise, but could not find any modelling, examples from other areas or evidence that it reduces car use. So would like to register an objection I also think by just emailing objections you've not made it particularly easy to raise objection. Thinking there's probably some legal and official way it's supposed to be done, referencing each specific point and that therefore this email ends up having no standing. Anyhow, I'll leave it there. Not well explained or justified.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Ware
882	I write to formally object to changes in car park changes in both Ware and Hertford. As a single parent I feel the cost of living increase is high. Additional parking charges especially stopping the 30 mins free and Free Sunday parking will impact my children whom are active within our community thus my car park usage is usually caused by my picking up my children. I ask East Herts Council to rethink this proposal.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Hertford, Ware
883	I am writing to strongly oppose the EHDC plans to withdraw the 30 minutes of free parking in Hertford Car Parks and the proposed charges on Sundays and in the evenings. I believe this is a short sighted counter productive proposal attempting to provide income to the Council at the expense of local businesses - many of who are on the brink of surviving and cannot afford to lose trade. The businesses provide council income through business rates and if they go under we will end up with empty shopfronts on the high street providing no rates. The high street is very vulnerable as we are entering into a recession and I believe it is a severe miscalculation to believe that the Council can simply use visitors and shoppers as a cash-cow. Many will simply stop coming to town and use the out of town facilities. We should be encouraging people into the town to help support business not adding to their burdens by reducing footfall. I also find it very difficult to explain to businesses and residents why the Council can find money to redo the theatre, funds to rebuild the shopping centre after disastrous procurement management and yet needs to increase the parking charges on the public. Businesses: I have been approached by many small independent businesses concerned that this will severely affect them by reducing customers and they are considering if they will remain in the town. Quick trips to the town are essential to help these businesses that are already struggling in these difficult economic times. This has been further compounded by not reinstating short stay parking in Fore Street. These were available before covid and were used regularly by towns people to do quick errands. Further more, I would like you to remember that the parking bays at Bull Plain were removed based on the assumption that there were enough places available on Fore Street. I feel it is a serious risk that people will desert the town and go further afield to do their shopping. Charging for parking may seem like a simple solution to the Council but I don't believe a proper risk assessment has been undertaken to assess the implications of reduced footfall and shop/business closures - we are entering a recession and cannot simply think the public will just keep paying up when they are suffering a cost of living crisis. Mobility: There are disabled people who are already vulnerable and many on lower income levels. How are they to pay for this parking, especially if they do not fall into the Blue Badge Category? Many use these half hour bays to collect medication, to bank, meet people and socially interact. This seems more important than ever now since the pandemic to help their physical and WELL-BEING. I believe it is essential that we help not hinder their ability to visit the doctor, dentist, chemist etc. Fitness/Sports/Volunteering/Arts: The car parks at Hartham on Sundays are full of people using this great Hartham Common. There are numerous football games played, outdoor training sessions, bowls clubs, tennis courts. all these people have access to free parking now and are trying to remain healthy and fit. There are a wide range of people who do voluntary work in the town and may well consider it is just too expensive to help because of the cost of parking. Hertford do a lot of free events for families encouraging them to come into the town, to use the town in any way they can from Free Fun Days, Castle Events and Music Events. There are lots of churches in Herford whose congregations are older and facing crisis levels of financial hardship choosing between heating and eating and need this free parking. They often live outside the town and the only way in is to use a car. This will then impact on the church numbers, the community support and spiritual and WELL-BEING of our town. Night Time Economy: The proposal to change the time of free parking from 6.30pm to 8.30pm will also have a detrimental impact on businesses. Often people will pop in to meet people after work for socialising. The pubs and restaurants are facing difficult times with the huge increases in food and energy costs and have to increase prices to break-even much less make a profit and now the customers will face car parking charges on top - this makes out of town eating much more attractive and will no doubt lead the closure of multiple businesses. The car parks have always been free at these times but now especially when costs are rising and we are in a cost of living crisis the Council is considering making it harder for people to use the town. We all know that there is a deficit the Council needs to fill but this is not the way forward - it is counter productive and if we lose shops and businesses our high street will go the way of many other towns with empty stores and little to attract people to it and then it is a self-fulfilling prophesy and more businesses will suffer and close. I'm appalled that this is being considered at this time and I do not believe proper cost-benefit analyses of the short, medium and long-term have been undertaken to assess the ramifications of such a decision and I hope the Council will reconsider its options and support business and the community not just try to squeeze as much money as it thinks it can from the people.	All Elements	Hertford

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884	I am writing on behalf of our members and their visitors to ask that the proposed changes to the parking charges in Bell St be scrapped. Uniquely many of the Sports Clubs are located in the centre of Sawbridgeworth, including our Cricket, Bowls and Tennis Clubs. Other organisations such as the Guides and Hailey Day centre, Surgery, Vets, monthly Car Club and Town Council are also located in or near the Car Park which also serves as an overflow for The Old Bell pub, the Masonic Temple and St Mary's Church. Consequently, unlike the central car parks in Bishops Stortford, Bell St Car Park is a real community facility used mainly by locals for other than going to the shops. The Cricket Club can only remember one ground where they might have to pay to park for a match. Bell St is a narrow single yellow line road, so legal nuisance parking in it will increase on a Sunday. Currently to avoid charges, shop and office workers try to park in adjacent residential areas which would now continue over the weekend. The Sports Association do have a Car Park at Town Fields accessible only from Springhall Rd, where most residents need to park in the road, along with others from the main A1184. We currently turn a blind eye to their parking in our car park, this will have to cease causing friction which will also occur should our car park be full and our visitors park in the road. Complaints have recently been received from a neighbour (No. 43) about the visual impact on her current outlook of a row of parked cars overshadowing her garden, the row will get longer now. There is no benefit likely to come to Sawbridgeworth from the parking charges, Sawbridgeworth should not be used as a cash cow to prop up the interest payments, no doubt occurring, from the unsympathetic monolithic redevelopment of Bishops Stortford town centre which doesn't need another cinema, arts centre etc. Etc. The five component clubs of the Association can muster around 1,000 local voters, many have been canvassed, none welcome the proposals and this must be considered. We suggest you scrape the barrel elsewhere. The current situation is a fair compromise especially in this inflationary period.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
885	As a resident of Bishops Stortford I find it very disappointing that the council are planning to charge people to use the town car parks on a Sunday and for extended hours. The town businesses already suffer with high rates and are still recovering from the impact of Covid and will likely face even further problems with higher living costs and people having less disposable income. Charging people to park on a Sunday and extended hours will put further pressure on these business with lower footfall. This could result in more shop closures. I am not a business owner myself but feel I should support the benefits they bring to my town. I feel the council should be helping them and not putting up further barriers to people coming into the town. I hope that the council reconsider this and I would like to note my objection to this plan.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
886	Hi, I want to object to the change / increase in parking fees to Sawbridgeworth car parks. It will mean shops loose business and isn't something any of us want to support.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
887	I'm writing to you regarding the plan to charge full parking rates on Sundays. This action can affect the finances of lots of families, including myself, since I use the car park on Sundays when I take part in my church service. In my case it would affect me twice, since my husband and I use two cars on that particular day of the week due to different times that we need to be in the building. If this decision goes ahead, it would affect not only my finances, but also my WELL-BEING and spiritual being, since Sundays for us is a time to recharge, meet friends and do not worry if we need to rush off because of the car park. However, if full charges are applied, they can cause massive changes in the way we do things and enjoy our weekends. As you are aware of, the cost of living since Covid and Russian x Ucrania war have increased considerably and I don't think we need something extra to make the situation even worse. Please take these things into account and do not proceed with this decision.	Sunday	Non Specific
888	I wanted to take the time to write to you about my discomfort upon finding out the plan to raise parking tariffs in East Herts. As a young adult trying my best to cope in the modern day with the rising cost of living, it is already hard enough. I love my job and I work in an industry where overtime is a must. I get to work early every day and finish late most days. I do this because I love what I do, I love helping people in my job and I am trying to grow a successful career. I currently pay £912.00 per year just to park at the car park in Bell Street in Sawbridgeworth. I pay for parking because I don't want to take up a residents space outside of their house and I'm trying to do the right thing. By charging in evenings and Saturdays and Sundays my yearly cost just to go to work would be increasing by an extra £364.80. This is an obscene cost just to be able to earn a living. This extra cost would bring my yearly parking charge up to a minimum of £1276.80. This cost is extremely unbearable. The sheer thought of it is causing myself and my colleagues anxiety and is causing some of us to lose sleep. These stresses are bought on in what many of the community believe to be sheer greed. As a community we do not feel the costs are justified at all. We are in fear as to how it will affect our local businesses and in turn our community. You are the people who can make a change. We the people are standing up and putting our feet down. We have paid enough. It's time for change.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
889	I write in response to the changes proposed to parking fees in East Herts as they affect us. We live in Tonwell (SG12 0HN) and therefore need to drive everywhere, unless we want to take a bus. The latter means several hours or more for any journey, or a 20 minute high speed shop in Ware unless you wait for the next bus back several hours later, and no buses on a Sunday. Put up the parking prices if you have to, but this will further damage our increasingly useless High Street and send shoppers to out of town centres or on-line. EHDC proposals to remove the free parking times will make us much less likely to go to the theatre in Hertford in the evening Pick up occasional fish and chip suppers from Ware Go for a walk along the river in Ware on a Sunday afternoon Pop over to see a Morris team at the Jolly Fisherman in Stanstead Abbots in the early evening. Visit the shops in Buntingford on the way to see a friend Pick up medication from the chemist The proposals to remove the limited free parking times just seem miserable and mean to me, especially at a time when prices for everything else is going up.	All Elements	Ware
890	I am a member of Sawbridgeworth Bowls Club. When I do use the car park in connection with bowling, it is to collect my bowls and either drive fellow competitors to the away game or to put my bowls in another car and be driven to the venue. It is most pleasing that regardless of the time of day or day of the week, I, like many other bowlers, find the thirty-minute free period a god send. A lot of bowls matches take place at weekends and to introduce charging for Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays will drive players and hence bowls clubs away from Sawbridgeworth. Currently the cricket, bowls, and tennis clubs benefit from being able to offer members and visiting clubs the use of the Council's car park. The facility attracts players and clubs alike and the more patronage they get the more successful the clubs will be and more importantly more takings will be taken over the bar and more money will be made from catering and functions. The proposal will have a detrimental effect on the success and profitability of these highly regarded sports facilities. These clubs benefit from the Sports Trust who have a legacy to ensure that these sports together with other establishments in the town continue in perpetuity as envisaged by Sir Arthur Cutforth. Your proposal will have a seriously negative impact for these clubs. Your proposal will put these clubs at a disadvantage to others due to them having free parking either on their own premises or by the benefit of free parking on certain days, the benefit we that we currently enjoy in Sawbridgeworth. Do the Council want to attract people to the town or price them out? Turning to the bigger picture by looking at the town as a whole. The Mayor, Greg Rattey who has just started his second term of office has devoted so much effort and time to this town resulting in an upturn in the economics of the local economy and currently we have a thriving 'High Street' of shops. The free parking at weekends and Bank Holidays actively encourages people from within the town, from the villages, from nearby towns such as Harlow and Bishops Stortford plus those from other counties such as Essex, to visit Sawbridgeworth. Your proposal will reduce the attractiveness of our town and will have a harmful effect on the town. Is it your wish to harm our town? Sawbridgeworth has three charity shops in Bell Street, serving Age UK, Helen Rollason and Isabel Hospice charities. Helen Rollason, the well-known BBC Sports journalist and presenter would be turning in her grave if she was to know of the changes in parking charges that you propose. May I suggest, that before any decision is taken to change the parking charges, that the officers of the Council together with Councilors responsible for parking, actually read the websites of these three charities to see what excellent work they carry out for the community. Most people have a fair idea of what charities do but it would do no harm to actually read the stories of patients and their loved ones on their websites to have a better and more informed knowledge of the outstanding services they provide. Isabel Hospice need to raise £7million per annum to guarantee the future of their care. Your proposal will harm the takings of these shops as Sawbridgeworth will see less visits to the town. My father, before he died, benefitted greatly from the support Isabel Hospice gave him. My father-in-law sadly passed after a stay in the Hospice and the care he and the family received was second to none. I would not want to see these charities suffer as a result of the consequences not being thought through, of what effect these changes to the car parking charges. Do the Council really have the heart to drastically increase charging hours so that less people will visit Sawbridgeworth and hence deprive charities of much needed income? It is understood that local authorities' finances are stretched and councils have to cut budgets and find ways of increasing income. I have no problem with that and fully understand why income should be increased if their services are to be maintained. However, there is more ways to supplement income than by increasing car parking charging. If the council need to raise more money, then I would prefer to pay extra through my Council Tax bill, rather than see charging hours increased for parking at the point of delivery. It may or may not be possible to raise the East Herts Council Band Charges but nevertheless it is important to remember what local authorities are there to do. My understanding of their purpose is to collect taxes, to receive central government grants and to redistribute income by way of providing services to the people and organizations in their district. Within those criteria it is also incumbent upon them to service the people by helping and assisting the community. The current car parking charges generate income for the council but there comes a point when the charges no longer cease to be a service but become a burden on the community. I say your proposal for the increases falls into the latter category, i.e. it will become a burden and result in people either not being able to afford them and/or will disincentivize people to come to Sawbridgeworth. You will not serve the community by increasing the charges. I have recently come back from holiday in Luxembourg where public transport is free throughout the whole country including that on trains. I do not know how that is funded but you see a high degree of public transport usage and reduced usage of cars. I mention this point because; the government is providing a service by subsidizing the cost transport. Whether East Herts car parking is or will be subsidized the charging hours should remain as they are as the Council is providing a service. It cannot be emphasized enough just how badly the effect of any increases in parking hours will have on the prosperity of the town. I have not in my letter discussed the merits of the impact of higher charges on green issues, primarily because my objection is focused on the damaging effect on our community as a whole, if these increases go ahead. We live in a free speech society and therefore inhabitants of Sawbridgeworth should not only be able to express their views but officers of the Council and Councilors alike should take due notice of what the population they serve, says. I say no to the changes in charging hours. In relation to Sawbridgeworth, in summary I object to the proposal to remove the 30-minute free parking slot and I object to introducing Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday charging on the grounds set out above.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
891	I write with reference to the proposed car parking charges in Bishop's Stortford on Sundays. At a time when people are facing huge increases in the cost of living this is an extra expense that I feel will deter people from using the town centre. This will have a knock on effect on the shops, cafes and restaurants. Following on from the struggles these establishments have faced due to Covid, the already dying high street will continue to perish. I trust that you will take into account my thoughts and those of many other Bishop's Stortford residents.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
892	I am writing to complain about the intention to implement parking charges on a Sunday, bank holidays and late evening hours. These additional charges will make us seriously consider whether to visit the town centre. We often travel in on a Sunday to visit the park, do some shopping and visit a cafe. With the cost of living rising considerably we are struggling financially and feel that introducing additional costs such as these at a time when it is well known that people are struggling is poorly thought out and I urge the Council to reconsider.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford

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893	I have lived in Sawbridgeworth since 1988 & remember when the car park was entirely free! I cannot see that the new charges will do anything but harm local businesses. We want to ENCOURAGE local shops & businesses, not make them disappear!! If we care about the local economy... If we don't...then we can all sit in traffic jams on the M25 for Lakeside & Bluewater! BUT I don't WANT to do that!! I want to support our local traders. The half hour free parking - encourages people to visit & not overstay/crowd the town centre. It allows local people to access local services. And at weekends, encourages local shopping. Excess charging will 1) add to the parking burden in local roads 2) dissuade people from using local business 3) you need to visit the GP and you have to be clobbered for attending to your health? I've already received one fine in Sawbo car park because the docs were running late! Please think again on the parking charge changes. It feels like you are further penalizing people who are already struggling with cost of living issues!!!	30 Mins Free	Sawbridgeworth
894	I am writing to object to the recently proposed changes to parking charges across Hertfordshire, especially those in Hertford and Ware. I am a resident of Hertford and often visit the town multiple times during the week and weekends to visit the independent stores, usually on a free half an hour ticket during my lunch break. If this was taken away, it is unlikely that I would have any motivation to go into Hertford town centre and have to pay for such a short amount of time, with the towns of Welwyn, Harlow and Stevenage very close to us it's likely I would travel there to shop and end my use of local independent stores due to the hassle, or larger supermarket such as Tesco and Asda. I also visit Hertford and Ware on evenings and Sundays, when parking is free, to visit the cafes and restaurants, again, I would cease using Hertford or Ware town as somewhere to meet friends and family for meals because I would not wish to be rushed by how long I have left on my ticket and it would be an added cost for several hours for all involved, at a time when there is a cost of living crisis. Again, I would travel to other towns such as Stevenage which offers free parking and a wider range of popular chain restaurants. I do not see how introducing parking charges could be supportive of a small town's shops and cafes, it's grossly inappropriate especially after the Covid-planner saga on Fore Street which also took away parking spaces and reduced footfall to local shops at a time of need. It seems to me that the council do not value any of the local independent shops and restaurants and are seemingly intent in driving them out of business due to a lack of footfall, in the hope that large corporations will instead move in, in doubt to pay higher rent. And then in 5-10 years time, once East Herts and Council has driven all the local business away, they can employ some extremely expensive consultant on an eye-watering day rate to tell them why no one wants to shop in the run-down, sad local town.	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
895	I have only just been alerted by a local business in Sawbridgeworth that you are proposing to impose charges on evenings & weekends & remove free parking across your district. I visit Sawbridgeworth, Bishops Cleeve, Hertford & Ware regularly & having the free parking in the evenings is great. I am writing to express my concerns and disapproval. Local businesses across the district have just rebuilt their livelihoods & rebuilt their client base following Covid. Imposing these changes will have major implications for hospitality, local shops & community services run by volunteers. There is nothing indicating this money is being redeployed into the community - it's clearly funding other over budgeted projects! Please do not go ahead with it! You are going to kill local businesses & increase unemployment not to mention damage community spirits.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Sawbridgeworth
896	I totally disagree with parking charges in the evenings and weekend as it will affect all businesses already struggling and people already struggling financially	Sunday, Evening	Non Specific
897	I have owned and operated a pharmacy in Bell St Sawbridgeworth since January 2000. I remember when the Bell St car park was completely free and all the issues that were caused because of this so let me say from the outset that I am glad that we have charges Monday to Friday as this means that spaces are available for those that need them to collect prescriptions, visit the doctor etc. That being said, after parking charges were introduced I recall 4 long-established businesses closing within 12 months. I cannot agree that the proposal to remove the 30 minutes free parking and to introduce charges on Saturday and Sunday is good for the people of Sawbridgeworth. It seems to me that the only people who will benefit from these charges are EHDC. Bell St has single yellow lines and despite these restrictions we see a significant amount of on-street parking even with 30 minutes free in the car park. Once this is removed, the on-street parking will be constant. This will create difficulties for deliveries, ambulances, fire engines and will make stopping to quickly collect a prescription or some medication a major challenge for many of my patients. Customers who would quickly stop for an item of shopping will choose to add it to their supermarket shop, whether that be online or at an out of town supermarket (with free parking of course) or they will just order online. Trying to create and maintain a varied and vibrant high street in the face of internet competition is difficult enough without our District Council putting obstacles in the way and driving patients and customers into the welcoming arms of faceless internet outlets. One of the strengths of Sawbridgeworth is the variety of independent businesses but this also makes us vulnerable as we don't have the backup of a company structure with deep pockets and expensive lawyers to argue our case. It would be a shame for the variety we have to be replaced with empty shops as we see in so many high streets locally. Bell St car park is also used as a drop-off point for parents bringing their children to activities such as Guides and at the local cricket club. Visiting teams also use the car park for matches on Saturday and Sunday. The viability of these organisations will be under threat and we may be consigning more young people to wander the streets finding whatever they can to pass the time. ASB and drug usage are already on the increase in Sawbridgeworth so it seems odd that EHDC would introduce charges that are likely to create a more open space for the use of electric scooters and petty vandalism. There are many people who leave their vehicle in the car park on Friday and Saturday evening when they go to local pubs and restaurants. They can do this knowing that they can safely collect the vehicle the following day without getting a parking ticket. I feel that more people will "take a chance" and either drive home or collect the vehicle early the following morning whilst still over the limit. This has got to be bad for the local evening economy and will only contribute to the "ghost-town" effect which will surely increase crime. It seems somewhat irresponsible. In summary, we have all had to work hard to keep our businesses open to provide a service to the local community through what has been a very difficult couple of years. To have this ill-considered plan thrust on us now leaves us in no doubt about how the council feels about priorities. Sadly it seems to be all about the money and not about the people and communities. It's a real kick in the teeth as far as I am concerned.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
898	I am writing to object to the proposal for charging for weekend parking in Bell Street and ending free parking. This would have a detrimental effect on businesses in the town which are only just recovering from Covid restrictions. It will also affect the community as a whole by deterring visitors to charity shops and charitable institutions. I ask you to reconsider your proposal.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
899	I am writing to suggest that charging for parking in Hertford, and no doubt in the other areas of East Herts, at all times and every day, apart from Christmas is rather a rash decision. I know the Council is choosing to make charges due to their budget shortfall but there will be many negative aspects to this policy. Cars will be parked in the evening on small side roads leading into the town, causing a nuisance to those living in those streets, both in terms of their own parking, noise and disruption when those who have had an evening out in Hertford return to their vehicles. The charges will reduce the number of people choosing to attend the new theatre and other elements of the night-time economy will also suffer. People would be more likely to walk to venues if there were safe footways for them to walk home, in Hertford many footways are not well lit and the lights go off at midnight. Many families come to Hertford on Sunday to visit Hartham and to stroll around the town these visits may well be reduced. Charging to park in the evenings and on Sundays I consider to be a poor decision.	All Elements	Hertford
900	I feel I must write to submit my concerns surrounding the proposal to implement an alteration to current car parking charging strategy in Sawbridgeworth. I am concerned that East Hertfordshire Council seems to have lost the vital collaboration between the community and more importantly the local business that work so hard and contribute to revenue that the council enjoys. I was astonished to hear that the council are looking to remove the current free parking service currently employed within the Bell Street car park surely this is an approach that hasn't been appropriately thought through and lacks any form of community consideration. In these times post Covid when we are all faced with the wider challenges surrounding increased cost of living, rising fuel bills and general lack of confidence in the future now is not the time to implement a strategy that seems to disregard the challenges that the community are facing and I can only assume that the plan to implement the charging is in an effort to increase revenue for the council. I personally use the Bell Street shops as a local resident and make use of the parking facilities to spend my money within the local community however if council are hard set in charging me for being community minded and reducing my carbon footprint I'll happily drive to Epping or even Harlow! and take advantage of Essex's facilities! I realised that innovative revenue streams need to be developed however would East Hertfordshire Council would be better served deploying their endeavours in working with the community that they are supposed to serve rather than causing anxiety and impact to the local business. Possibly a change in leadership with East Hertfordshire Council that has an appropriate level of apathy with the community might be better placed. I am sure sure local politicians will be interested in exploiting these weaknesses. I hope the leadership with East Hertfordshire Council reconsider this plan and ensure that any subordinate managers are appropriately prioritised to work better with the community. Happy to discuss my concerns in greater detail.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
901	I am a home owner and resident of Sawbridgeworth - I live on the corner of Bell Street and Knight Street. I strongly object to the proposed parking charges planned for Sawbridgeworth. We have a fabulous selection of local businesses who have worked hard to stay in business and support our community during difficult times. Imposing these parking charges will most likely drive people away from shopping locally and potentially severely impacts the businesses and livelihoods of our local traders. In addition, it will encourage people to park on the streets and congest already busy roads - impacting the ability of residents to be able to come and go freely (our driveway access is often blocked by a parked car). I am sure the parking inspectors will be out in force and that is probably the driver behind this. I think it is an appalling thing to do in the current climate where the cost of living is constantly rising. We already pay exorbitant council rates!!!	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth

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902	I wish to object to the proposals to amend the Parking Traffic Regulation Orders on the following grounds: if implemented, parking will clog up streets with single yellow lines places like Sele Farm have already lost evening buses (from an already unreliable and infrequent service) and people have no alternative but to use a car - this hits deprived areas disproportionately; cuts in highways maintenance mean many walking routes are dark, narrow and uneven i.e. dangerous at night e. g. The path from the County Hospital to Halleys Ridge. I have twins in a double buggy and many pavements are not possible to be walked on due to their narrow nature and poor maintenance, not forgetting the already inconsiderate parking which blocks pavements and which will only get worse if people are forced to pay more for parking. This appears to be nothing more than further penny-pinching from the public during a national crisis with the rising cost of living. There is simply not the public transport in place to allow good access to the town for those with mobility needs to justify introducing these charges. I look forward to your response.	All Elements	Hertford
903	I definitely object to the proposed changes for the car parks of Stortford. I run a coffee shop with one parking space that I pay over a £1000 per year. My staff have nowhere to park except apton car park, if they get there early enough. It costs enough as it is without being charged extra on Sundays and bank holidays. Regarding customers do you want a ghost town? Even Harlow has free parking for one hour at all it's precincts. And it's cheaper than Stortford in its car parks. If they can do it why can't Stortford. It's just pure greed! From a very disgruntled business owner.	Sunday, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford
904	I would like to officially record my objection to the changes that you plan to bring in to the bell street car park in Sawbridgeworth. As far as I am aware the majority of car parks in east herts do not charge after 6.30. This enables people to visits restaurants and bars in the evening without worrying about parking fees. Why is the middle of a cost of living crisis would you decide that now is a good time to start charging the public. I understand that the council need to make more money to pay for increase in costs but why at the cost of local residents and businesses? Will you be patrolling these car parks in the evening or weekends? If you are or if you plan to use LPR surely the money you spend to patrol and or install these could be the money that you will make from residents. Or is a big company planning to do this and are paying the council? Either way please reconsider doing this to a small town.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
905	I object to the imposition of parking charges for the weekend at the Bell Street car park Sawbridgeworth. The car park is used mainly by local shoppers but also by bowls club members and visitors for matches on Saturdays and Sundays for 7 months of the year. I realise that the Council is looking to increase its income to pay for services but this is a retrograde step and will cause financial pain to many pensioners who can ill afford it. Please reconsider your plans. I also consider that the removal of the 30 minutes free parking allowance will have a detrimental effect upon local retailers. You should be encouraging local shops not putting further obstacles in their paths, Graham Lyon 16 Kingsmead Sawbridgeworth	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
906	I have lived in Sawbridgeworth for the past 35 years. I have witnessed first hand the changes to the local shopping, banking, services, and restaurant amenities. All of these have suffered a major decline. Yes, changes happen but as a town Sawbridgeworth has less and less to offer to a resident /local visitor in comparison to other local nearby towns. This one of the reasons in the past at a local meeting Sawbridgeworth parking charges were kept at a slightly lower level to other nearby East Herts towns to recognise the lower number and level of services on offer. It would appear this promise/ understanding has been completely lost. Multiple times a week I visit the town centre, regularly making use of the currently free 30min window to go about my business. Often, I require a longer visit and therefore pay for my time accordingly. My visits will be reduced significantly if fees for short visits are charged, and all other fees raised. Sawbridgeworth will simply not be able to compete with the number of services on offer in nearby towns with a similar parking fee. This will adversely affect all the local businesses, amenities, and shops I frequent. Additional weekend charges will simply kill off the sporting fixtures held locally. This will be the same for all other Sawbridgeworth residents, causing a significant further decline to my town. I am horrified that East Herts, to whom I pay a significant monthly Council tax fee free to raise parking fees with little communication with or discussion with residents. Why hasn't there been a local meeting arranged to air/discuss these parking fee proposals; or is it the case East Herts are not interested in the strength of feeling of residents? Please DO NOT spoil Sawbridgeworth further by increasing parking charges any day of the week, for any time period. Our town relies on being able to compete with others nearby ; it is already struggling. Your unnecessary parking fee proposals will adversely and detrimentally affect Sawbridgeworth. They are not necessary, wanted or to the benefit of any local businesses, shops, amenities, or residents. Please pass on to the appropriate departments, my strong opposition. I hope this email has made my feelings clear enough.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Sawbridgeworth
907	I would like to object to the change in car park charges for Sawbridgeworth This will have a huge impact on local small businesses as well as the community who are struggling with the cost of living Please reconsider this proposal.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
908	EAST HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL (WARE) (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2014 (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2022 Having been alerted to this Draft Order Ware (?) or is this just a notice for local residents. The period for true consultation is 12 weeks. In times of real hardships and cost of living rises and the impact on retail, local shops and hospitality who are all struggling to be in business, East Herts Council feels it appropriate to add the unnecessary financial burdens on local people. WHY are charging fees on SUNDAYS? Also WHY are the parking restrictions starting at 7.30am and finishing at 8.00pm!! Ware is a small market town and the extended hours are just quite extraordinarily beyond belief? Instead of finding ways to help retail, small businesses, build the economy etc, you are now out of touch with both residents and retailers (small independents)...what sort of evidence have you got to base these new restrictions/decisions on? My own local residents (W2) parking restrictions are also curious Monday to Saturday 8,00am to 6.30pm.... Absolutely agree that Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6.00pm would be more appropriate. NOT Saturday and are you planning to include restrictions on Sunday for local homeowners? This is a definite Objection to the Draft Order proposed (not only for Ware but also for Hertford).	All Elements	Ware
909	I am writing in regards to the changes in the parking at Bishop's Stortford car parks. I highly object to this. I feel that you will lose a lot of people coming into the town and using the shops. People will alternatively buy on line and the restaurants will suffer as people will order takeaways instead. In one hand BID are trying to help the town by offering free parking after 3.30pm which encourages people into the town and you are trying to take this away especially on a sunday when most people have the day off. all that will happen if you take this away is that people will park anywhere - yellow lines etc if they have to pay. I hope EHDC will reconsider taking away the free parking.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
910	I am writing as a resident of Hertford and Chair of Sele Ward Neighbourhood Association. I wish to object to the proposed changes on the following grounds: The introduction of charges at weekends and evenings will, in most cases, drive vehicles to free spaces on nearby roads rather than remove car journeys. This will happen because no changes are proposed to the single yellow line restrictions. The impact in Hertford, for example, will be to narrow roads through more parked cars in places such as North Road, St. Andrews Street, Sele Road, The Wash, Cowbridge, Railway Street, Greencoates and many others. The greater use of residential streets for evening parking will be likely to lead increased late night noise and anti-social behaviour as people return to their vehicles late at night. It will also make it harder for residents to find a space close to their front door. The county council has in recent years removed funding from evening and Sunday bus services, for example the 395 route from Sele Farm. This has meant that a car is the only means of getting to town after 6pm. Now people are going to have to pay extra in the middle of a cost of living crisis. This will disproportionately hit low income households and can only increase deprivation and isolation in areas like Sele Farm, contrary to EHDC's own policy of reducing deprivation and combatting isolation. EHDC should work with HCC to ensure that alternative public transport is available from the most deprived areas of the district before imposing these charges. Use of car parks in town provides a safe means for people to access the town, particularly after dark. Cuts in maintenance of highways at HCC has meant that many of the routes to residential areas from the town centre are less safe, particularly for women. An example is footpath 62 going into footpaths 64, 70 and 71/72 (North Road to Haley's Ridge / Hertingfordbury Road. This path is poorly lit due to overhanging trees, narrow where vegetation has been allowed to encroach, and uneven where roots have undermined the surface. The parking charges should not be brought in until the walking routes to / from town are restored to state in which they are safe to use after dark. I am happy to discuss these points further and have copied in my ward councillors.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
911	I object to new parking charges as this will significantly impact already fragile business and sport club activities in the town. Also the monthly car meet in the car park that has just started to get men talking will be affected in a time when most important. Sunday and Saturday charges will be particularly unfair to the bowls, cricket and tennis clubs with unnecessary charges which will affect membership and fitness.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
912	I as a resident in Sawbridgeworth strongly object to the parking charges that are proposed as we have a super shopping area in Bell Street that would not survive if the charges are introduced. You will destroy our town.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
913	Further to the council plans to change the car parking in Bishop's Stortford - I TRULY OBJECT . Are the council serious? Do the council realise how difficult, financially it is for the average person on the average income. Obviously NOT. The food bank has been overwhelmed recently, with those seeking help. During the winter months this will only get worse. The ongoing road works, has had a detrimental effect on my business. The catastrophic shambles with regards to Essex County Councils roundabout fiasco, is one example. To add insult to injury to make people pay for Sunday parking, and after 6:30 will only make people go elsewhere. For example Cambridge. Pop on park and ride, EASY. Drive to Harlow EASY. This year has been extremely difficult for many business owners in BS. By changing the parking you will make our economy WORSE not better. Is that what you want to achieve? lots of empty properties? Many of us are on the brink of bankruptcy. We need MORE people to visit our lovely town. Not less. It is so easy for councillors, who receive regular monthly pay packets, and still received an income during lockdowns, to make decisions for the less fortunate. Shame on you. Perhaps the council should look at ways to reduce costs within the council chamber.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford



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914	Further to our objection below, we would like to add two more points to our reasons of objection. Stansted Airport & Commuter parking issues have meant that many residential roads have some level of permit parking and restricted hours of parking. This is unique to Bishop's Stortford within the East Herts District, and means options for parking are limited. This needs to be considered within the whole plan. You are about to embark on a huge development project at Old River Lane, which will hopefully when built bring in more footfall and make Bishop's Stortford a destination people travel to. Once this is built, yes a premium car park could be appropriate. However, in order for it to be a success, the remainder of the town needs to be thriving. This project is some years off completion, bearing in mind plans have not been submitted yet, and traders have to survive these years of development. It is of no use to your ORL development if the rest of town dies, due to high car park charges and people not coming in. Again another reason why Bishop's Stortford needs to be considered on it's own, and not part of an East Herts wide policy. We can't stress enough the concern and worry these proposals have caused amongst the businesses. They are seriously worried if they will survive this, coupled with the ever increasing bills, tighter margins and reaction from the public who are stating they will no longer come into town in the evening and on Sundays any more across social media, they are genuinely concerned about their prospects. Having got through the last incredibly tough past two years this could be the end for some businesses. These businesses are looking to East Herts to support the high street, not speed up the process of decline, which is what this appears to look like. Please, we ask that you consider all the issues Bishop's Stortford is currently facing. Now is NOT the time for all these additional charges. We ask that you look at alternative ways to cover your shortfall in your budget. We are happy to discuss if we can be of any help.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
915	I write to object to the additional parking charges proposed in relation to Sawbridgeworth in particular but generally applying to all such parking charging. I write not as a personal matter to you but as you have been nominated to receive responses, I'm guessing this will be the usual thankless task!. You and your below should be referenced accordingly. I have resided in Sawbo for over 30 years and it is clear that over the past 10 years at least, central shopping areas are suffering greatly, you only need to see the proliferation of charity shops generally and in particular to show the village in Sawbridgeworth is in crisis. Most people I see shop briefly because of the current parking restrictions, more would stay longer if additional parking supported local businesses, e.g. cafes, restaurants and some pubs do not have their own parking facilities. The additional costs involved you in tend to raise are fairly minor in comparison with the massive damage you will do to the local area by destroying businesses, particularly in the midst and post so many serious crises. In addition most local people are suffering massive addition inflation costs, yet here you are trying to make life financially even worse for residents. In my view you need to start listening to local voices (not councillors, even though they should be acting as their voters request) when the proposals will do so much damage to the local area. I very much doubt you will do this, as democracy seems largely to be absent these days! When the original charges were instigated from the generally free, but time restricted, parking in Sawbridgeworth, I recall that the council stated there would be no further encroachment on the position, despite the charges being objected to by the vast majority of the public at the time. There was a local meeting which I attended which also included changes to the road layout and further restrictions, and it was quite a heated meeting. It came as no surprise that the councillor promoting those changes didn't even hold a licence to drive a car. This current proposal is much worse as it will cause detriment to every element in Sawbridgeworth, quality of life, business opportunities, the pleasant nature of the village as more shops inevitably become vacant. You should have held a public meeting in each area you propose to make these changes, to determine the strength of feeling of local residents, particularly as you are going back on promises made several years ago.. As this information is going to a personal email address I request you make public the number of replies you have received on this subject in terms of: per parking area and generally, how many oppose the scheme/s, how many approve the scheme/s. Also publish separately specifically which councillors voted to approve this scheme, a link to the appropriate voting record of this particular vote will suffice as I have yet to locate it.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
916	This is quite despicable! It is quite obviously just another money making scheme almost akin to the window tax of centuries ago. What next - toll booths on pavements?! There are so many family events on Sundays and free car parking allowed for a stress free experience without worrying about yet more cash outflow. Please, just leave your taxpayers with a small amount of free parking - we don't get much else and we will remember come polling day!	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Non Specific
917	I am writing to object to the proposed car parking charges in Bishop's Stortford. I have lived in the local area for 10 years and last year my company, Pardon Chambers Architects, decided to take town centre offices in Bishop's Stortford. We very much wanted to be on the high street and to be seen as local architects in Bishop's Stortford. As I am sure you are aware setting up an office in the town centre comes with considerable costs some of which are increasing rapidly at the moment. In addition to this we are trying to recruit staff and are actually finding it quite difficult to attract high quality candidates to the town. This situation is exacerbated when they have to take in to account parking charges compared with other companies that have free parking. We would like to offer parking as a staff benefit and so we would very much like it if the council could start a monthly permit scheme for people that work in Bishop's Stortford that has a discount for paying in advance etc. What we certainly do not need is increased parking charges for employees working in the evening or at the weekend. Speaking as a resident of the local area I think it will be counterproductive to increase parking charges at this time, when there is a spiralling cost of living crisis. Bishop's Stortford is not currently the most desirable town centre but in order to improve the town centre I don't think the sensible thing to do is to increase parking charges. The high street has quite a high turnover of shops and quite a few empty offices and I think it makes sense to keep the current parking charges in order to try and build up the town's economy at the evenings and the weekend.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
918	I wish to object to the proposed car parking charges for Bishops Stortford car parks, especially on Sundays, as this will have a detrimental effect on local businesses such as restaurants, coffee shops and all other traders.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
919	I'd like to object to the proposed parking charges on Saturdays and Sundays in Sawbridgeworth, the reason being that I believe it will make the surrounding roads and infrastructure more dangerous for pedestrians. There are no parking restrictions on a weekend on the surrounding roads of Sawbridgeworth centre, and it stands to reason that drivers will park on the road rather than the car park, meaning zero revenue for the council, reduced road visibility and potential for crashes and pedestrian injuries. It will also reduce footfall to local independent businesses. Please could you also give me the: projected revenue you estimate will be generated by introducing parking charges on the weekend in Sawbridgeworth the cost of patrolling and operating the expanded parking scheme any other impact assessment that has been commissioned regarding the scheme's introduction.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
920	I would urge the Council to reconsider the decision to amend the Parking Places Order in particular in respect of the following points which apply across the district: 1. Removal of the free half hour in town centre car parks is likely to affect have a significant effect on town centre traders and is also likely to lead to motorists 'taking a chance' to park in places where parking is not permitted and thereby causing an obstruction. 2. I understand that the Council needs to maximise its revenue streams. A flat rate charge on a Sunday might be acceptable to motorists along the lines of the charge in St Albans, but the charges proposed for East Herts are completely unreasonable given the offering of the town centres compared with somewhere like St Albans. Motorists will park on street and then once all those spaces are taken they will simply drive to a town where they feel they will get better value for their parking fee. 3. The introduction of charges after 6.30 will badly affect the evening economy. Have a think about Hertford Theatre for example which will need to try and attract audiences back once it re-opens next year. How will they be able to do that when patrons will have to pay to park for an evening performance	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
921	I believe that this is a very poor idea as people should be encouraged to use the car park, not make it less favourable. There is already too many cars illegally parked on the high street, causing extremely difficult and dangerous conditions for drivers and pedestrians. We should encourage use of the high street shops and use of the car park for this purpose. A short period of free parking should help. Also, many parents use the car park for school drop off and collection. Without free parking, many of these cars will stop on Bowling Green Lane and the side streets, causing even more chaos on the roads.	Bowling Green Lane	Buntingford
922	We are writing to object to the proposed changes to current parking restrictions in Bishop's Stortford. Our reasons are as follows: The statement of reasons for the changes accompanying the proposed traffic regulation order merely describes the effect of the proposals. It contains no reasons for making the changes. We understand from other sources that the Council wishes to obtain more income from car parking. One reason for this may be to try to recover some of the costs of the unwanted and unnecessary multi-storey car park at Northgate End. We do not understand why visitors to Bishop's Stortford should be surcharged as a result of this profligate development. No business case has been included in the statement of reasons for the proposals, and the consultation exercise is therefore defective as a result. The proposals involve introducing charges for parking on Sundays and Bank holidays when free parking is currently allowed. Given the added costs of supervision the net financial benefit is likely to be insignificant. Moreover, since the proposed TRO does not extend residents' parking schemes to cover Sundays and Bank holidays, residents who are subject to such schemes and have to pay for them are likely to find that their spaces are occupied by day time shoppers, since these will in effect be the only free parking spaces left on those occasions. It will also significantly discriminate against Sunday worshippers – most of the town's churches do not have dedicated car parks of their own. The free half hour was introduced a few years ago to encourage people who only need to visit the town centre briefly to come to Bishop's Stortford rather than seeking the same service elsewhere. Those who initially come for a short while may be attracted to stay for longer, thus bringing extra business to the town. No explanation has been provided of the effectiveness of this arrangement or of the likely consequences of removing it. We are residents of Warwick Road. We already suffer severe parking problems as a result of restrictions which apply only between 8.00 and 10.00 am on Mondays to Fridays. A recent consultation by Herts County Council about changes to parking restrictions on the Gilbey estate excluded Warwick Road from the proposals for reasons which we find impossible to fathom. Your own proposals also do nothing to address our local problem and in fact seem likely to make it worse, since Warwick Road is in effect a free car park at weekends. The overall effect of these proposals, when seen in the context of the council's other plans for Bishop's Stortford, will simply provide greater incentives to shop in Saffron Walden instead.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford

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923	We are very concerned about the proposed change in car parking charges in Bishop's Stortford. Car parking should not be seen as an income generator. This is an anti-social measure which penalises the less well off. Reduced fees will provide greater access to all residents and would encourage the use of car parks. Introducing evening and Sunday charges will have a serious impact on the town centre for businesses and evening venues. The effect of proposed changes will not encourage visitors to the centre of town and they will choose to shop in large supermarkets on the edge of town with free parking. As a result, footfall decreases, and the centre of town becomes moribund. The residential roads which are already used for free parking by visitors to BS will have more pressure on them. There do not appear to be any proposals to alter parking restrictions on residential roads to match the proposal introducing parking charges on Sundays and in the evenings. The additional charges will mean that people will seek to park in residential streets to avoid paying. Rather than spending a huge amount of money on projects such as ORL, which replicates some facilities we already have, that money can be used to reduce parking charges and keep the free parking on Sundays and evenings. Revenue could also be used to develop sustainable transport systems which should be frequent, extensive, and affordable. Opportunities to create a more sustainable transport system in BS should be a priority. Significant changes to existing car parking should be subject to public mandate ie as part of party manifestos before the elections in May 2023	30 Mins Free; Sunday, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford
924	I need to protest at the proposed altering of the car parking arrangements in Ware and all of east Herts. It will mean that anyone coming to participate in events at Southern Maltings will have to pay which has never been the case before after 6.30 pm This will include people from Ware Operatic society who use kibes lane car park who use the Art centre every week and fear that this is going to have detrimental effect on numbers attending those events at Southern maltings This issue came up several years ago and East Herts council stopped the idea then and I don't see why it should be adopted now..You should be encouraging people to come to Ware in the evening for entertainment Ware can provide; these proposals will have the reverse effect	Evening Charge	Ware
925	I am writing to ask that East Herts District Council reconsider the introduction of additional car park charges in Bell Street Car park, Sawbridgeworth. 1) As District Commissioner for Girl Guiding Sawbridgeworth and High Wych, your plans to remove the free parking will impact on many parents of our Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. With the removal of the free parking, I envisage that a significant number of parents will now, park in Bell Street and allow the girls to cross the road into the Guide Hut instead. This I believe will compromise the safety of my young members. 2) Guiding is run by volunteers, when the parking charges were brought in, we wrote to East Herts District council to ask if we could have special dispensation for leaders to park for free in the car park - This repeated request was ignored. Please note that all our leaders are volunteers and do not get paid. Currently only the Rainbow and Brownie leaders are impacted by the existing charging. However with the move to evening charging this will now impact all sections of guiding. Leaders will have to pay to help at Guiding. 3)Sawbridgeworth is a small town, with a number of independent traders running shops, removal of the free parking will significantly impact their businesses as people will not pop up to the shops if they have to pay. The end of free parking at weekends, in particular on Saturdays, in Sawbridgeworth, will mean that people will travel to Harlow or Bishop's Stortford where a larger retailer ( Asda/Sainsburys) will validate their ticket and they get a refund on parking. Our traders will not be able to offer that therefore this will reduce footfall into Sawbridgeworth town centre, killing our town. 4)Sawbridgeworth Cricket Club , Bowls and Tennis club all use the car park at weekends for their fixtures, not just the locals but visiting teams come and park here. By introducing weekend charging you are going to penalise those who want to take part in sports in Sawbridgeworth. East Herts District Council should be trying to make people active not discouraging them from taking part in sports by charging them for parking. Visiting Cricket teams would not expect to have to pay for their parking and then it will become harder to get opposition teams to play in Sawbridgeworth. The Cricket club is a popular venue for family celebrations and parties, visitors park in Bell Street car park, as it is immediately adjacent to the club. If you introduce car parking charges, it is going to decrease the desire of people to rent the Cricket club and therefore reducing the money coming into a club. 5)Sawbridgeworth Evangelical Church. some people park in Bell Street Car Park to avoid parking on the A1184 outside the church. With the introduction of Sunday charges, these people will simply park all along the main road causing both traffic problems in Sawbridgeworth but also increasing the pollution levels along the main road as cars are held up. 6) With the introduction of evening charges in Bell Street, I think we will see an increase in the number of cars parking outside the pubs and restaurants. This will cause Bell Street and Knight Street to become extremely narrow, people will disregard the yellow lines painted because the traffic wardens do not come out at night. Therefore with cars parked all the way along Bell Street and both sides of Knight street, it will only be a matter of time before there are nasty accidents. There is no way that a fire engine would be able to get through Knight street with parking on both sides. Allowing free evening parking would mean that these vehicles causing the obstructions could be parked safely in Bell Street Car Park. 7) Bell street car park is used by the sick visiting the GP's surgery, the elderly visiting the Hailey Centre. By introducing these charges East Herts District council will be making the old, sick and less mobile have to pay to collect their prescriptions, get a meal, medication, or visit the GP. This is not really acceptable to cause this additional pressure on these vulnerable members of our community. Therefore in conclusion, the abolition of the free parking will impact across the whole of Sawbridgeworth, the abolition of free Saturday parking will impact both the traders and the clubs, the abolition of free Sunday parking will impact ONLY the sports clubs. I hope that East Herts District Council consider the damage they will do to Sawbridgeworth before they apply the proposed blanket approach to charging here. Please look at how much revenue will be generated against the impact it will have on the town, the elderly, the vulnerable, the clubs (all charities) and the traders, please reconsider the proposals and make changes accordingly	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
926	I am registering my opposition to the car park charging changes that are proposed for Sawbridgeworth. My main opposition is the getting rid of the free 30 mins Sawbridgeworth is such a small town. The small shops and businesses that rely on people popping in to get their convenience shopping. These people will be put off using Bell street etc at all I have just attended an East Herts council forum on how to spend money bringing town centres back to life. This will have the opposite effect! I really cannot understand the logic of the council.	30 Mins Free	Sawbridgeworth
927	I am writing to lodge my objection against the parking charges proposed for Bishops Stortford in particular. Charging in the evening for car parks will push people to park along roads in the area when visiting the many, many restaurants in the town centre, or cause people not to travel to these restaurants in the first place.	Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
928	I've just seen a notification that EHDC are removing free 1/2 hour parking and free from Hertford and the free parking on Sundays and bank holidays. If free parking is removed from Hertford town then effectively the remaining businesses in the town will be killed off. Many people rely on being able to pop to town to run their errands and getting rid of free parking will make people seek other places to do this. Some people have to leave running errands to days where parking is free as with the cost of living sky rocketing not everyone is able to pay all the additional costs that are incurred. EHDC needs to rethink getting rid of free 1/2 hour parking and free parking on bank holidays / Sundays as soon we will have no businesses left in town to visit as it is Hertford town is full of mainly cafes / restaurants and Hairdressers / barber shops it is not inclusive.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, BHL Removal	Hertford
929	I am writing to object to the proposal to remove the grace period for parking and to charge for parking on a Sunday. The decision to hit people with additional charges at a time of soaring cost of living is ill considered in the extreme, coupled with the post-covid trading conditions that many shops are facing I would hope that EHDC will think again and not add to the burden of the hard pressed folk of East Herts at this time.	Sunday	Non Specific
930	I am writing to you to object to the notification of car parking restrictions/charges, especially in Ware Town. As a small business owner located in Ware High Street, the short term, 30 minutes, parking spots in the Town are a massive encouragement for locals to pop into the town. This in turn helps all the small, independent shops, getting their custom. To remove them will be a real blow to the local shops, who rely heavily on these people. Since covid has affected the high street, with people working from home, we need these people more than ever. To remove the free 30 minutes spaces is a slap in the face to the local shops, as it implies that the council cares more about money and profit, than helping the local shops, who make up the high street, and make Ware great. Also removing these spaces will cause the residential areas to fill up with visitors to Ware, making it hard for residents to park at their homes. Lots of Ware's houses are on streets, with on road parking. My second objection is that the council intends on removing the free car parking charges in all the car parks in Ware Town after 6.30pm. How is charging people the privilege, encouraging anyone to come into Ware from outside the Town? This will not bring much needed income to any of the restaurants/bars etc. It will also make all the small business owners in town feel that East Herts Council don't care about them or their businesses. East Herts Council should be helping to encourage visitors to this lovely town, the wonderful shops, and restaurants we have here, and not finding new ways to charge them, the residents and shop owners. I have also included it as a letter, if you need a more formal objection. Thank you for taking the time to read my objections.	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Ware
931	I wish to register my objection to the proposal for charges to be made for the parking of cars in the Bell Street car park at weekends. I am aware that there have been numerous objections based on the impact this will have on the somewhat beleaguered traders in the town but my main concern is the extent to which this will affect the sports clubs and the use thereof sited immediately adjacent to the car park. When the Council originally proposed the introduction of 7 day charging some 20+ years ago there were many objections as to how this would adversely impact on the sports clubs (cricket, bowls and tennis). The Council recognised the need to show support to sport in the town (particularly amongst the youth in Sawbridgeworth) and agreed to rescind the proposal for weekend charging. At that time I was Secretary to the Cricket Club and apart from regular weekend games (which, of course, can last many hours and involves many visitors from the opposing clubs) we also provided training to (up to) some 200 youngsters on Sunday mornings. This is still the case today. I believe the proposal for making of charges will directly seriously affect the Cricket Club (as well as attendance at the Tennis and Bowls Clubs) and I hope that the Council will look to take this into account and give its support to sport in Sawbridgeworth by keeping car parking FREE at weekends.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth

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932	I am writing to strongly object to the removal of free parking in the evenings, weekends and bank holidays and the free half hour period. At a time when cash poverty is high, why do you wish to place a further burden on the local community. You should increase the free parking period from half an hour to a full hour. This would encourage people to use the shopping facilities of Ware further. You are forgetting Ware is now a large town and not a cash machine and is home to a wide variety of people. We should not have to pay for the necessity of parking in our home town. For the elderly they rely on their transport to take them from their home to the town centre. Ware does not have a local bus service that covers the WHOLE of the town. It is not practical to ask people to shop and then board a bus and then walk home. Often the car is a vital form of transport and parking should be free. Why do you want to force people to out of town centres? Shop owners have already had a hard time being forced to close due to COVID. Unlike the Council, they do not have a guaranteed income from taxes and have had to work hard to draw people back into the town. Surely it is a false economy to raise parking costs which will force local establishments to close. Empty buildings do not generate money for you. all you will do is to push free parking onto the local streets around the town which will mean more traffic using the residential roads which is not beneficial to the quality of our lives. You have a duty of care to ensure we have a peaceful, safe environment and not one clogged up by cars trying to find a free parking space. Please do not let greed be more important than common sense.	All Elements	Ware
933	I'm objecting to the increased daily hours for parking charges and to charge on Sundays. This will have an impact on some of the already struggling independent businesses that makes Stortford a charming market town. On Sundays, many church goers will have to pay just to worship, some of them elderly who have small pensions or single parents trying to get by on a daily basis. Surely, the towns loyal community can enjoy the benefit of Sundays not being chargeable.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
934	I'm just emailing as I understand you are the right person to contact about the proposed car parking changes. I'm aware a number of changes are planned, but I would strongly urge reconsideration against the loss of the 30 min free parking and the free Sunday parking in the area. These are such benefits to local companies and the local community (especially in Ware where I live) in terms of giving people flexible access for both of those times. I fear that as we are coming into a period of cost of living difficulties etc. that putting up a barrier to accessing local businesses (over larger businesses e.g. supermarket chains that can fund their own parking) it is the local groups that will disproportionately suffer. I also recall growing up in a much larger town (not in Hertfordshire) where the ever increasing parking prices in the early noughties became a bit of a running joke and, unfortunately, synonymous with the death of the local at the start of the financial crash. I have a fear that the same mistakes could be repeated in this area. I'd also like to highlight the lack of green access infrastructure. To the extent any changes are made to parking tariffs, I'd expect to see additional investment into local parking facilities especially to help EV charging. I am not an EV user myself but it seems quite clear that within 10 years or so, it will be the norm, and without investment now there is a risk the area is left behind. Overall I feel quite strongly that the current benefits of the parking tariff system must be maintained for the benefit of the local area. Hope this is helpful and do let me know if there are any points you would like to discuss further.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Ware
935	I just wanted to object to the proposed changes to free parking on a Sunday in council car parks. I am a resident of the town and have lived here for 25 years. As a family we have often visited the town on a Sunday for leisure, cinema, shopping or an early dinner. I feel that this would discourage people from visiting particularly at this time of rising costs and prices.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
936	Please find this message as a formal objection to the proposals for car park charging, specifically in Bishop's Stortford and Sawbridgeworth. At the top of the page about the information for the new charging proposals, you'll notice the following: Parking Traffic Regulation Orders   East Herts District Council Discretionary scheme - now available More information if you do not qualify for the £150 council tax payment Rising cost of living Advice and support to help manage the rising cost of living It seems counter intuitive that the Council are concerned with residents disposable income and also combine that with the difficulty for businesses to regenerate post covid, that the Council are consulting on increasing costs for its residents to visit the town centres. The extra pressure on town centre car parks, as you should be aware is the poor and questionable planning of development with the lack of care and attention to road infrastructure and traffic flows and directions.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford / Sawbridgeworth
937	I am not in favour of implementing additional parking charges in the East Herts area. I think it is extremely unfair to put an extra financial burden on local people when the the cost of living is rising so dramatically. The proposed additional costs on the weekends and bank holidays will hit families when they want to use the local parks and amenities during their leisure time. Hartham Park (for example) is well used by families and I think is wrong to impose extra charges when so many local residents are struggling to make ends meet. I am a resident of Hertford and I believe that additional charges will drive people away to other places and our shops and businesses will suffer.	All Elements	Hertford
938	I am writing to you with regard to the proposed changes in the Bell Street car park. We are local business and would like to get answers to the following questions on behalf of our customers and fellow businesses. If you could respond to the following as soon as you can it would be very much appreciated as we would like to ensure any opposition to the proposals can be put to the council in good time. Please could you respond to the following: Referencing the studies used for decision making - were these carried out for each town individually or only on selected towns and then a blanket approach applied using the results? Are the council able to provide any details on any expected decline or increase in visitor numbers to the town after weekend fees are implemented, given that Free parking will be available at equidistant sites such as Tesco. Can the council also give any details on expected consumer stay times based on the introduction of parking fees on a Saturday? Will they be expected to decline as this would most likely result in the hospitality sector of the town being disproportionately impacted. Are the council able to provide evidence or publish your findings to support the notion that 30 minutes of free parking is counterproductive to the local economy? Can you provide any detailed statistical information to support the claim that Sunday trading in Sawbridgeworth is the 2nd highest day throughout the week in revenue terms? What is the projected income and profit after enforcement for the car parks in Sawbridgeworth and does the council intend to reinvest the money gained from the car park fees directly back into the town to support local business and community projects? What measures will the local council be taking to reduce the negative impact on residents in surrounding side streets who will be faced with increasing numbers of vehicles parked outside their homes. Could the council clarify the need for paid parking in the town car parks on a Sunday when there are no restrictions on the high street and the car parks are below 20% capacity as this will just push cars onto the main road, generating next to no revenue. We look forward to hearing from you soon.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
939	I would like to lodge my objections to the proposed changes for charges are car parks in Stortford & Sawbridgeworth. The towns retailers have collectively struggled during various lockdowns over the past couple of years (admittedly some more than others). Surely councils should be doing what they can to entice people into the area whether it be calling into Sawbridgeworth to pick up lunch at one of the shops/cafes or going into Stortford at night to eat/cinema etc. it's simply not acceptable to say 30 mins free parking doesn't encourage people to browse. No of course it doesn't but people who want to browse will come in anyway. Whereas thirty minutes free parking generates additional income for some shops. If that goes people will head to a supermarket chain which offers free parking for their lunch rather than avail themselves of the food offered by local outlets. I absolutely understand the philosophy that the car parks cost a lot to maintain and drivers should foot the bill for at least some of it rather than the taxpayer. Likewise it could be argued that taxpayers contribute towards the costs of running the parks, libraries etc., when not everyone uses them.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford / Sawbridgeworth
940	I am writing on behalf of our members and their visitors to ask that the proposed changes to the parking charges in Bell St be scrapped. Uniquely many of the Sports Clubs are located in the centre of Sawbridgeworth, including our Cricket, Bowls and Tennis Clubs. Other organisations such as the Guides and Hailey Day centre, Surgery, Vets, monthly Car Club and Town Council are also located in or near the Car Park which also serves as an overflow for The Old Bell pub, the Masonic Temple and St Mary's Church. Consequently, unlike the central car parks in Bishops Stortford, Bell St Car Park is a real community facility used mainly by locals for other than going to the shops. The Cricket Club can only remember one ground where they might have to pay to park for a match. Bell St is a narrow single yellow line road, so legal nuisance parking in it will increase on a Sunday. Currently to avoid charges, shop and office workers try to park in adjacent residential areas which would now continue over the weekend. The Sports Association do have a Car Park at Town Fields accessible only from Springhall Rd, where most residents need to park in the road, along with others from the main A1184. We currently turn a blind eye to their parking in our car park, this will have to cease causing friction which will also occur should our car park be full and our visitors park in the road. Complaints have recently been received from a neighbour (No. 43) about the visual impact on her current outlook of a row of parked cars overshadowing her garden, the row will get longer now. There is no benefit likely to come to Sawbridgeworth from the parking charges, Sawbridgeworth should not be used as a cash cow to prop up the interest payments, no doubt occurring, from the unsympathetic monolithic redevelopment of Bishops Stortford town centre which doesn't need another cinema, arts centre etc. Etc. The five component clubs of the Association can muster around 1,000 local voters, many have been canvassed, none welcome the proposals and this must be considered. We suggest you scrape the barrel elsewhere. The current situation is a fair compromise especially in this inflationary period.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth

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941	I was disturbed to read the new parking proposals that have been advertised by East Herts. I live in Sawbridgeworth but regularly travel by car into Bishop's Stortford for church, shopping and leisure (meeting up with friends for coffee, meals, cinema etc). The new proposals will adversely affect many people's lives in both communities which I am particularly associated with. Sawbridgeworth The new weekend parking costs will have an adverse impact on people visiting the town for shopping or pleasure or sports activities - in particular those going to the Cricket Club and the Bowling Club. Shops and Restaurants - at a time when both have been affected by the pandemic, the parking charges will put people off visiting Sawbridgeworth for the purpose of using our unique shops and restaurants. Surely the Council should be trying to attract people into the town, not put them off coming. Sports Facilities - both the Cricket and Bowling Clubs are an integral part of the community and provide a valuable facility at a time when we are being encouraged to exercise more and participate in sports in particular. Visiting teams, and some local members, are now faced with paying substantial parking fees in addition to their match/club fees. It will marginalise anyone on a lower income from participating. Bishop's Stortford The new Sunday parking charges and increased charging period will have a very detrimental affect upon anyone coming to Bishop's Stortford for any reason. At a time when everyone's personal finances are being challenged, surely the Council needs to be attracting people into the town rather than putting barriers in place to keep us away. Churches - there are a significant number of churches within the centre of Bishop's Stortford who provide not only spiritual input to the substantial Christian Community but also provide many other facilities within the community. The Council's extended charges will impact not only Sunday morning attendance but also any mid-week, evening and week-end meetings. Churches are free for anyone to attend - but the Council are in effect making a charge upon anyone who needs to travel into town by car in order to attend a church service. This change will marginalise anyone whose finances are constrained by budget considerations. Shopping, eating and cinema - extending the charging period to 20:00 hrs and including Sundays, will affect people who come into Bishop's Stortford for any of the above reasons. Surely the Council should be looking to encourage people to come and support our local traders, to stop and enjoy a coffee after they have finished shopping, or have a lunch before going home. Equally extending the payment period to 20:00 hrs impacts people who would like to come into the area to enjoy a meal in one of the many excellent restaurants. I believe the Council's changes will mean these people will look to shop, eat and socialise elsewhere rather than have these unnecessary charges added to their necessary shopping or potential enjoyment. all of the above will have a hugely detrimental impact on not only the traders but also the local community. Please may I ask the Council to reconsider their plans and the sad impact that it will have on so many people's lives. Thank you for your consideration.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford / Sawbridgeworth
942	As a resident of Bishops Stortford (Southmill Road) I am writing to reject to the proposed council parking charge amendments, specifically the proposal to remove free parking during the evenings. Free parking across the council car parks is critical to encouraging nightlife and the hospitality trade across our town, and I feel in the post-pandemic climate we should be supporting our small locally businesses and not deterring potential customers. There is no issue with availability of parking during the evenings, therefore I feel this move is unwarranted and serves only to raise funds. I understand the councils financial position, and as such, I do support the proposal to charge on Sunday's; however, this should be in moderation and care must be taken to review the impact on local business. The flat rate of £1 is well suited to this.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
943	I would like to object to the proposed plan to extend parking charges to Sundays and bank holidays. Hertford Is still recovering from the pandemic and the significant delay to the redevelopment of the town centre. Progress seems to be being made with the towns recovery, but introducing charging to Sundays and bank holidays will be a big step backwards. I urge you to reconsider.	Sunday, BHL Removal	Hertford
944	We need to retain the ability for families to take advantage of the area without having to pay a few pounds for an afternoon out with their children. The free 30 minutes is very welcome when I have to pick something up in town. Do something to reduce parking that, effectively, means having to stop every few metres to cater for on-coming traffic.	All Elements	Hertford
945	Referencing the studies used for decision making - were these carried out for each town individually or only on selected towns and then a blanket approach applied using the results? Are the council able to provide any details on any expected decline or increase in visitor numbers to the town after weekend fees are implemented, given that Free parking will be available at equidistant sites such as Tesco. Can the council also give any details on expected consumer stay times based on the introduction of parking fees on a Saturday? Are the council able to provide evidence or publish your findings to support the notion that 30 minutes of free parking is counterproductive to the local economy? Can you provide any detailed statistical information to support the claim that Sunday trading in Sawbridgeworth is the 2nd highest day throughout the week in revenue terms? What is the projected income and profit after enforcement for the car parks in Sawbridgeworth and does the council intend to reinvest the money gained from the car park fees directly back into the town to support local business and community projects? Could the council clarify the need for paid parking in the town car parks on a Sunday when there are no restrictions on the high street and the car parks are below 20% capacity as this will just push cars onto the main road, generating next to no revenue.	All Elements	Non Specific
946	Good morning, I so wanted this to sound nice, but what part does this council not get.when things are really tough for everyone including shops and social clubs in our area, you guys decide you want to put all the parking prices up, and more importantly weekend charges, please think before this goes to vote how this will impact peoples lives, and with all the new houses going up around here just think of all the council tax you will be earning from them	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
947	If parking charges were introduced, I would not visit the towns but go elsewhere instead. I can imagine that I would not be alone in doing this,	All Elements	Non Specific
948	Why is the middle of a cost of living crisis would you decide that now is a good time to start charging the public.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
949	I am responding to the notice from our Local Council Offices in Sawbridgeworth regarding the possible introduction of car parking charges on Saturday in Bell Street, Sawbridgeworth, car park. I have been a shop trader in Bell Street for nearly 28 years, and have seen many changes. The Car Park in Sawbridgeworth, as I was told many years ago, was bequeathed to the people of Sawbridgeworth and it was free to park. Over the years, charges were introduced by the Council, and have increased. Business over the years has rapidly declined and I have seen many shops close. Sawbridgeworth is a small village and relies on custom from other towns to survive. I have, over the years, acquired (and retained the majority of my customers), my oldest customer is now 92! The question that usually I am asked following a visit from a customer is "where can I get some lunch, or where can I get some coffee", so it's a bounce off effect with other traders getting business. We do not have any major shops or stores in Sawbridgeworth. Parking charges have been increased recently and to now try to impose charges on Saturday would, I fear, bring total disaster to this small village and would lessen trade even more.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
950	I totally object to charging for parking on Sunday's, bank holidays. Enough is enough. The towns are dying. Parking is too expensive as it is. I live in Great amwell and I will think twice about using the car parks if charges are introduced. I like to visit hartham on a weekend. That should be free all weekend.	Sunday, BHL Removal	Hertford, Ware
951	I write to object to the proposal to introduce Sunday parking charges to Crown Terrace car park and extend the chargeable hours until 8pm. As a resident of London Road for the last ten years and who has no parking facilities, so relies on this car park, I already incur weekly parking costs of £28.80 to park in the car park. Currently, I put a daily ticket on my car at 8.30 am, but if I need to go out, I cannot always guarantee a space upon my return. Furthermore, my partner leaves the car park in the morning before the charges start, but often doesn't return home from work until 6.00pm and can, therefore, take advantage of the free 30 mins before the charges stop at 6.30. If you extend the charges to 8.00 pm, this will add a further £24 to our weekly budget at a time where we are being stretched financially with our energy bills. Additionally, if you include Sunday costs, we are simply going to be unable to afford it. Despite requests over the years, we have never been offered residents parking permits or discounted charges. If you introduce these increases and changes to Crown Terrace car park charges, we are simply not going to be able to afford it and the consequences of this will mean real hardship. I urge you to reconsider any proposals/decisions relating to this car park.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
952	I'm writing regarding the proposed parking changes in Hertford and surrounding areas. I've lived in Hertford for over 40 years. I've seen the town diminish from a thriving market town to a service town. I was hoping with the new generation of the town centre and theatre that it could start thriving again and bringing shops back that we so desperately need. People need to be able to park at a reasonable price there are no side streets to park in as they all have resident parking only. Taking away the free half hour will mean people parking where they shouldn't to pick up their prescriptions blocking the road. Increasing the parking fees to 8 pm will affect the restaurants which are struggling anywhere. It will affect the residents like us who live in town and use the car park for one of our cars as we only have one parking space. It was fine until 6.30 as most people don't get home from work until then so parking would be free until the morning. People who live in the town are going to suffer. Sundays people love to come in and have a walk around the castle and Hartham they won't want to come if they have to pay. Why is the council trying to destroy out town. Don't they get enough out of us with the taxes we pay already. I'm not sure if you live in the town but if you did I'm sure you would agree with us. Also why are the signs informing people of the proposed changes so small? We needed big posters informing us all what was being proposed not signs with writing that needed a magnifying glass.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
953	I object strongly to the proposed extension of parking charges in the Bell Street car park in Sawbridgeworth. It will further discourage people from visiting the town and its businesses and hit those who use the Cricket Club and other facilities at the weekend	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth

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954	I am writing to object to the proposed changes to parking in Hertford car parks, particularly the removal of the free 30 mins parking. I regularly rely on the free 30 mins parking. I have to drive to take my children to school (Abel Smith) but rather than create extra pressure and traffic on the A414 - I park in town (castle street car park) and walk. I know a few people who choose to do this. I believe removing free parking for a short period will increase the congestion on the already over-congested main roads around town. Furthermore people will try to park in inconvenient places around the town on the streets, which ruins the appearance of our lovely town. I supported the decision to remove parking on fore street because I believed that there were other available options (ie car parks) but this recent proposed change takes away the ease of parking for short visits into the town. Some people rely on this free parking to pick up and collect prescriptions, drop off books at the library, pick up a paper, a coffee, drop of dry cleaning etc... If you remove this option it will drive away business from the Hertford at a time when the town needs local support. I realise that these are hard financial times but I feel that this move will actually generate less income for the town, particularly the independent small retailers, and cause traffic and parking issues deterring people from visiting. I have no objection to the introduction of Sunday parking charges. I also do not understand why the wallfields car park has a different charging policy? The only reason I can arrive at is that the council is considered to be a key service for people to access. I would argue that there are other key services in Hertford which are necessary and important for local people and free short stay parking (upto 30mins) is vital for this. Please reconsider the proposed changes to parking. I believe the proposals currently have an adverse impact on the town.	30 Mins Free	Hertford
955	PLEASE DON'T CHANGE THE NEW TIMINGS AND FEES ON THE PARKING SITUATION I am very shocked to hear about the new proposals for all the parking within Hertford and the rest of Hertfordshire. Please can this not go ahead? it will ruin and destroy much of the towns people being able to go about every day errands and social activities. You will prevent many from visiting the area also and this brings much revenue to the town and this is for everywhere else as well eg Ware, Bishops Stortford etc. Making Sundays payable is just awful. I find it disgusting that any of this has been proposed. Why??? This is very upsetting for so many and doesn't make sense at all. I am very against it all. As are most.	Sunday	Hertford, Ware
956	Hertford & Ware I object to the proposed Parking Charge changes for the following reasons. They will accelerate the demise of retail and social activity in the town centres. The "Statement of Reasons" does not state any reasons for the changes. I hope that the proposal to implement the changes will be reconsidered.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening	Hertford, Ware
957	I'm a resident of Sawbridgeworth and regularly use car parks in Bishops Stortford as well. If parking charges are brought in I would seriously consider shopping elsewhere. Parking in BS is expensive as it is and it's always something I factor into my shopping trip. In Sawbridgeworth there's currently a half hours' free parking option which I frequently use to collect a prescription, drop items off at the charity shop, call by at the post office etc. To introduce a charge would be particularly brutal when the cost of living is already challenging a lot of families. Although I try and walk into Sawbridgeworth town as often as I can, my husband has terminal cancer and so sometimes I have to take the car for a variety of reasons. To pay extra funds for parking seems wrong to me, and to a lot of my neighbours. Please seriously reconsider your proposal.	Bell Street	Bishops Stortford / Sawbridgeworth
958	Sorry to start your day with a negative email, but I was shocked yesterday to discover that the council is planning to charge for the car park in Bishop Stortford on Sundays. It is as if the decision makers are wilfully blind to the fact that we are facing the worse cost of living crisis in a generation. I write as a 'local' but I also happen to run a charity that sees first-hand the results of poverty. For short term gain, I suggest that you may be undermining: The high street, which is the life blood of the town – you should be encouraging, not deterring people from coming in. (I notice that Tesco's are not charging to park in their store... it makes the choice that much easier!) Town based places of worship. There are many churches in Stortford but precious few I understand, with meaningful car parking spaces. Many attendees have to drive there and the optics of adding an extra cost to observe their faith is not great. What remaining shred of good will there may be towards the council, which most people already think is a fairly self serving organisation. Literally every penny matters - now more than ever, so please will you ensure that this is re-considered.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
959	Parking in the town should be encouraged. To do this it is madness to increase charges and increase chargeable hours. If the council wishes to deliver a death blow to the town it is going the right way about it. Any parking charges should minimal. I strongly object to the proposals.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening	Non Specific
960	I feel compelled to write regarding the council's intention to implement additional charges in car parks. As a Sawbridgeworth resident I noticed the difference when the initial charges were implemented, more people chose to park on Bell Street and this is a nuisance for deliveries and pedestrians. Local business was affected and if further charges are brought in this will affect them further. People are struggling as it is and to hit them with further charges is unacceptable. A return to one hour of free parking would be so beneficial to local business trade, in a small town such as Sawbridgeworth, if visitors passing through could pop in and browse, this could result in people returning to spend a few hours (then paying for parking) when they realise what we have to offer. Please take the local peoples views into consideration when making these decisions.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
961	I have read details of the proposed amendments to parking charges in Ware, the town where I live, and other surrounding towns, the justification for which does not appear to have been fully explained. Clearly, the Council wants to raise additional funding (perhaps to pay for the ludicrous reconstruction of Hertford Theatre (without adequate provision for parking, ironically) and/or all the protracted work on the A602, now some years beyond the projected completion date, I believe?) and sees local drivers as a captive target. I would be very interested to learn why the Council believes these proposals are necessary. I have lived in Ware for almost 50 years now and (in contrast to Hertford, where I worked for 20 years) I had considered the town to be well supplied with parking. I have never encountered any real difficulty in parking in the town whenever I needed it (though in fairness I generally tend to walk to the town and back as it is small enough for this to be feasible). Removal of the free parking periods would, I think, be disastrous for the local economy. Apart from the effect on smaller local retailers (clearly, it would not impact greatly on the major supermarkets with their own customer parking provision) it would impact very heavily on the restaurants which are flourishing in the town centre. So I would be grateful if you could let me know the precise reasons why the draconian changes now proposed are felt to be so important that they override some important changes which could be considered more urgent, such as improved public transport, support for youth services and clubs and continued upgrading of play areas for younger children. Please record this mail as an objection to the proposals.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Ware
962	I would like to object to the proposed changes in parking to the car park in central Sawbridgeworth. Removal of any free parking times will encourage more parking on Bell Street itself and reduce retail which won't help our shop owners. It also unfairly affects the elderly who more regularly need to visit our doctors.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening	Sawbridgeworth
963	Please take this email as confirmation that I wish to object to the council's plans to introduce Sunday, evening and Bank holiday parking charges at Bishop's Stortford car parks. The reason for this objection is that the new charges will inevitably undermine the existing Residents Parking Zones in central Bishop's Stortford - including Zone 5 where I am resident in Nursery Road. With our own resident's scheme operating Monday to Saturday (8am to 8pm excluding Bank Holidays) I can see that our street will become a popular option for opportunistic drivers outside these hours - particularly on a Sunday and over public holiday weekends. This will result in increased inconvenience to residents who will experience a reduction in parking spaces during these times, and could potentially lead to extended operating times being introduced for the scheme, at an increased annual cost. I would be grateful if you could provide details of the impact assessments that have been undertaken in relation to this likely impact on residents parking schemes, including what plans the council has to remediate this.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
964	I hereby object to the new parking regulations, in particular the introduction of charges on Sundays, evenings and bank holidays. Hertford has already become a ghost town and introducing further restrictions will discourage more people from visiting the town and mean more businesses are not interested in opening here. The evenings and weekends are busy time in the towns and whilst I can understand that the council would therefore like to gain revenue from the car parks, I believe they should balance this with the increased usage. Also by stopping people parking in council parking means that the supermarket car parks become too full which means those of us who work full time and need to do our grocery shopping at the weekends are not able to park there either. Stop driving people out of coming into Hertford. Steps should be more in place to encourage custom into the town centre not driving it away.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL Removal	Hertford
965	Generally, I do not object to parking fees as they will protect our communities against an overload of car traffic and encourage the use of public transport. However, in the evenings there are many clubs and other activities in Hertford and these will be affected by these parking fees. Our Hertford Chess Club members have to come out from locations near Hertford that are badly serviced by public transport in the evenings and especially on Sundays. The answer is to take the car. The matches usually start at 7:30 so parking fees will need to be paid in the new plans. This will more than double the costs of membership to the Chess Club. At times of parking affected, travel by car is reduced anyway. In my opinion, the council has not justified the new parking scheme in their statement of reasons. One might think these changes are brought in just to monetise parking further. Therefore I object to these plans.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
966	I am writing to object to the proposed increase in car park charges in Bishops Stortford, especially on Sundays. Please leave the parking charges alone. If not, a lot of people will be more out of pocket in these times, than they already are. Charging from 7.30 to 20.00 is outrageous, and charging extra on Sundays is also very unkind to church goers and also to restaurants trying to recover their businesses.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford

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967	I would like to register my objection to the plans to alter the charges for the Bowling Green Lane Car Park in Buntingford, specifically: Introduce parking charges on Sundays and Bank Holidays (except Christmas Day). Introduce parking charges on Saturday. Remove all current free parking periods The reason for the objection is that this will drive business away from the traders in Buntingford town centre. It will be an inducement for people to drive to supermarkets in Royston, Ware and further afield. Declining business in the High Street is already a problem. Buntingford Chamber of Commerce has been trying to encourage people to shop in the town, especially after Covid related moves to online shopping. This will be a blow to the business community in Buntingford and detrimental to the community as a whole. Access to the High Street, with the ability to park freely nearby, is an important factor in keeping people coming into the town centre.	Bowling Green Lane	Buntingford
968	I feel compelled to email you regarding possible proposed car park fee changes in Bishops Stortford. I know that until recently, parking has been free on Sunday and bank holidays for many years. Now I see that the new multi story car park has opened with a cheeky £1 charge for Sunday. Am I to expect future changes to the other Car Parks, making free Sunday parking a thing of the past? How on earth can this be justified with the current, unmanageable rise in the cost of living and struggling shops and restaurants. I am a member of a local church in Bishops Stortford and am active in my church community throughout the week. Obviously, this new fee will be extremely unpopular with many people I know, not to mention the residents and businesses who will also suffer unnecessarily. I say 'NO' to the introduction of Sunday, bank holiday and evening car park charges. Life is hard enough at present. Please be so kind as to add my name to any and all petitions relating to this matter.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
969	I am writing to you to express my objections towards the parking proposals for Hertford and surrounding areas. I live in Hertford and although I try my very best to walk into town when needed, with a 4 yr old and a 10 month old, this just isn't always possible. I accept that we will incur charges to park on week days and Saturdays but to extend that further is very unreasonable considering the current economic climate. These extra charges will have a negative impact on families and put families off from coming into town as well. I'm all for supporting families to walk into Hertford and maybe you should be looking into something which would provide an incentive for people to not use transport rather than just adding further charges to car parking.	Sunday	Hertford
970	In relation to this point: Introduce parking charges on Sundays, evenings and Bank Holidays (except Christmas Day) in various car parks in Bishop's Stortford, Hertford and Ware. I would object as this would kill the town trade, events are held on Sundays which bring revenue and if parking charges were introduced this would limit people attending. Sometimes 30 minutes is all you need to attend a medical appointment or collect prescriptions etc. by removing the free period I would seek to go out of town, rather than stay local.	All Elements	Non Specific
971	I am writing to object to the proposals to remove free parking in Bishop's Stortford town centre. Town centres across the country are struggling, and people need incentive to go there to do their shopping. Removing all free parking certainly does not provide this incentive and encourages people to shop online and at out-of-town shopping centres. I understand that parking charges are a significant source of income for the council, but they still are charging for anything over an hour in the daytime besides Sundays and Bank Holidays. It is not like there is free parking all the time. The 30 minutes free parking has already been reduced significantly by the closure of the Causeway car park, and customers wanting to use the free period now are forced to park inconveniently further from the centre. This 30 minutes though, brings a huge number of customers into town. Where someone could quickly go into town to pick up a few items, the incentive disappears when there is a charge to park, instead we will find people willing to wait until the next day to receive the items via delivery, and pay for delivery since they would already be paying for parking. Conversely I believe that the 30 minutes free parking should actually be extended to one of the other car parks to recover the spaces lost from the Causeway. Of course, it would be ideal if everyone could simply walk or cycle into town, but I live in Thorley and although I do often walk into town it is a 30 minute walk for me, a young able-bodied person. Most of the current housing estates are a similar distance away and the new developments are even further from the town centre. Take into account needing to buy anything beyond what can fit into an everyday rucksack, or bringing children along, or being slightly less able or slightly shorter on time and suddenly the possibility of walking or cycling goes out of the window. That is not to mention that the buses are neither often, quick or cheap enough for many people to consider them a viable option. For more significant trips to town, or trips with the whole family, the free parking on Sundays and Bank Holidays makes it one of the busier days of the week in town. The shops are open so people choose to visit on the day on the weekend, when most people are off work and school, when they can park for free. Without it Sundays will likely become a ghostly day for the town, with the shorter shop's hours not enticing people to visit when they could go to an out-of-town centre and park for free. This will also be a longer journey, emitting more emissions than a quick drive into town. Bishop's Stortford is currently vibrant and bustling on a Sunday and that looks to disappear, reducing business' profits and causing them to fail, ultimately leading to less income for the council and the town. I hope that the council will rethink this ridiculous plan that looks to send our town centre backwards. Yes, this scheme will probably reduce congestion in the town centre, but at the direct cost of reducing the footfall that is essential to the town centre's survival. To propose such increases to parking charges in the middle of a cost-of-living crisis is likely the nail in the coffin for the town centre.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
972	I am responding generally to the proposal to introduce parking charges in Hertford including the scrapping of the free 30 minute period and scrapping free parking after 18:30. I believe the free 30 minute period enables people of all ages to park and visit a shop for a brief period which they otherwise may not visit. This particularly applies to those picking up prescriptions. This may mean that people will decide to do their shopping in Tesco which offers free parking and leading to declining trade in the town centre. Charging after 18:30 (and Sundays) may dissuade people from coming into town in the evenings/weekends to spend time in the local pubs, clubs and restaurants. Hertford's night time economy was trashed in the pandemic and many still struggle. Charging customers to park may cause a downturn in trade and the closure of more businesses. These businesses, in the main, employ people who pay tax, and the businesses also pay tax and Business Rates. If a charge has to be made it should be for £1.00 only. This doesn't affect me as I walk into town, I'm thinking of those who have no alternative.	All Elements	Hertford
973	I wanted to register my objection to the parking changes proposed at the London Road car park in Hertford. Currently I use this car park to collect my children from Simon Balle School. We are strongly advised by the school to use it as there are no alternative public car parks or on street parking areas available for school pick ups in the local residential streets. By taking away the free half an hour and making it long term only you are removing any flexibility for its users.	30 Mins Free	Hertford
974	I am writing to you to register my objections to the proposed changes to car parking charges in Hertford. Hertford is already suffering from a reduced footfall, and I believe that charging on Sundays will only exacerbate this, with families staying away. To start charging in an evening will surely have a detrimental effect on the theatre once it reopens and the footfall in the town centre. As a member of St Andrew's Church, who attends each Sunday this is going to be an additional cost to me. I am a pensioner already facing price escalations with inflation and a cost-of-living increase. I would like to know what the extra money will be used for in Hertford. Are we still going to have potholes in the roads for example. I think it is an ill thought proposal, particularly at this time.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
975	I write in response to the current consultation, to object to the proposals to impose Sunday parking charges in Bishop's Stortford town centre. I write as the Roman Catholic Dean of the Lea Valley and as Parish Priest to the Roman Catholic Community in Bishops Stortford and its 6 civil parishes. Here in Bishops Stortford the Roman Catholic community based on Windhill have four religious services (Masses) between Saturday evening and Sunday evening. Our average congregation currently (post COVID) runs in total at about 600 persons between these different Masses. We also celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism every Sunday afternoon attracting a congregation of between 20 and 50 people. Currently many of our parishioners park on Windhill on the opposite side to St Joseph's Church on Sundays so that they can attend Mass. If this were no longer to be possible because of Sunday parking enforcement, then I would see that as a direct action to prevent people from attending their religious service here on a Sunday. This discrimination is not acceptable in today's Britain. Of course, it is not only the Roman Catholic church attendees who will be penalised by this proposal under consultation but all the many people from the town and its surrounding villages, who worship in the town and who hold Sunday as a Holy Day on which they fulfill their religious obligations. In addition to being Dean and Parish Priest I write as a resident of Windhill and one who pays for a residents parking permit each year. In this latter role I object to the proposed new payment system as putting residents of Zone 3 to considerable inconvenience focussed on the basis that on Sundays it will be more than likely, if parking charges are imposed, that we will have nowhere to park, our residents parking bays being occupied by those who do not wish to pay the new parking charges in the town's car parks. I strongly urge the civil authorities to revisit these proposals and not to agree them in their present form. I am copying this letter of objection to (Chair of Trustees of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster in which this Catholic Parish is situated and to whom it is responsible), and his Eminence's auxiliary Bishop in Hertfordshire.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
976	I am writing to place my objection to the proposed new parking charges on Sundays, Bank Holidays and after 6.30pm in Bishop's Stortford. I feel that this will have an immense impact on the number of people visiting the town at these times. People (including myself and my family) will now choose to travel to alternative shopping centres eg. Harlow where car parking is either free or 50p and where there is also a greater selection of shops. It is a difficult time for both shoppers and retailers financially and this will only make things worse. I hope that you reconsider your decision to help encourage shoppers and visitors to continue visiting our town at these times.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford
977	I would like to register my objection to additional planned car parking fees on Sunday & Bank holidays. As a local resident, I know only too well that the Sunday/ Bank holiday concession impacts footfall in the town centre. The town centre is in danger of becoming obsolete as local businesses paying rent are also competing against on line ordering. Council parking greed will have a detrimental impact on Bishops Stortford town centre from all aspects of local business and for persons gaining access to town based faith centres/ churches. Please reconsider to save the town	Sunday, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford

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978	As members of the Catholic Church in Bishop's Stortford, we object strongly to any proposals which will further impede parking near our place of worship on Sundays. Parking is already severely restricted for both our church and St Michael's and to add parking charges would only rub salt into the wound. Please give consideration to the needs of others when deciding how to raise revenue and do not blanket penalise all regardless of genuine need. This, of course, also applies to the many businesses in the town who must still be struggling to catch up on the revenue they lost during the extended pandemic.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
979	My specific objections to the proposed increases are: Sunday - people will have to pay to attend church, which is morally wrong. Evenings - this will have a direct affect on restaurants, pubs, cinema and other places of entertainment. All of these are struggling financially and making people pay to park will put them off further.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
980	Good afternoon and thank you for your reply. Essentially, businesses are just getting back to some sort of normality and this will be a retrograde step as people may think twice about coming to Sawbridgeworth if they have to pay at weekends. Weekend charges have just raised hackles here. People are already short of cash and this is just more mud in their eye. I hope that this makes sense. Cllr, Sawbridgeworth Town Council	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
981	I am writing on behalf of our members and their visitors to ask that the proposed changes to the parking charges in Bell St be scrapped. Uniquely many of the Sports Clubs are located in the centre of Sawbridgeworth, including our Cricket, Bowls and Tennis Clubs. Other organisations such as the Guides and Hailey Day centre, Surgery, Vets, monthly Car Club and Town Council are also located in or near the Car Park which also serves as an overflow for The Old Bell pub, the Masonic Temple and St Mary's Church. Consequently, unlike the central car parks in Bishops Stortford, Bell St Car Park is a real community facility used mainly by locals for other than going to the shops. The Cricket Club can only remember one ground where they might have to pay to park for a match. Bell St is a narrow single yellow line road, so legal nuisance parking in it will increase on a Sunday. Currently to avoid charges, shop and office workers try to park in adjacent residential areas which would now continue over the weekend. The Sports Association do have a Car Park at Town Fields accessible only from Springhall Rd, where most residents need to park in the road, along with others from the main A1184. We currently turn a blind eye to their parking in our car park, this will have to cease causing friction which will also occur should our car park be full and our visitors park in the road. Complaints have recently been received from a neighbour (No. 43) about the visual impact on her current outlook of a row of parked cars overshadowing her garden, the row will get longer now. There is no benefit likely to come to Sawbridgeworth from the parking charges, Sawbridgeworth should not be used as a cash cow to prop up the interest payments, no doubt occurring, from the unsympathetic monolithic redevelopment of Bishops Stortford town centre which doesn't need another cinema, arts centre etc. Etc. The five component clubs of the Association can muster around 1,000 local voters, many have been canvassed, none welcome the proposals and this must be considered. We suggest you scrape the barrel elsewhere. <u>The current situation is a fair compromise especially in this inflationary period.</u>	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
982	It is absolutely ridiculous that you have kicked off this consultation with no postal or email notification to all council tax payers in the areas affected. I am resident at 26 Claud Hamilton Way, Hertford and have received no notification of these plans until it came up on the NextDoor community app. We received a letter several months ago about changes to access and routes in the centre of Hertford but <b>nothing</b> around car park charging times. It is very interesting that every effort was made to inform residents about the changes to access & routes but the same effort has not been made for the current consultation. The Multi-storey car park in Hertford & other local car parks are essential for visitors out of hours and at weekends. Having the free parking on a Sunday and on evenings brings additional trade to the area and makes it easier for visitors. For example, around Hertford East station there is a complete lack of parking and so we have to use the multi-storey quite often as we only have one allocated bay. The cost for someone to park over a weekend when visiting me in Hertford is going to increase by a significant amount. Has there not been any thought on bringing in residents discounts or passes in the local car parks? We also pay an extremely high rate of council tax compared to other local authorities and places I have lived previously. All of these other areas offered free parking up to 30 minutes or 1 hour and also free parking out of the main hours, as we do now. Reviewing the documents provided on your website, your Statement of Reasons gives absolutely no reasons as to why this change is needed. What is the driver? What funding holes are we hoping to plug through this change? Are the funds generated going to be used elsewhere? An additional point would be that West-East transport in Herts is atrocious, bringing in these changes is not going to encourage people to stop parking and get rid of their cars. What is the point? It would be better if the local council made more efforts to support electric vehicle charging, improved transport and actually provided the existing safe places to park. By introducing these changes you are encouraging people to become a little bit more creative with how they park which in turn is going to create safety issues. It will make the roads in residential areas even more busy such as in Sele Farm and Bengoe where it is already horrendous. I personally cycle to work and do my best to reduce car usage but unfortunately the lack of good transport links means that I need to keep my car! <b>I would encourage you to review the comms you have made on these changes and extend this review period and make a better effort to consult with local residents. I have not observed any signage in local car parks informing residents of these proposed changes, how are people supposed to be aware? Why have you not sent an email to all council tax bill payers in the affected areas? Do not continue to try and make these changes quietly, especially when the cost of living is so tight.</b> Please can you keep me updated as to the outcome of the consultation. I would be more than happy to share further views, usually councils have in person consultations as part of processes like these to share plans.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
983	As a resident of Sawbridgeworth for over 40 years, I wish to complain in the strongest terms my disgust that the Council are proposing to increase the charges to our Car Park. Just as we are coming out of the pandemic and businesses are picking up, especially in Bell Street. You are now changing your charges, this is a really good way to kill off more Shops. People will now try to park in Budgen's Car park causing congestion in there, which will result in them amending there policy, and possible charges there. I presume you have costed out the additional staffing costs this will be (persons required Saturday's and Sunday's and more times during the week to monitor the car park) You obviously think you will make more money, than it will cost you.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
984	There are a number of elderly and/or infirm who need walking sticks or walkers that attend church on a Sunday, so this free parking on a Sunday is most beneficial and helpful to them	Sunday	Buntingford
985	I have read with dismay the plans to end free parking in Bishops Stortford and Sawbridgeworth. Almost all the shops in Sawbridgeworth, where I live, are independent shops who rely on passing trade to help make a profit. This would be severely impacted if parking charges were introduced. Part of the attraction of shopping in Sawbridgeworth is the free parking at weekends. These shops are only now starting to pick up after the Covid restrictions of the last two years. In addition, having parking charges on Sundays could be considered as active discrimination against those who wish to attend church services in either Sawbridgeworth or Bishops Stortford. This would not be a good look for East Herts Council to try and defend. There is also the cost involved in employing traffic wardens to work at weekends. This, I'm sure, would have a negative impact on the council's budget. So, in conclusion, I don't believe this proposal has any merit for the reasons given above.	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge & Saturday Free	Bishops Stortford / Sawbridgeworth
986	I completely object to the changes in parking charges in Sawbridgeworth. This will only stop people using local shops and will encourage them to travel to big supermarkets as free parking. I can only see one benefit and that would be the council making money and the residents losing local shops. Please don't do this.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
987	I wish to register a strong protest against the proposed time extension in Hertford which will do nothing to encourage visits to the town centre. I do not qualify for a blue badge but my health is such that I can neither walk nor cycle into Hertford, (it used to be 15 minute stroll) and the physical restrictions to on-street parking have already curtailed my visits. If the free half hour is removed, then I will be making more journeys by car to WGC. This entails using more petrol (say no more). Evening visits to restaurants will also cease if an evening charge is imposed especially as pay and display tends to be overbought so as not to risk a fine. It will also affect attendances at Hertford Theatre when it is reopened. Hundreds of houses are being built on the WGC side of Hertford and I suspect many residents will decide to travel to Welwyn Hatfield council areas with a consequent economic loss to EHDC. All of this will probably lead to a loss of footfall in the town and the further closure of businesses with the knock-on of a deterioration in EHDC finances as it will be mirrored in their other towns. I do understand that there is a shortfall in EHDC finances, but another way must be found, probably increasing the rates and certainly not spending £20m on the vanity project Hertford Theatre.	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Hertford
988	We are writing to formally submit our objections to the proposal to introduce parking charges in both Bishop's Stortford and Sawbridgeworth. Parking in Sawbridgeworth and Bishop's Stortford being free on a Sunday and evenings (for B/S) has always enticed more visitors and therefore more revenue into both towns. In Sawbridgeworth these car parks are crucial to the Cricket Club, the bowls club and the tennis club for visiting teams not just locals and guests to be able to come and play or watch. Our nan attends the Hailey Day centre and without the free parking we would have to pay to collect her. The Brownie and Girl Guides would be put at danger as parents would probably start blocking up Bell St with pick ups and drop offs rather than using the free parking around the back. The shops, which is the main hub of both Sawbridgeworth and Bishop's Stortford will really suffer if the free parking is taken away. We own a restaurant in Stortford and know that some of our customers who just want to arrive for a take away and cannot park on the main road outside often use the free parking to quickly nip in to pick up their order. If they then have to start paying for parking, they are unlikely to carry on with this as with people sitting in to attend our restaurant and therefore it will affect our trade.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford / Sawbridgeworth
989	I live at 31 Villiers Street in Hertford where it is already, at times, impossible to park. Being able to park outside one's house from 6pm and on Sundays is a god send. Also if you can't get parked and park outside your house it is far more palatable to be have to move your car at 8am rather than 7:30. There are usually not any spaces at 7:30. This is a ridiculous suggestion and does not help residents.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford

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990	I would like to submit my oposal to the proposed parking charges. This will deter people from visiting high streets, which is the heart of any town, I certainly will travel to the out of town shops where I can easily park. A different charge for long stay yes. Again the only people this does not affect is those with a disabled badge who can park wherever, whenever with who ever.	All Elements	Non Specific
991	I am writing in respect of the proposed changes to the parking costs in the various car parks within Bishops Stortford. The fact that East Herts Council are proposing removing free 30 minute parking and free parking on Sundays is a disgrace. All this will achieve is less people will visit the town centre, therefore shops, café's restaurants and bars will all lose customers and therefore money. Many people I talk too are like me in that we pop in to town to do some shopping and we all utilise the free 30 minute parking, and should we need longer we then pay for the parking space. Everyone I have spoken to have stated that they would shop online which would seriously harm all the small shops and café's in town who all rely on footfall customers. In the current climate of increases to the cost of living, and interest rates rising as well as inflation going up, the Council's should be trying to assist the public by making parking cheaper not more expensive. In my opinion it is pure greed by the Council. The new car park is a waste of money as the causeway car park was ample and had been there for years. The new car park is remarkably difficult to navigate if you are driving a larger vehicle such as a SUV or estate. The spaces in the car park are far to small considering the size of modern day vehicles. There are many reasons why the Council are losing the public's faith in them. Loads of new houses being built, which ultimately are not affordable. Despite these new houses no thought or planning has gone in to the road infrastructure (other than the Hadham bypass – which by the way doesn't make a huge difference). Traffic in the town centre regularly comes to a standstill, which is hardly surprising considering all the new, (badly built), houses – (most houses have 2 cars), and still no changes to the roads. To many pointless and unnecessary roadworks going on throughout the town which once completed show no difference to the road layout. I for one will not be utilising the town centre should car park prices go up, and I know many people who are of a like mindset. In my opinion all car parks should be free as this would stop people parking illegally and would therefore encourage people to use the town centre which would then benefit the shops, café's restaurants and bars. STOP BEING GREEDY AND THINK OF YOUR PEOPLE.....	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
992	Having read the proposed car parking changes I am very disappointed and shocked by these proposals. Please can you justify the changes? To remove Sunday free parking and extending the pay to park times is indefensible. Having come out of two years of Lockdown, where local businesses have struggled to survive, to take away the ease of parking is an outrage. I for one, have shopped and socialised locally to try and show my support for local businesses in Ware. Are you trying to discourage visitors to our Town? By doing this, shoppers are more likely to use the currently free Parking at Tesco, impacting those who want to actually shop there. I believe the proposals should be reconsidered, better still, scrapped!	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Ware
993	The introduction of Sunday car parking charges will disproportionately affect those who attend church services, and those who visit the elderly who live in designated housing in the town centre. but the introduction of Sunday parking means that many church goers will have to pay up to £100 a year to East Hertfordshire (money that could have been donated to their churches – who are also suffering greatly financially both from the effects of enforced closure and then very restricted activity during the pandemic, and the effects of having enormous unregulated increases in gas and electricity bills). Sunday car parking charges will discourage some church goers. As there is no local bus service on a Sunday, those working in the local retail and hospitality outlets(many on minimum wage) will now have to pay to park for all day parking just to go to work (and as until 8 pm including those working during the evening). The town already suffers from a staffing shortage in hospitality (mainly due to Brexit) and this won't help. The introduction of Sunday parking charges will discourage people from coming into the town centre – and that will be detrimental to local retail and hospitality who rely on being able to get custom on a Sunday when free parking is an incentive to come into the town. Many small retailers will probably stop opening on a Sunday due to lack of custom. The introduction of Sunday car parking charges will also put additional pressure on local residential roads – where Monday to Saturday restrictions in place, and Sundays ate the one day they can actually offer their visitors parking. If those who come into the town from elsewhere and are capable of walking a reasonable distance decide to park in residential areas near the town centre, this will not only be very annoying to residents but will also mean East Herts don't get the parking fees (essentially the longer stayers). Sunday parking will also require an "enforcement" presence – and due to "churn" of church goers (9 – 12), those going to shops (10 – 4) and those going to restaurants (12 – 8) it will be necessary for car parks to be visited several times a day to ensure all cars have valid parking. Also, will all those who eligible for "free" parking be able to do so – as will probably be more church attendees with "Blue Badges" than there are allocated spaces (and to attend church have to go when the service is held and stay for the length of the service – unlike choosing when to go to the local shops etc). The extension of Monday – Saturday evening parking charges will be detrimental to hospitality (to get free parking have to go for a meal after 8 pm – so precludes families, older people etc who will have finished their meals by 8 pm). Also, all those who attend "activities" whether run for the youth or adults (and many of the latter attended by retirees) – all of which are run by volunteers and rely on being able to get "reduced rents" to function. All those activities start before 8 pm – and many finish by 8 pm. These groups do not receive any local authority funding and all contribute to the well-being of those who attend. In a town where there is NO local authority "adult classes/activities", the council now wants to get money from those who run what the council can't. Bishop's Stortford residents already pay the highest Council Tax in East Hertfordshire – and already pay the highest rates of car parking in East Hertfordshire. If the plan is to increase income for East Hertfordshire, perhaps it would be fairer to ensure either the parking charges are reduced to the levels in other local towns, or to increase the charges everywhere else to the same rates as for Bishop's Stortford. Everyone is currently suffering from the economic effects of Covid, astronomical increases in gas, electricity and petrol, and now food prices (due to war in Ukraine) and having to make difficult decisions about where to spend their limited incomes. East Hertfordshire should be encouraging people to come into Bishop's Stortford, particularly on a Sunday (when offices closed) and in the evenings – not discouraging them by making everyone pay (including those who work in hospitality and retail). These changes will discourage even more people for using the Old River Lane complex as and when it is built. Many older residents have already said they won't be using it (as not going to offer what they need during the day) and if have to pay to park before 8 pm, many others won't want to attend evening performances etc. It is already probably a "white elephant" and as there is NO bus service (even in day time most B/S residents not on a local bus route) anyone going there will need to get there by car (walking not a safe option for the majority). If the idea is to decrease car usage, then MUST provide an appropriate level of local bus services on a Sunday (to meet needs of every local church) and evening bus services – both options being more expensive than the maximum amount that is predicted as being possible to be obtained from the introduction of Sunday car parking charges. It is likely that the town centre will become "dead" on a Sunday, with the only people coming in in any number being those going to church on a Sunday morning (as no choice) and they will be being penalised. If Sunday charges must be introduced, they should be made to be a very low fixed rate (£1 maximum) and perhaps consideration could be given as to how churches could be reimbursed (to recognise the fact that don't have a choice of when to come and fact that they provide a free "essential service"). A very low charge would help those who work on a Sunday in retail and hospitality, and be less unacceptable to those who need to park ONLY to go to church or visit elderly friends and relatives, and those who go out for meals, and those who are OK about shopping on a Sunday	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford
994	I live in Sawbridgeworth and visit Bishop's Stortford regularly. The planned change to the local parking charges is extremely short-sighted and blinkered - the health and prosperity of local centres will suffer. Many local businesses will be affected by the reduction in footfall and custom from residents - some may close, resulting in loss of income to the Council! Common sense needs to prevail ! Adopting the proposed changes will incur costs - replacing parking ticket machines and signage etc. will have to be paid for. These calculations must have been undertaken by the Council and they should be published in the local press. I trust my objections will be seriously considered and we won't suffer from another bad Council decision!	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford / Sawbridgeworth
995	The proposed charges for evenings and Sunday are detrimental both to businesses and for me, as well as other persons visiting. It will put me off visiting Ware and Hertford if the charges go ahead. They are not in the interest whatsoever for the general public. We seem to be the people always penalised with additional charges. Bus services aren't regular either. Strongly object to the proposed extra charge.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford, Ware
996	Objection to extension of car park charges in Sawbridgeworth We wish to lodge an objection to the extension of car park charges in Bell Street car park in Sawbridgeworth for the following reasons:- The removal of the 30 minute free period and the increase in charges for longer periods will deter people from shopping in Sawbridgeworth. Instead they will travel to supermarkets where parking is free or to larger shopping centres to do all their shopping in one place. This will have a seriously detrimental effect on the local businesses that are already struggling as a result of increased costs caused by Covid and the current economic crisis which have resulted in crippling increased costs for everyone. The intention to extend charges to evenings and weekends will simply encourage motorists to park in other places in the surrounding area such as Bell Street, Knight Street and Station Road causing more congestion and associated issues. Alternatively many motorists will simply choose not to come to Sawbridgeworth to use the facilities and either scenario will do nothing to increase revenue to the Council, but will adversely effect the economy in the local area. Extended parking charge times will necessitate additional costs to police/patrol and this will obviously negate any additional revenue that those charges may bring in to the Council. We have lived in Sawbridgeworth for over 25 years and have seen a decline in the footfall in Bell Street/Knight Street over that period. The local businesses have tried hard to adapt and continue to make a living in these changing times and one of the biggest advantages they have is the availability of a free period and low cost parking during the week plus free parking evenings and weekends. If this is removed it will reduce the footfall to unmanageable levels and many of these businesses will be forced to close. This would be totally counter-productive as many premises will then stand empty bringing in no business tax or associated benefits that are derived from the activities of trading businesses. We would urge the Council to reconsider the proposed extension of car park charges which would likely be negligible and simply go into a central fund and not be reinvested directly into improvements in Sawbridgeworth, BUT which would cause serious threat to the small independent traders in the town and the knock on effect that would have on the community as a whole.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
997	I fully object to charges on a Sunday or starting them earlier. Please stop destroying our beautiful town. I've lived in Hertford all my life and I'm now 52. Concentrate on getting the awful flower pots removed, help the builders get the old Waitrose Area open and turn Maidenhead street into a arts / craft / cafe road with free stalls like they do in Hoddesdon. Please I beg you to focus on what needs changing. The poor shop owners are on their knees - your idea will just make it worse. Thanks for listening	Sunday	Hertford



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998	I would like to officially record my objection to the changes that you plan to bring in to the bell street car park in Sawbridgeworth. As far as I am aware the majority of car parks in east herts do not charge after 6.30. This enables people to visits restaurants and bars in the evening without worrying about parking fees. Why is the middle of a cost of living crisis would you decide that now is a good time to start charging the public. I understand that the council need to make more money to pay for increase in costs but why at the cost of local residents and businesses? Will you be patrolling these car parks in the evening or weekends? If you are or if you plan to use LPR surely the money you spend to patrol and or install these could be the money that you will make from residents. Or is a big company planning to do this and are paying the council? Either way please reconsider doing this to a small town.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
999	I have just learned about the new parking Traffic regulation order and can't understand why it is being imposed for evenings and weekends at a time when we're all experiencing immense financial challenges.	Sunday, Evening	Hertford
1000	With building works and cost of living increases in general, I think this is incredibly badly timed. The town is struggling to keep businesses and this will only decline with the reduction in footfall this will create.	Sunday, Evening	Hertford
1001	I hereby would like to raise my disagreement with the parking within Hertford / Ware to be increased by hours or by cost. This will severely deter me and others from accessing town shops that are already diminishing and is therefore the incorrect approach.	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
1002	It will seriously damage our hairdressing business as clients already complain of the recently increased parking charges & will not have the choice to avoid week days & opt for free parking at the weekends. The residential flat above our business has no parking only the pay for car park in bell street & with the new parking tariff will be 7 days a week instead of paying for 5 days at present. Tenants will vacate the property.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
1003	I am raising my objection to the proposal to charge for parking in the evenings and Sundays. With the building works and cost of living increases in general I think this is incredibly badly timed. The town is struggling to keep businesses and this will only decline with the reduction in footfall this will create.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
1004	Evening parking charges will deter residents from going into town to go to restaurants, pubs and bars, ( In case you are unaware there are a lot in Hertford). Age and health restrictions mean I am no longer able to walk into town and back for shopping. I still attempt a quick visit hoping for a free space to enable me to go to the dry cleaners and similar. All other shopping, which will take more than a few minutes is now in Welwyn Garden City.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
1005	1. Are you actively trying to discourage people coming into the town? (The Northgate End car park is probably already doing that for you already, anecdotally customers don't like it, further to walk, crossing busy roads, difficult to navigate etc..) 2. How have you assessed the potential impact on the retail/leisure sectors through having fewer shoppers and if so, what do you consider is of more importance a less attractive retail offering or parking revenue? (Bearing in mind that fewer shoppers means less parking 3. Have you considered the costs of businesses closing in terms of job loss, empty units, reduced reasons for people to visit? (This very quickly becomes a vicious circle.)	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
1006	Surely we should be helping those small businesses, especially shops like the refill shop where we are encouraged to shop without plastic and think more sustainably. I realise we are not Sidmouth, but it goes without saying that the same effect will happen here.	All Elements	Non Specific
1007	Do we not think that people are struggling enough with the rise in everything else that this is going to help.. I cannot believe our government all they want to do it take take take form the hard working people. I object to these new ideas in making parking charges longer hours and bank holidays, it's bad enough as it is that we have to pay to visit dying and sick families in hospitals. Give the public a break.	All Elements	Non Specific
1008	Would you please note my objection to the proposed new parking charges for the above car park.that my objection is on the grounds that shops and businesses in the town could well suffer if there is a drop in footfall in the town because of the parking charges.	All Elements	Non Specific
1009	I wish to object to the changes in parking costs for all towns especially Hertford that are being considered as it will change my thought process and I will choose other towns to shop in.	All Elements	HERTFORD
1010	Christians have always been free to worship in this country. These days, I know cathedrals charge people to visit if they are just looking round but I believe it is free entry if you are attending a service. By introducing a car park charge on a Sunday you are in fact making people pay to go to Church. This is not acceptable in my view A lot of businesses in the town rely on the evening economy - restaurants, cinema etc. They are already struggling to make a living and need the footfall.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
1011	Sawbridgeworth traders and various clubs rely on visitors to our town using the car park and I am pretty sure that having to pay on Saturdays and Sundays will not bring any extra revenue to the council. People will just take their custom to other villages and towns where parking is free at weekends. Removing the free thirty minute level is so petty that it does not deserve further comment.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
1012	We pay enough now. Sundays, really. It's just closing down most of East Herts , in this case Hertford as we have limited public transport anyway.	All Elements	Hertford
1013	I strongly object that you are going to start charging to park in the Sawbridgeworth bell st car park on a Saturday-most people just pop to the shops for a short period and it will just encourage people to park out side shops and risk parking tickets-i also find it very frustrating that you have to pay when visiting the doctors surgery when usually your distressed anyway about going to the doctors and then you have to pay as you dont know how long you will be. -the machines are really old and sometimes it doesn't matter how many times you bash in your number plate it doesn't like it you need to put newer machines in that actually work -i find it most distressing each time i use the machine ending up using the edge of my bank card as it doesn't like my finger	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
1014	Are you trying to kill off the little trade there is in these towns completely.You should be looking to encourage people to park for a reasonable time for free to entice people into the centre of towns, whatever time of day.	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
1015	This plan has been released at a time of year when most families are focused on children and holidays and the proposals have not been adequately publicised. Your consultation does not provide detailed costing of policing the scheme, particularly on yellow lined areas where the restriction has been extended by one and a half hours in the evening and 30min in the morning to the extreme disadvantage of working residents.I therefore oppose the proposed parking changes on the grounds that no costing information for either income or expenditure have been provided with the consultation.	All Elements	Non Specific
1016	I'm a Hertford resident and frequently use the car parks in the proposal, as do friends/relatives who come to visit me. As I'm sure you know, the car parks are extensively used, especially in non-chargeable hours, by people who would like to enjoy the town without being charged or worrying about the time limit on their ticket. Sundays in particular are a day to enjoy the town and support local businesses. As there are no other places to park close to the town, I really believe this change will impact the finances of businesses and residents, at a time when finances are already pinched.	All Elements	hertford
1017	The new proposed parking alterations will have a significant impact on businesses already struggling post pandemic. It will stop people coming into Ware/Hertford etc at weekends, resulting in loss of revenue and possible closure of businesses along the high street, which in turn causes unemployment to the local area.	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
1018	Being a resident of Bowling Road in ware the parking is already strained in this area on most week days and weekends taking away the free Sunday and public holiday (apart from Christmas) would put a massive strain on the local area to house parked cars in the side streets which are already full with residents cars.	Sunday, Evening Charge	WARE
1019	Please make it noted/ recorded to implement parking charges on bank holidays and Sunday is not only straining families financially further with crippling gas costs and ever increasing costs-after we already pay council tax.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BH	Non Specific
1020	This is a counter-productive measure which will drive custom away from our already struggling town-centre.The availability of free parking on Sundays and Bank Holidays boosts visits to enjoy the town's amenities.The extension of charges after 6.30pm will adversely affect local hospitality venues and the Theatre (once opened).	All Elements	Non Specific
1021	The businesses in the town need to be supported, by removing the 30-minute free parking means many people will choose to go elsewhere. To bigger, industrial estates that offer free parking. You will also give parents on the school run no choice than to risk parking outside the schools, becoming a hazard and being an obstruction for children trying to cross the road safely.	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	WARE
1022	This facility is very useful when I need to return/exchange/collect goods from stores in the town. If it is removed, it will further contribute to people not using the shops in the town and the further decline of our town centre.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford

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1023	I live in Hertford town centre and parking is already incredibly difficult and expensive. At a time when all bills are increasing and my salary remaining stagnant this change will have a significant impact on me especially as I will have an additional cost of having a child in the coming months.	All Elements	HERTFORD
1024	Strongly object to proposed parking charges hike when heating bills, petrol.food prices are soaring will only stop people shopping locally and further kill off town centres.	All Elements	Non Specific
1025	I wish to object to the proposed changes to the free car parking charges in Sawbridgeworth. I live near High Wych. It is too far to walk into town from my home especially at my age of 82. The 30 minute free parking is so useful when just popping into town to collect a prescription etc. The local shops will be affected as if people have to pay they might think they might as well go into Harlow or Stortford. Alternatively they will take a chance and park in the street causing a nuisance. I don't dispute the weekend charges if necessary to increase the council's income as most places charge at weekends. If more warden hours are needed then that should be balanced against any revenue gained.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
1026	I am secretary of the Sele Bowls and Social Club, whose bowling green is off the Hartham Common car park, via Port Hill.We have no option but to use the car – or to park on the Common adjacent to the Bowls Green.	Evening Charge	HERTFORD
1027	I have not really seen anything about a consultation until your little notice appeared in your regular on-line newsletters. That does not feel like a full and informative consultation, it certainly is unlikely to have percolated to everyone living in East Herts. As an ordinary resident I do not feel that I have been given the rationale for making the changes.. Free car parking gives a certain amount of freedom. You can relax - don't need to think about money	All Elements	Non Specific
1028	I wish to register my strong objection to the proposed imposition of Sunday parking charges and to the evening extension of chargeable hours in Bishop's Stortford and believe this, in the long run, will be to the detriment of the inhabitants of the town and surrounding villages. I write as one who rarely uses the town car parks as I live within walking distance of the town centre. Sunday charging will clearly reduce church attendance. This affects not only church goers themselves but also society in general. As a result of the massive increase in living costs following on from Covid, an increasing number of families and individuals are becoming dependent on philanthropic activities of the town's churches, such as the Food Bank (run from the Methodist Church), the Exchange (run by the Baptist Church) and the Night Shelter (run by Holy Trinity). In order to fund these activities, the churches themselves depend on congregational giving	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
1029	1. Increasing the cost of living, during a time of social economic stress.2. Overall, the proposed extension to the charging times would be expected to effect social behaviour.proposed changes constitutes a reduction in facilities available to the populace.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
1030	Sunday is a day of worship for many people and as such is a special day. Many worshippers are elderly and rely on friends to take them who then have to park. Even those who are more able have no option but to come by car as we have such a poor bus service. Apart from religious reasons, many people go to church because they are lonely and this maybe their only contact with people all week. We also have some who have mental disabilities. Churches provide a necessary place where we can meet after the service for a coffee and interaction with others which will be curtailed if we are worried about when the parking	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
1031	Treating Sunday as any other day of the week is wrong. To Christians it is the Sabbath, a day of rest and worship. Worshipping with other Christians is so important as we found out during the recent lockdowns. It is also a family day with children not attending school and many employed people not required to work at all or for limited hours	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
1032	East Herts Council will make a mistake if they decide to amend the parking charges in the manner proposed. This action will significantly reduce the attractiveness of the district to visitors and affect the length of visits to its towns. It will inevitably have an impact on local businesses which are trying to recover from the pandemic. Times are hard for people at the moment,average residents cannot afford to pay enhanced charges on top of other increases in the cost of living. Members of the council, please don't make life any tougher for your community.	All Elements	Non Specific
1033	We need to be encouraging people to use the town centre not driving them away. How can the small businesses hope to survive with ever more obstacles in their way? If I visit the town centre quickly I don't want to be paying for parking - it will just drive me to the out of town shopping centres. Same at the weekend, with ever more expensive parking charges I just won't bother coming.	All Elements	HERTFORD
1034	Instead of going to a restaurant in Hertford or Ware people will go to leisure parks etc where you can park for free.Given the imminent recession it is a very short sighted thing to do.	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
1035	However, in this case, I think introducing these charges is not justified, as it will further erode the viability of local shops, which I wish to see continue in business to maintain our high street as a whole. Losing a few more shops could tip the balance on the viability of a number of other shops.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Sawbridgeworth
1036	It is already limited as it is particularly with those of us who live in flats and don't all have parking spaces. If anything I wish there was more permitted parking available for residents to be able to get, rather than extending parking charges for visitors. It makes it near impossible to find anywhere to park as a resident, and unfortunately since moving to hertfordshire not having a car is not an option. Please take this into consideration as I know a lot of others are in the same position as me	All Elements	WARE
1037	Clearly no member of the public was consulted on this - at a time of UK Recession, Energy Bills going up astronomically and our Local and National Governments now required to assist virtually everyone in the UK to try and pay for them alone; the cost of petrol and food prices going up weekly, not to mention the Interest Rates going up. 1. I have tried to support my local economy/shops, pubs and occasional restaurant meal by using my town - instead of being able to have free parking after 6.30 pm I now have to find money I don't have to pay for this from 1 October. 3. I can see areas of the town becoming clogged with cars parking in front of neighbours near the town centre, potentially blocking them in, in a bid to not pay for three hours of car parking they previously did not have to factor in. Trust me this will happen.	All Elements	HERTFORD
1038	Just wanted to say what a massive mistake introducing increased parking charges locally would be.Our local high streets need protecting. Simple economics, but the more you charge to visit the less visitors you will have, unless there is something to entice them. Instead of trying to make money from overpriced parking, why not encourage more businesses to flourish in the area. You can make money that way with income from increased rates. If you stop people coming, businesses won't flourish, so there will be no need to park, we'll go online or out of town and our high streets will die, and you will end up with no income.	All Elements	Non Specific
1039	How on earth will this help with local trade? It's difficult enough to earn a living from retail and this will not encourage people to the area. People will just go elsewhere with free parking or more friendly times and charges to park and enjoy local amenities and to shop.	All Elements	Non Specific
1040	It is already a nightmare to park in Port Vale/Port Hill with 7 spaces left in the Port Vale car park. These spaces are supposedly meant to feed all the residents and businesses in Port Vale and Port Hill and, in due course as you know, these spaces will be even more reduced once Courtyard Arts extend and those spaces will disappear. To impose charges on a Sunday too is outrageous and for my business this is going to be a disaster. My guests check out on Sundays and with no space to park their cars I assume they will take their business elsewhere.	All Elements	HERTFORD
1041	The loss of the free half hour parking in Ware will have a huge impact on the local shops. People will not just 'nip into Ware' to get something - they will now go elsewhere to a bigger retail park to purchase. Extending the paid parking hours at both ends of the day and on Sundays is also going to have a huge impact, people will not stay local and more on street parking it rat runs will ensue.	Sunday, Evening Charge	WARE
1042	It's hard enough to park in Ware to shop but it is now proposed to make it an even worse experience Why would the council want to put people off of coming to Ware to spend their money and support the small business shops??? It's a crazy idea and not supportive of residents or visitors. Things are hard enough at the moment and this is just a nail in the coffin for Ware traders	All Elements	WARE
1043	If you want to encourage everyone to shop on line and the high street to die, you are going the right way about it.	All Elements	WARE
1044	I object to proposed changes as they will definitely deter people including myself from visiting Hertford etc and shopping and eating/drinking there !	All Elements	HERTFORD
1045	As a resident of Fore Street, and therefore with no option to obtain a parking permit or car park pass like that afforded to other central residents; i am forced to pay for a private parking space a mile away. I rely on being able to park after 6pm in order to have closer access to my vehicle on occasions when I need to leave very early in the morning or arrive home very late. My field based job requires me to have access to a car and the public transport in the area is of nowhere near a good enough standard to do without it. The proposed changes will make this more difficult and I am unclear on what the supposed benefit will be.	Evening Charge	HERTFORD

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1046	The "residents parking permit zones" are incredibly selective to an immediate proximity, meaning the considerably larger community of residents who live near to the centre of Ware I live in a block of flats off Star Street with very limited parking, 90% of which are only allocated 1 parking space (some none). This is the same situation for the numerous other blocks of flats in central Ware, and Ware is still permitting the development of MORE blocks of flats in this central area. high street are left to fend for themselves.	All Elements	WARE
1047	Was very disappointed to hear about the changes in parking charges. So in aware I won't be able to return from a long day at work and pull into my local sainsburys without having to pay a parking charge? Very short sighted of the council and totally j acceptable,	30 Mins Free, Evening Charge	Non Specific
1048	This proposal will just stop people visiting the town	All Elements	Non Specific
1049	My main concern as a Christian is the rise in cost of living and the increased number of concerned people accessing the Food Bank and Citizens Advice located at my Church , the Methodist Church and East Herts Council is just thoughtlessly adding the burden at a difficult time for the vulnerable and young families. Sunday is a time for Christians to attend worship but also a family time for many, especially children who attend the two schools who have Saturday schooling.	Sunday	Non Specific
1050	I object to the addition of fees for parking on Sundays, Bank Holidays and later in the evenings, on the basis that it will have a negative impact on social activities which are essential to our wellbeing as a community. Families and friends meeting together to use businesses and facilities in town centre will be less likely to use the town and more likely to seek out of town venues. Any reduction in footfall will put local businesses at risk.	All Elements	Non Specific
1051	We already have numerous empty shops (so no rates being paid on these), hospitality has struggled through Covid, cost of living is going through the roof and now you want you to add to the decline of the town centre by imposing more parking fees. We need more footfall not less. This will put people off particularly from using pubs and restaurants in the evening	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
1052	By all means increase car parking charges but do not charge for parking on Saturday and Sunday as by doing this you will help destroy the environment of a small town. We have an eco friendly shopping area which will be ruined by this inconsiderate action.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
1053	I live in Ware and my daughter goes to Christ Church school on Bowling Road. Parents rely on the 30 mins free parking at drop off and pick up time. If there is a charge to park for those few minutes, parents won't use the car park. They would then clog up surrounding roads and worse still, leave their engines running outside the school. There would be increased pollution and more accidents. Please reconsider the proposal for Kibes Lane car park.	30 Mins Free	WARE
1054	I am writing as a resident of Hertford to object to the proposed changes to the parking charges unless they come with alterations to the current rules which would encourage day time use of the businesses in town. So my suggestion is that an increase in revenue from an 8pm cut off and Sunday/BH fees should enable an increase of the free parking during the day from 1/2hr to 1hr. At the very least the 1/2 hr free parking should remain to support local businesses already hit by poor turnover and high rates.	All Elements	HERTFORD
1055	particularly for Ware & Hertford. As an old Hertford resident and now living in Broxbourne, I do frequently return to both towns for shopping and social occasions predominantly at weekends. I think it will cause further detriment to already struggling local businesses, charging for times of the day and weekend which are currently free to park	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
1056	The London Rd car park allows parents of children at Simon Balle to use the free 30 minutes to walk to and from school. This is better all round as it keeps traffic at a minimum around the school which in turn lowers air pollution. I feel if this was taken away then it is putting children's lives at risk as more traffic will be in and around the school and people will be parking on any roads they can near by. Taking away the free 30 minute parking to car parks in the town will not do local businesses any good. The council should be trying to support custom within the town but I feel they are doing the opposite as people will not just pop into town to pick up something.	30 Mins Free	Hertford
1057	Removing the 30 min free parking around the schools will penalise parents who drop off and pick up from local schools. They will be forced to hover near the school entrances adding to the poor air quality. Removing any free parking on Sundays and bank holidays and extending the parking time to 8pm will have a detrimental affect on visitor numbers to our town centre and divert people to out of town shopping centres. This is the death of the local high street.	All Elements	WARE
1058	I live in Hertford and feel that the introduction of these charges will deter many people from using the town centres. Many local businesses are struggling due to rising costs and removing the current free 30-minute, Sunday and evening parking will make this even worse, as it will become harder for residents to visit local businesses. I often use the 30-minute free parking and free evening parking to visit the post office, opticians and other local retailers, as well as for evening classes.	All Elements	Non Specific
1059	This is due to myself being a resident of Folly island and having to park in Hartham Lane due to restricted parking on the street that I live on. Increasing the hours and adding sunday to the charge at the same time doesn't help your proposition sound great. To the local people it sounds like the typical council stereotype as a way to make more money than to improve the local communities well-being.	All Elements	HERTFORD
1060	I object to the plans to introduce charges to car parks in ware in the evening, on Sundays and Bank Holidays and to remove the free parking options currently available for 30 minutes. The cost of living is continuing to rise and these additional costs would be an extra burden to already very challenging times financially for the community. Businesses will also suffer as people are less likely to visit the high street if there is no free parking available.	All Elements	WARE
1061	This would have a massive impact on local business for the town especially in the evenings for local restaurants therefore will have a detrimental effect on the economy to the area. The free parking after 6.30 must not be taken away or on Sundays to keep Hertford a busy market town and for it to thrive	Evening Charge	HERTFORD
1062	Please continue with the free 30 mins parking. This is essential for small businesses allowing customers to quickly park FOC. To start charging will have a damaging effect on all shops etc .	30 Mins Free	Non Specific
1063	Local businesses and shoppers alike are being hit very hard in the pocket with the cost of living crisis as it is, please don't make it more difficult for people to shop locally and support our struggling high streets.	All Elements	Non Specific
1064	Can you explain if the new changes that you've proposing will enhance Hertfords parking or hinder ? Hinder I feel as a Hertford resident people will just go stevenage or Harlow where parking is cheaper with more shops on offer so in affect you would be killing Hertford even more	All Elements	HERTFORD
1065	The town needs all the help it can get to try increase trade and going through with these charges will further deter people from coming to Hertford to shop and eat and drink and will result in empty units and is likely to result in a higher crime rate in the local area. The UK is about to enter a recession which was not unexpected given that we are all paying thousands of pounds for gas and electricity and massively increased food prices so majority of people barely have a disposable income. This seems ludicrous that you would even consider these changes.	All Elements	HERTFORD
1066	Just read your plans to stop free parking On Sunday! This is an awful idea, serious lack of parking in Hertford as it is without allowing any free parking. I've moved to The Waterfront Apts in Hertford opposite Hartham.	Evening Charge	HERTFORD
1067	Having read the proposals I feel that the council is not supporting local businesses. They have been through so much in the last few years , making parking charges after 6pm, on Sundays and Bank Holidays and stopping the 30 mins free parking is scandalous. You will be further reducing footfall at a time when empty units are finally being filled. Also no regard for the residents of Hertford who are not all super rich with money to burn.	All Elements	HERTFORD
1068	As a pensioner on pension credit I would like to object to the increased charges. I have to use my car to access my doctor and my dentist and pharmacy, library, etc Apart from my own needs, shops and businesses are bound to suffer as people will resort to more shopping online if parking becomes more onerous.	All Elements	Non Specific
1069	I live at Port Hill Hertford. And I am absolutely disgraced about the parking situation! Every day I cannot get a space outside my house or even near it. I have a toddler and a new baby it's absolutely appalling. I've asked people who park there every day where they are going they say. Town, train station or for a walk which disgusts me. I then have to pay every day to pay in the car park on port vale. I am a stay at home mum of two why should I have to pay when I pay high council tax and I shouldn't have to pay 4.80 a day to park at my own home after carrying two small children. And now seeing they are scrapping free Sundays is even worse! We have pushed for permits down port hill and we get ignored. If I could afford to move I would I HATE that leaving my own home means I won't be able to get parked when I come back	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL Removal	HERTFORD

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1070	I am writing to express my objection to the introduction of parking charges on Sundays, evenings and Bank Holidays in Bishop's Stortford, Hertford and Ware. I live in Hertford and feel that the introduction of these charges will deter many people from using the town centres. Many local businesses are struggling due to rising costs and removing the current free 30-minute, Sunday and evening parking will make this even worse, as it will become harder for residents to visit local businesses. I often use the 30-minute free parking and free evening parking to visit the post office, opticians and other local retailers, as well as for evening classes.	All Elements	Non Specific
1071	What on earth possedes you to remove the 30 minute free parking and parking fees for Saturdays and Sunday. You are completely ruining our village people may only need to pop into the post office or doctors surgery where 30 minutes parking surfaces. Anything longer than that people are happy to pay Monday to Friday. You will do the businesses in this town no good with your plans and I see local businesses closing times have been really hard for all Sawbridgeworth businesses during the pandemic and I have no idea where you are coming from. This situation needs careful consideration before the town or village is completely ruined thanks to you and the rest of EHDC. Please think carefully again before and decision is made.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
1072	At a time with businesses and people are struggling financially I can only see this as another challenge for us all to face. Hertford in particular has already had the majority of 30 minute FREE parking taken away making it very inconvenient for those just trying to do quick errands such as collecting medication, using the dry cleaner or post office for example.	All Elements	HERTFORD
1073	Why don't the council spend our money more carefully instead of wasting our money and raising charges for parking.	All Elements	Non Specific
1074	I have lived in Bishops Stortford all my life&have Family&Friends in the area and cannot understand with all the recent increases for Food&Utilities how you can come to this decision to charge £1 for parking on a Sunday.Allot of Buisnesses&Shop workers will be greatly affected by this cost&allot of people then will avoid the town so the impact will be massive.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
1075	The local economy is already run down in the local towns, and by increasing prices and removing the free 30mins, will stop people using the local towns, and go to the larger shopping areas. In doing so the local business, which comprises mostly of barbers, hairdressers and coffee shops, will be the losers. The council are rebuilding Hertford town center, trying to invest and bring more business to the town, and another part of the council, is trying to kill the town, by making it unviable to just nip into town to do trade.	All Elements	HERTFORD
1076	PDF letter attached (11 pages) Please find attached my letter objecting to the above proposed order, on the following grounds: Rationale Economic and social impacts Impact on highway network Consultation process I recognise this is a detailed and somewhat lengthy letter; however, I think it is important to make my objections clear and based on evidence. I am copying this email and letter to the Head of Democratic and Legal Support Services, in whose name the draft orders are made in, the Head of Operations at the council, as the lead officer with responsibility for parking, the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability, Councillor McAndrew, as well as my local ward district councillors Alistair Ward-Booth and Tim Page, and Bishop's Stortford BID. Thank you for taking the time to consider my response.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
1077	I am a resident of Sawbridgeworth and often use the car park in Bell Street. I like the 30 minutes free parking and also the current free parking on a Saturday and Sunday. The introduction of parking charges for 30 minutes parking and also weekends will encourage me to go and spend my money elsewhere and lead to businesses in Sawbridgeworth suffering through lack of income. Shops will shut in Sawbridgeworth and the community.will suffer, people will drive further afield and there will be more pollution too.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
1078	What are local councils thinking to raise parking charges and access to all these shopping and entertainment areas? Our town centres and High Streets are dying and they want to make things even worse by penalising visitors and shoppers with high parking charges. This will just turn people to on-line sites,mail order and out of town shopping enclaves which will just hasten the end of our High Streets and small businesses. A short term gain at best.	All Elements	Non Specific
1079	I am town centre, Hertford, and I only have one parking space, but have been able to enjoy visitors on a Sunday and after 6pm on a week day, now this will pick visitors to look further afield for parking • People will no longer pop to local shops as they will have the hassle of paying as no 30m allowance	All Elements	HERTFORD
1080	In a time where literally everything else is going up in price, this just adds insult to injury. We already pay silly money for council tax, plus a relatively new charge for brown bin collection.	All Elements	Non Specific
1081	I object to the proposal for Hertford and Ware on the grounds it is no help In regenerating the town centres it is just a council money making scheme,think of residents and small businesses for once Hilary Claburn Ware resident	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
1082	Our question about whether there are missing reasons for proposing these changes was a rhetoric question as the proposals made of removing the 30 min free parking and extending the parking hours have no impact on the statement made in the documentation about the need to review the disability parking spaces, as no other reasons are stated. The council should be transparent and state their reasons for wanting to impose the removal of the free 30 min parking etc as this clearly has nothing to do with reviewing the disability parking in the area. I object to the full reasons for these changes not being made available to the public by being fully available online, as full documents for the EHDC Plan were made available online. Expecting people to visit during normal office hours in Bishops Stortford is not reasonable for people who work full time or live in a different town to be able to do. This is not acceptable and I doubt whether legally this is a legitimate consultation as we are not clear as to why these changes have been proposed, it doesn't state why in the current available documents online.	All Elements	Non Specific
1083	The current economic situation together with any increase in parking charges will further ensure that people do not drive to Hertford, or any other similar Town, to visit or do their shopping. This in turn hits the local shop keepers and local economy. How long will they stay when they see a reduced footfall?	All Elements	HERTFORD
1084	Like many Hertford residents, Hertford is no longer my first choice of shopping as the town has declined at such a rapid rate with in the last few years beyond all recognition	All Elements	HERTFORD
1085	I am writing to express my objections to East Herts Council charging for parking on Sunday. I live on the southern edge of town and as a pensioner find it too far to walk to the northern side where I attend St Michael's Church. The retailers have suffered greatly in the pandemic with many stores closing down. With the cost of living soaring many church goers, of which pensioners make up a large number, will be looking at ways to reduce their outgoings and cease to attend.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
1086	message to you regarding the parking restriction on a Sunday, particularly on Windhill where I live which provides access to the Church's there. I do hope the council will reconsider this intention which will make attending church services that much more difficult.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
1087	By then introducing these restrictions you will drive residents to buy more in line. In time destroying the town centre.	All Elements	WARE
1088	I understand that the council is trying to prevent car use but for those living in rural areas not supported by regular public transport and for this with disabilities it will make life much harder to use the local shops, businesses and restaurants provided in the Center of Ware and Hertford.	All Elements	WARE
1089	I would like to object to the proposed changes in car park tariffs. I believe EHDC and other authorities should be encouraging the use of our outdoor spaces. Currently 42% of over 55s are inactive and we should be seeking to increase participation in order to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of our population.	All Elements	Non Specific
1090	It really appears that the council wants to kill the high street and I feel for the small businesses in town. I'm all for walking, but there are times when you do want to pop to get something and the free parking encourages you to do that very locally. If it's not free, people may start to drive further afield where there are better amenities, resulting in even more losses for local shops and businesses.	All Elements	WARE
1091	On the other hand, free parking spaces on Sundays allow many residents to drive and park in towns to attend church services on Sundays In light of the presently high inflation rate and slow recovery of economy after the pandemic, residents are already seriously struggling with the rising cost of living. The imposition of parking charges would only be a deterring factor to the elderlies, minorities, marginalised or less fortunate social groups from attending services and social events on Sundays and bank holidays.	Sunday, Evening Charge, BHL Removal	Bishops Stortford
1092	It really appears that the council wants to kill the high street and I feel for the small businesses in town. I'm happy to walk, but there are times when you do want to pop to get something and the free parking encourages you to do that very locally. Also my doctors, Wallace house is within the district and if I need to pop in to make an appointment or collect and prescription then the 30 minutes free enables me to do this. Bank holiday charges and Sunday - this gives us as a family an opportunity to walk around the town maybe have a picnic in the summer or a meal out in town (such a rare commodity) this would again isolate us further and mean my available funds for such luxuries will be reduced.	All Elements	HERTFORD

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1093	These proposals are ridiculous. It will deter visitors like myself who drive 4 miles or more to exercise, cant afford gyms. People who spend money to visit local pubs or shops next or near these car parks. I have seen the reduction of people visiting the river car parks near my home because of price rises. With living costs rising so fast at the moment and people looking to reduce costs, this will be another painful blow to us all already worried by crippling power, fuel and food increases. Please think again and defer these prices until better times	All Elements	HERTFORD
1094	I work in Buntingford and depending when I am working I know that I can save a bit of money on a late shift or at a weekend (no charges for Saturday or Sunday at present), except not for much longer apparently. Buntingford is a thriving town centre and this will drive people away, especially those who would stop on their way to and from work (currently free for an hour and a half) and pop into local shops - butchers, bakers etc. God rest Buntingford town centre.	Bowling Green Lane	Buntingford
1095	I believe these changes in parking charges will affect the outlying community regarding coming into Hertford at all I and I think that the cafes etc and retail in general in Hertford will suffer and you will lose money all round. Other county towns under this directive will also have a down turn. The rising cost of living with contribute to this situation. The goodwill towards the council will also suffer.	All Elements	HERTFORD
1096	I would like to object to this as I feel it will have a detrimental impact on shops and businesses in the area. It is also likely to impact attendance at churches throughout the town. At a time of a genuine cost of living crisis, this is one more thing that local people simply cannot afford and I would ask you as a local authority, to reconsider these charges.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
1097	As a resident of Sawbridgeworth, how /where do I send my objection to the proposed new regulations with a cut off date of tomorrow. The parking restrictions in both towns are getting ridiculous bearing in mind the ever growing population of both towns and amount of building and road works taking place which adds to the congestion. I am heartily fed up with new schemes imposed by the local council in a undisguised attempt to earn more money on top of ever increasing the council tax charges. Give us residents a break.	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
1098	I visit Hertford several times a month to meet friends for refreshments	All Elements	Hertford
1099	I would just like to email to confirm my disagreement with the intended new parking charges. We need the free 30 mins and Sunday and bank holiday allowances - it is so restricting to park anywhere in town at present since the pandemic and the permanent planters in the road etc blocking cars from parking and these charges will make it so much worse - just seems like a money making scheme and not supportive of the community at all.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, BHL	Hertford
1100	I am sending this email regarding the planned introduction of parking charges on Sundays and evenings throughout Hertfordshire. Is the council so out of touch with what is going on with the cost of living crisis that they have the audacity to look to introduce another tax on already struggling families.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Non Specific
1101	I would like to object to the proposals to increase charges for car parking in Bishop's Stortford on a Sunday. Please look into other ways to increase revenues that are more reliable and less damaging to the economy as a whole - and that are less tone deaf to public opinion at this time of severe financial strain on family budgets.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
1102	Oh my goodness I can't believe I've only just seen this ! How on earth do you think taking away the 30 minutes free parking, free Sunday and bank Holiday is going to help shop keepers !Absolutely crazy - you are strangling the life out of Hertford in order to make money but all you will do is push potential shoppers away from Hertford to other shopping areas and therefore the current struggling shop owners will no longer have a viable business and no choice but to close. I can't believe how much the Market Town of Hertfordshire has deteriorated since I moved here 25 years ago. Please, please stop this destruction and help the shop owners by not creating even more barriers to bringing business into their dwindling sales.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, BHL Removal	Hertford, Ware
1103	I would like to object to the proposals to increase charges for car parking in Bishop's Stortford. I am of the opinion that the proposed increases in the charges and the removal of the free 30 mins facility will in fact lower the revenues raised as people will be put off coming to park in the town altogether and will instead go to places where parking is free such as Braintree Freeport. Please look into other ways to increase revenues that are more reliable and less damaging to the economy as a whole - and that are less tone deaf to public opinion at this time of severe financial strain on family budgets.	30 Mins Free	Bishops Stortford
1104	I am writing to object to the parking proposals for Ware in which the council is proposing extended parking charges. I believe for the town this will impede high street use and will move residents from the area using other facilities where parking is either free or at a reduced time period. The extension to evening and Sundays is unnecessary and only serves to bring additional revenue to the council. The council should support the local community, free parking on a Sunday and the evenings supports the local Restaurants and shops and is a benefit to the commercial area of the high street.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Ware
1105	I would like to express concern about the proposed changes to parking provision in Ware, on two grounds: There is a risk to the High Street of increasing parking charges, and removing the short term free parking provision. Limiting access by taking away free short term provision and increasing parking charges risk damaging local businesses, support services, library and so on. Sunday parking charges in particular are a threat to freedom to worship. Worship should be free to attend. To pay to park in order to attend worship takes away that freedom. I would be grateful if these concerns could be voiced.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Ware
1106	Who thought of this brainwave!!! I'm writing to express my disappointment at the recent notice I've seen about changing the parking charges in ware. It really appears that the council wants to kill the high street and I feel for the small businesses in town. I'm all for walking, but there are times when you do want to pop to get something and the free parking encourages you to do that very locally. If it's not free, people may start to drive further afield where there are better amenities, resulting in even more losses for local shops and businesses. It's always been great to be able to park in the evening (for free) if you go out for dinner. Especially when the weather is inclement. Again, people may decide to visit other towns for dinner, because they don't appreciate the charges until 8pm. Bank holiday and Sunday charges- again, visitors may decide to go to alternative towns like WGC, Hoddesdon or St Albans. With inflation running at 9%, council taxes rising again this year, gardening charges brought in last year and now this proposal it feels like another money-making scheme. I really think you should reconsider this approach. I look forward to hearing from you. Not sure if you live locally! Bit of common sense says Keep it, as is, possibly round the fees up if you want to raise extra money.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Ware
1107	I wish to object to the introduction of parking charges in Ware and other car parks in East herts. This will have a significant impact on the social life of residents in Ware and many local businesses. It needs to be reconsidered for the serious impact it will have on many businesses and social organisations.	All Elements	Ware
1108	I wish to object to the introduction of Sunday parking fees. I am a resident of Portland Road and at least once a week I am unable to park within the permit zone and end up parking in Apton Road car park. The towns permit zones are not enforced on Sundays and will become full of people parking in the residential areas to avoid paying for the car parks leaving residents unable to park near their homes.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
1109	We wish to object to the above parking proposals. Hertford town centre is already struggling without imposing more parking charges. How can you encourage people back into the town post covid by implementing this?	All Elements	Hertford
1110	We are writing to you in connection with the consultation in relation to the changes to car park charges in East Herts. We wholeheartedly object to these changes for the following reasons: The council should be supporting and encouraging residents and those from outside of the area to visit towns to support local businesses. Increasing the times when charges apply will discourage people visiting towns. We are facing increased costs of living and increasing the times when charges will apply will add further financial burdens to families that need to park in town. We have already seen a number of businesses close in town and We think that the increased charging times will result in more businesses closing as customer numbers will fall even further.	All Elements	Non Specific
1111	I object most strongly to some of the changes proposed to the off road parking in East Herts as follows: I do not see why motorists should be singled out and targeted to help pay for the Council's debts accumulated by a long history of poor financial management and other poor business decisions. (A lot of us still remember the Icelandic Bank Scandal in 2008.) I think charging on Sunday in a Country where Christianity is still the major religion is not right. Many people going to Church use the public car parks on Sundays when attending services. Even though Christmas Day will continue to be free, Easter Day will not. As all other businesses are required to be closed that day perhaps would you please reconsider this. The result of removing the 30 minutes free period will put a lot more pressure on the 'on street' parking areas and will result in more cars circulating the town centres being unable to park and resulting in loss of trade to our local shops. Also this will mean an increase in traffic volume inevitably leading to more congestion in the centre of the town. In addition, at least two car parks that I know are used by patients visiting GP surgeries and the removal of the 30 minutes free will affect those that are least able to afford it or able to find a free alternative. I am aware that in the case of Ware, the Town Council actually purchased the Kibes Lane car park for the people of Ware to have free parking in perpetuity and this is not reflected in the current proposals. I also question whether the extra cost of enforcement on Sundays, bank holidays and longer evenings will make the extra cash received worthwhile. As stated earlier I strongly object to these proposals.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Ware

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1112	Please record my objections to the planned changes in East Herts. The extension to charged hours and loss of free parking on Sundays is a serious blow to our town centres. At a time when businesses are struggling and the cost of living is a real worry for everyone, the plans will discourage people coming in to town. There is no reason to charge after 6pm when the majority of shops close. It is a cynical move to squeeze every ounce of money out of 6pm plus users - typically families and the elderly who are more likely to use restaurants at earlier times. Hertford itself is in dire need of every bit of help given how long it has taken for the Bircheley Green regeneration. You are also likely to put more pressure on already scarce resident parking areas.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
1113	The consultation proposals for extended parking charges in East Herts cannot be in the interests of local businesses nor the local population. The free 30 minutes in car parks in Ware and Hertford results in me being able to run some errands and do some quick local shopping. If I had to pay immediately, I'd think twice about doing so and therefore supporting local retailers. Extending parking charges in the evenings to 7.30pm or 8pm is also likely to be detrimental to local bar and restaurant owners. Car owners are likely to choose to go to restaurants and pubs with parking facilities outside the town centres. Charging for parking on Sundays and bank holidays is also likely to deter people from using shops, local services, restaurants and bars in the town centres. I propose the council rethinks its plans to ensure the town centres remain lively and business owners can keep afloat in an already challenging financial environment.	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
1114	I would like to object to the proposed changes: - scrapping the free 30 minutes will have an adverse impact on the number of visitors to both Ware and Hertford high streets. It is incredible to think the council could contemplate such a change given all the concerns about the long term economic health and socio economic importance of the High Street. - I fail to understand the logic of deterring visitors to the high street by extending chargeable hours - both the above proposals are likely to increase off street/ illegal parking causing enhanced stress and frustration for local residents/voters.	30 Mins Free	Hertford, Ware
1115	I object strongly to the proposed changes for the following reasons. 1. Removing free parking on Sundays and bank holidays is unfair to families and others wanting to enjoy leisure times with walks and other activities. This includes Hartham which is extraordinary given the new facilities nearing completion which no doubt the Council will want to be used and a revenue source. 2. Extending the charge period to 8.00 pm would penalise everyone parking for an evening in town. In the case of Hertford totally unfair given the huge cost of "upgrading" the theatre. Many Hertford residents told the Council that car parking was a problem. At least charging to 6.30 pm allows people to park at no cost given most performances start after 7.00 pm 3. Removing the 30 minute free parking is petty and unfair to people just doing something quickly - posting a letter, buying milk and so on 4. This is a mechanism for the Council to increase its revenue at the expense of taxpayers at a time when incomes are damaged by huge increases in the cost of living. Members of the Council should have regard to their responsibilities including supporting local businesses and Council Tax payers.	All Elements	Hertford
1116	I would like to register my objection to the proposals to change the current parking charges in Buntingford. By stopping any free period and imposing Sunday charges you will kill off our small high street - currently a short period free encourages people to visit our town to visit the local shops. There is not enough here to encourage visitors or locals ordinarily if they have to pay every time for a quick shop/coffee. Drivers (particularly school parents) will park more on the local roads causing hazards and increased risk to pedestrians and children. We are not a big town despite all the building going on and want to retain some of the advantages of being a friendly and welcoming place. All the proposed changes to charges seem very unwelcoming and purely a money grabbing exercise by the district council and planners who do not live here and have no idea of the impact their I'll conceived plans will have on locals. I hope you will reconsider these proposals. Many thanks	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Buntingford
1117	I have resided in Hertford for over 30 years and I believe in changes going forward to improve the town, however implementing the charges you have set out seems to me as an extra revenue scheme, if so the council should come straight and be transparent in these matters I would therefore like to oppose these changes.	All Elements	Hertford
1118	I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to you in regards to the proposed increased parking charges and parking restrictions. I have lived in Hertford since 2016 and parking has always been an issue. As residents of The Waterfront in Hertford, we only have one allocated resident parking per flat and four visitors parking per 200 flats. Household with two cars already haven't got anywhere to park and whenever we have visitors, they are limited to park at Tesco or multistorey car park. Increasing price, imposing more parking restrictions will further make it difficult for the residents, some very elderly, therefore isolation will be increased and will be affected financially by increased prices. Parking for residents needs to be made easier, visitors to town will be more likely to come to town if such restrictions are not imposed.	All Elements	Hertford
1119	As life becomes increasingly challenging for many people should visiting churches, parks and restaurants in Bishops Stortford become more problematic ? East Herts Council has a responsibility to consider the quality of life of the residents, in this community .	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
1120	I'm writing to express my disappointment at the recent proposals I have seen about changing the parking charges in Hertford and surrounding areas. It really appears that the council wants to kill the high street and I really feel for the small businesses in town. It's bad enough that Hertford is looking pretty sorry for itself with the Bircherly Green redevelopment that appears to be taking an age so I'd have thought you'd be wanting to encourage more people to the County Town. I'm lucky that I am able to walk into Ware town but it's not always convenient either time wise or if I need to carry lots of things and the free 30 minutes is very helpful for when you just need to pop somewhere briefly. The free parking encourages people to do that locally but if it's not free, people may start to drive further afield where there are better shops with free parking, like Brookfield Farm Centre, which will just result in even more losses for local shops and businesses. I also enjoy visiting Hertford, where I grew up, and as that is now the only place I can access my banking branch the free 30 minutes parking is very useful. Tesco car parks will start to be full of people visiting the town and not the supermarkets purely for the free parking too! We are so lucky to have the fantastic local businesses we have, why do you not want to support them? It's has also always been great to be able to park for free in the evening if you go out for dinner or into town for exercise/relaxation classes. Again, people may decide to visit other towns for dinner or other evening activities, because they don't want to pay the charges up to 8pm. Also bringing in charges on Bank holidays and Sundays will just encourage visitors to go elsewhere like Brookfield Farm, Welwyn, Hoddesdon or even St Albans. With the current inflation costs, council tax rises, gardening charges brought in last year and now this proposal it really feels like just another money making scheme from the council. On a recent bike ride along the river between Ware and Hertford and back with my family I was thinking what a lovely place we are so lucky to live in. It just feels like the council are constantly looking for ways to ruin it and drive people out with their money making schemes. Hertford and Ware are lovely small towns with some fantastic small businesses run by lovely local people. Let's support that and encourage people to the towns. It may not seem like a big deal to you but being able to park for 30 minutes for free to pop into Sugar & Scoop in Ware to refill some jars of pasta and rice rather than going to Tesco (not that I'm against Tesco, my husband works for them, but they have free parking) is a big deal not only for the local family who run the shop but also the environment and that kind of support should be encouraged. I really think you should reconsider the proposal	All Elements	Hertford
1121	I am writing to oppose the parking charge changes. This would be detrimental to Hertford town and already struggling businesses! I feel we need to bring tourists and customers in not drive them and business away!	All Elements	Hertford
1122	I live in Hertford and often pop into town by car in my lunch break to do various things, as I wouldn't have time to walk there and back. I understand the need for the council to raise extra money by charging every day including Sundays, but I think removing the free half an hour is a mistake - the town will lose quick trade. In fact I think it should ideally be a free hour, to encourage people to have a quick coffee, after posting a parcel etc, a bit more relaxing! I also think charging on bank holidays is just mean and miserable! My suggestion would be to have a free hour, 7 day charges (uplift the cost a little if you need to) and free on bank holidays too.	30 Mins Free, BHL Removal	Hertford
1123	We are writing to register an official objection to the proposed Parking Traffic Regulation Orders highlighted on the link below. As a commercial surveyor living/working in Hertford for the last 40 years I've seen its deterioration from a popular county market town to a nonentity. In the main this has been caused by nonsensical planning and parking regulations, one of which is this latest venture to eliminate any form of community interaction in Hertford. Go to Hitchin, Marlow, Henley, Ely and other similar towns in the south to see generally vibrant, busy commercial & people-friendly areas; then compare it to the current wasteland which is Hertford. Shopkeepers holding on precariously to forgotten legacies when customer footfall was significant but now diminishes daily...the incompetent local council and planning representatives have a lot to answer for. Please take cognizance of local business residents. The proposed PTRO does nothing to develop or even maintain a satisfactory environment. Withdraw the proposed order with immediate effect.	All Elements	Hertford
1124	I am writing to register an official objection to the disgraceful proposed Parking Traffic Regulation Orders highlighted on the link below. <a href="https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/highways-and-parking/parking-traffic-regulation-orders?fbclid=IwAR0dzg1KxtdmMZDqM5pX-1i7PhYT8KT8lQvWmNHRK6E_5uXC-PVnBrQ2C-4">https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/highways-and-parking/parking-traffic-regulation-orders?fbclid=IwAR0dzg1KxtdmMZDqM5pX-1i7PhYT8KT8lQvWmNHRK6E_5uXC-PVnBrQ2C-4</a> Nothing surprises me about the completely irresponsible tactics used by faceless unelected officials in EHDC in proposing such draconian measures to secure additional funding whilst simultaneously destroying the local private and commercial community. It is noted that one area not being affected by the proposed order is Wallfields. What a coincidence that EHDC employers park here..... Hertford is dying on its knees and the main reason for this is due to incompetent planning and parking regimes being put into place over a number of years. To eliminate occasional free parking for the hours stated in the Parking Traffic Regulation Orders will affect everyone who uses the local facilities and amenities. Please take note of the substantial local objection to these proposals...listen to the people who actually live and work here. Please acknowledge receipt of this objection, I will be happy to personally meet the EHDC personnel who conceived this ridiculous proposal.	All Elements	Hertford

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1125	Hopefully just in time, as today is close date for comments/objections. I do not support any of the proposed changes. all the changes will have a detrimental impact on the businesses of the town. Our towns need visitors and need ease of parking. Removing the free parking and extending the charging period until 8pm, is a crazy idea. It will make things inconvenient for people just wishing to pop in to town. Moving back to 8pm, might also put off or push back when people come into the towns for night time economy. Removing free parking on Sunday, might also put off people using our towns on a Saturday nights or could encourage people to drink drive, as they won't have the flexibility to collect their car on the Sunday. Removing free parking on Sunday, might mean families are priced out of day trip to the free facilities - Hartham, Priory etc. cost of living is biting and some families might not have the spare money to pay for parking. It is not clear why these proposals are being brought in, I assume to increase revenue, but I think they are a mistake.	All Elements	Hertford
1126	I note the statement of reasons for proposing additional parking charges actually gives no reasons at all - it merely states the councils intentions. I find it incredibly disappointing that in these austere times local authorities are just trying to find ways of raking in more money - there seems no given value to residents or visitors to the areas. Given how tough local businesses (shops, pubs etc) are finding recovery after CoVid, my impression is that people will, given the choice, simply go elsewhere. A sad sign of the times.	All Elements	Non Specific
1127	I am writing to object to the increase in paid parking hours and days in Hertford. As a resident it feels like greed and does not support the residents, local businesses and community the council is meant to serve. I often park in town on my way home after work and use the cafes and restaurants this will impact my decision to support my local businesses. In our current climate is it really necessary to increase charging hours for something that has worked all these years until now? If you wish to charge for electric charging then do so without penalising other users of the councils parking amenities.	All Elements	Hertford
1128	It is absolutely ridiculous that you have kicked off this consultation with no postal or email notification to all council tax payers in the areas affected. I am resident at Claud Hamilton Way, Hertford and have received no notification of these plans until it came up on the NextDoor community app. We received a letter several months ago about changes to access and routes in the centre of Hertford but nothing around car park charging times. It is very interesting that every effort was made to inform residents about the changes to access & routes but the same effort has not been made for the current consultation. The Multi-storey car park in Hertford & other local car parks are essential for visitors out of hours and at weekends. Having the free parking on a Sunday and on evenings brings additional trade to the area and makes it easier for visitors. For example, around Hertford East station there is a complete lack of parking and so we have to use the multi-storey quite often as we only have one allocated bay. The cost for someone to park over a weekend when visiting me in Hertford is going to increase by a significant amount. Has there not been any thought on bringing in residents discounts or passes in the local car parks? We also pay an extremely high rate of council tax compared to other local authorities and places I have lived previously. All of these other areas offered free parking up to 30 minutes or 1 hour and also free parking out of the main hours, as we do now. Reviewing the documents provided on your website, your Statement of Reasons gives absolutely no reasons as to why this change is needed. What is the driver? What funding holes are we hoping to plug through this change? Are the funds generated going to be used elsewhere? An additional point would be that West-East transport in Herts is atrocious, bringing in these changes is not going to encourage people to stop parking and get rid of their cars. What is the point? It would be better if the local council made more efforts to support electric vehicle charging, improved transport and actually provided the existing safe places to park. By introducing these changes you are encouraging people to become a little bit more creative with how they park which in turn is going to create safety issues. It will make the roads in residential areas even more busy such as in Sele Farm and Bengoe where it is already horrendous. I personally cycle to work and do my best to reduce car usage but unfortunately the lack of good transport links means that I need to keep my car! I would encourage you to review the comms you have made on these changes and extend this review period and make a better effort to consult with local residents. I have not observed any signage in local car parks informing residents of these proposed changes, how are people supposed to be aware? Why have you not sent an email to all council tax bill payers in the affected areas? Do not continue to try and make these changes quietly, especially when the cost of living is so tight. Please can you keep me updated as to the outcome of the consultation. I would be more than happy to share further views, usually councils have in person consultations as part of processes like these to share plans.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
1129	Hi, we live in Bengoe and absolutely dismayed by what is going on in Hertford regarding parking and road closes. Sunday parking should be free as Hartham is used for football and families enjoying open spaces. Hertford is becoming a ghost town due to the decisions made by the council another nail in the coffin. More shops closing more hairdressers and coffee shops. Keep parking charges the same please.	Sunday	Hertford
1130	I wish to make a strong objection to the proposed imposition of Parking Charges in Bishop's Stortford on Sundays. There are no less than twelve Christian Churches in Bishop's Stortford and, although they would not all be affected by these proposals, nevertheless they represent a significant number of people who use car parks on Sundays to attend services of worship at a church nearby. The grounds for this objection are as follows: a) It is a basic human right to be able to worship freely. For the Local Authority to make money out of families who wish to exercise that right is unacceptable. Indeed the Local Authority are already usurping that right on days other than Sundays, when worshippers are charged to attend weddings and funerals. b) The churches are not commercial organisations who can afford to reimburse their members for parking as, for instance, Sainsburys does in the town centre. c) In general, and particularly in the town centre churches, churches were not built with parking cars in mind. Indeed some predate the invention of the car! As the town has expanded, people find that the only way of getting to church on a Sunday is by using their own transport. To be charged for doing that is an unjust penalty. d) There is a feeling amongst the churches that the Local Authority, in their considerations about the development of this town, rarely consider the important contribution that the churches make to the life of this town. The church is involved with people, not just its own members, from the cradle to the grave, in all sorts of ways. There are many examples of this which have been, and continue to be reported in the local press, particularly in the last two years. Therefore, frankly it is offensive for the Local Authority to treat the churches, and indeed other organisations and local businesses in this way particularly as we recover from the pandemic. As a resident of this town for the past 60 years, I am very disappointed that the local authority are intending to treat Sunday as just another day. It is part of our Christian heritage in this country that a day of rest is an essential human need, and the local authority should be ashamed of disrespecting that heritage and that need.	Sunday	Bishops Stortford
1131	I would like to add my opposition to the preposterous idea that the parking in car parks on Sundays and after 6pm in and around Hertford is going to be charged. I sincerely hope that the council will change it's mind and not proceed with this course of action.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
1132	As a resident of Ware, living in Cross Street, which already has very little parking options for those of us who live in the street and which gets significantly worse as commuters park in our road, as do people going out in the town centre in the evenings, the proposed parking charge increases and expansion will make this considerably worse for us and for all residents who live in the older streets with no driveways and minimal parking options. Elderly and disabled people and those with generally less mobility than others have many challenges and often we can't park our cars anywhere near our houses, due to other people parking in our road and they don't want to pay the current parking charges in the town centre car parks. Also, people cannot afford to pay more, with the already high parking charges and the cost of living crisis. I strongly object to these proposals.	All Elements	Ware
1133	Parking Traffic Regulation Orders consultation I am writing to object to the proposals for new parking charges in Sawbridgeworth's Bell Street car park, in particular those proposed for Sundays. I believe they will have a negative impact on residents, businesses, sports associations and church attendees. The car park is used by several sports organisations for members and visitors attending clubs and events at the cricket club, bowls club and tennis club. The result of charges at weekends will likely be increased levels of vehicle movements and parking in residential streets, Springhall Road in particular, and Bell Street. This will mean increased air pollution and noise in residential areas. There are no traffic restrictions on Sundays or after 6.30pm on any day. This will therefore increase the incentive for people to park on nearby roads. Businesses in the town are concerned the charges will affect their football. The hospitality sector may be particularly hit given customers are able to go elsewhere if driving, to venues which have their own free parking. I note the concerns raised by the owner of 4T cafe and Pizza Squisita in Bell Street in the local press recently. A charity event called Coffee and Cars on the second Sunday of the month will also be adversely affected. While the charges are relatively small, unfortunately the perception will be "I have to pay" without people appreciating the low level of payment involved. This comes at a difficult time with the cost of living crisis and local businesses trying to recover from the pandemic.	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth

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1134	I have lived in Hertford for 32 years and therefore wish to address my concerns specifically for Hertford and to some extent Ware Whilst I appreciate the need for EHDC to raise extra revenue, and the wish to get more people cycling and walking, I wish to object to the proposed increases: Getting rid of the ½ hour free parking in all car parks [except Wallfields] The introduction of charges until 20:00 Charging on Sundays and all Bank holidays [Xmas Day excepted] Taking each point in order, the reasons for the above are: Hertford and Ware, like many small towns, have businesses which are struggling to survive [especially in Hertford with the closure of the Theatre, the Swimming pool and the current building in the town centre]. Many of my friends, and myself, often use the free ½ hour to pop into Hertford to do a quick shop. Several of my friends have said that they would shop elsewhere if this facility were to be removed. This could also impact on those families who are struggling financially and wish to quickly pop into Hertford. Removing the ½ hour free time could hence adversely affect small businesses Charging until 20:00 may adversely affect the night time economy too, for reasons similar to 1. Are you going to pay enforcement officers to cover this time, and, if so, how much extra is it going to cost against the expected increase in revenue? Also during the summer months the Hertfordshire Health walks run evening walks, which start at 7pm, and many of the walkers have said they are not happy if they have to pay for parking Hartham is a well-used recreation space, especially at the weekends. EHDC has a Health and Well Being Board where we are trying to get our residents fitter and healthier. I believe that families with young children who use the lovely new playground, may be adversely affected by these charges, and may not use the facilities because of this. I would like to suggest the following instead: Increase the free parking time to 1 hour in all car parks, hence ensuring that the 'pop in' time is saved and hopefully increases the amount of footfall in the towns Maybe charge 10/20p more on top of the current charges to make good some of the short fall Keep the time for the last payment at 18:30 and do not charge on Bank Holidays Ensure that the machines – especially the one at Hartham Common entrance from Port Hill have decent keyboards so that number plates can easily be entered – the K never enters and I have two of them in my number plate – really annoying! Improve the ability to cycle safely into the two towns – have you heard of Beryl bikes [beryl.cc] Advertise the use of public transport better and increase services I don't know what the expected increase in revenue is supposed to be from the proposals, but we already seem to have relatively high car parking charges in EH. I believe your proposed changes will have a negative impact on the towns and encourage people to park illegally, which will increase the need for more parking attendants, which, of course, costs money. I look forward to hearing the outcome of your consultation and will be very disappointed if your proposed changes are implemented.	All Elements	Hertford, Ware
1135	I can understand the need to raise revenue but this is a short sighted way of doing it; looking at the bigger picture of the money raising the profile of these small towns and encouraging people to shop local and not drive as far would be better? Encouraged with free parking and no worries about getting a fine by not fully fulfilling the parking procedure would surely get a more bustling town. Living in Hertford the town was always a plus point as well as the train links. Now only the train's are a plus and the town seems a bit of a negative without a good diversity of business and a negotiation about how to get in for a longer period of time and where to park. Not all homes are in good walking distance to our home town. The value of homes is directly linked to council tax band paid to EHDC keeping the house prices as high as possible and in the higher bands surely brings in more revenue? We are already being charged for brown bins but these ways seem fairer and more transparent, parking always seems to be to test the motorist if they get the process wrong or right ? Or forget to check in etc... or scare them off entirely if they don't want to play the game with f going to town and get it wrong.	All Elements	Hertford
1136	I object to the charging of the full rate for parking in Bishop's Stortford on Sundays as well as the 8pm timing. Many residents of the town are not aware of the proposed changes, in future when considering decisions like the Sunday parking that impacts all the residents and businesses of the town and also those visiting should be addressed by direct mailing to all residential addresses. Your traffic control in the town has been appalling to say the least over the last two years, with many of your decisions that seem to be highly dubious! I do not know whether you live in the town or not, but all the road works taking place in the town at present do not appear to have been properly planned with enormous delays that affect the quality of life of residents. <b>Further under the FOI can you let me have full details as to all dealings with the council concerning the new multi-storey parking building in the town.</b>	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
1137	I am objecting to the parking restrictions it will ruin Ware as people will go elsewhere , totally ruining little towns by doing these new parking charges !! Save our town !	All Elements	Ware
1138	Please accept this email as formal objection to the proposed changes in the town car park charges for out of hours and Sunday parking. If this proposed change were to be implemented it would have serious negative impacts on how the bishops stortford residents went about their lives in this town. With the cost of living rising (including the council tax that we already pay to live in this wonderful town) this will not only have an adverse impact on peoples lives it will impact businesses that are struggling to bounce back from lost earnings during covid lockdowns. People that use the town car parks are not only those that are shopping but those that want to enjoy our lovely town, meet with family and friends, attend medical appointments and religious events/worship. This proposed charge will cause lifelines for many to be off limits. The residence of bishops stortford should be able to enjoy the place they live in to the fullest and thus be inclined to spend more to support local businesses, the wider local economy and encourage others to visit, rather than be limited but yet more increases on their finances.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Ware
1139	Yet again the councillors tasked with making Hertford a better place to live and a more attractive town to visit are driving the town further downhill. They have been the cause of a steady decline in Hertford for a number of years now. Making nonsensical, short-sighted decisions and frittering away tax payers hard earned money when times are tough for everyone. Hertford used to be a flagship town and should be the centre of Hertfordshire. Instead the local council have relentlessly driven the demise of what was a beautiful and thriving town. Ware and other towns have clearly overtaken Hertford. No repercussions mean no accountability and it shows. Shame on them.	All Elements	Hertford
1140	I would like to object to the parking changes for the following reasons :- 1. These changes will affect small businesses like mine the most. We are already cut to the bone to remain competitive and can not afford loose customers choosing to go elsewhere with easier access. The removal of all free 1/2 hour slots will affect the collection of cakes and give customers another reason to go to one of the many cake decorating businesses that operate from home, that operate with much lower overhead costs and no restrictions on parking. The knock on effect is an already unlevel playing field is made worse! 2. My business as many other small businesses rely on each other to create healthy footfall. The closer of the Causeway and Charringtons house car park has already resulted in a drop in footfall. The proposed changes, which are designed to reduce car use will obviously also reduce that footfall. Any closure of these small businesses as a result of falling trade due to a lack of footfall is damaging to the others around them! Result - a cascade of closers, especially if you take into account all the other factors hitting us the business community in particular. *It is worth noting that there is no additional alternatives in place for the foreseeable future to offer viable alternatives to car use. 3. We, as a town are yet to go through a significant amount of building work within the town centre. The works that have already take place have taken there toll, so this coupled with the proposed changes is just adding another reason to avoid the town centre....period! 4. My business does not and never will open on Sundays in principal, so this is from the view of a local resident. I object to same as weekday charges on Sundays for the simple reason that it is still a family day! Sunday trading laws reflect that. Visits to the town centre on a Sunday include lots of other things besides shopping, from a visit to the park, meeting friends to go for a walk along the river or to go to church. To conclude, at this point, with businesses trying to survive with all that is going on at the moment combined with the continuing disruption of the building works, now is not the time to make such drastic changes.	30 Mins Free; Sunday	Bishops Stortford
1141	I am emailing about the proposals to charge for Sunday and evening parking . I think this will harm the towns and is a bad idea . We really need to be getting people to come to the towns to spend their money and charging for parking is just another reason for people not to come . Lots of towns have free parking for some of the day and I am not aware of any that charge on a Sunday. Please add my name to the list of objections to this.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
1142	As a pensioner living in Ware and a car owner I think the scheme is just a moneymaker for the local authority with NO regard as to how this will affect the citizens of Ware. I routinely pick up my few groceries and like to spend some time in ware, especially on a Sunday and just after 6pm. 8pm is too late for me to be out and about in ware, unfortunately. I can't be the only pensioner feeling this way. Who makes these changes, are they uncaring Robots or just penny pinching bureaucrats that live OUTSIDE of Ware. Please reconsider these dreadful proposals.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Ware
1143	Sunday charging: it will be a shame for visitors and will deter people. Also for those people who want to attend the Sunday services and can't walk very far or can't use public transport (which is not so frequent on Sundays) this will prove detrimental. Free Parking Removal: for attending meetings and events in the evening, the proposed charge will impact on those people.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Ware



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1144	I am writing to object to the proposed increase in car parking charges in Bishop's Stortford. As a church member, I am concerned that those who cannot walk to church will be adversely affected and discouraged from attending worship. This follows on from the pandemic, when many of our churches have struggled, and could be seen as an attack on worshipping communities in the town, most of which do not have their own parking and whose congregations rely on public car parks. For many of the villages, there is now no Sunday bus service, so they have no alternative but to use their car to come into town on a Sunday, whether coming for worship or simply to shop/eat. I am also concerned about the town's businesses, many of whom are still fighting to recover from the effects of the pandemic. Discouraging town centre visits, particularly in the early evening and on Sundays, will not help revitalise the town centre: people will be more likely to go where there is free parking, such as Bishop's Park and Thorley, and indeed to out of town shopping centres. Further, with the hours of charging starting at 7.30am and continuing until 8.00pm, many people coming into the town centre for an evening meal will simply park in neighbouring roads, where the residents parking permit hours are shorter. If I had paid for a parking permit and then couldn't park because people were avoiding paying in the car parks, I would be very annoyed. This discrepancy in hours also applies to single yellow line restrictions, making this feel like a policy that hasn't been thought through. And finally, there is a cost of living crisis at the moment, and increased parking charges will not help at all. I should be obliged if you could supply details of the cost of providing parking and the revenue generated by car parking charges – I feel sure that the revenue exceeds the cost at present, so there should be no need for increased charges.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Bishops Stortford
1145	I shop and socialise in sawbridgeworth a lot on Saturdays and Sundays and take advantage of the free parking . Unfortunately by you introducing a charge for these days I won't be shopping there anymore and will go further a field to shopping outlets with free parking ! I do love to support the independent retailers but you are making an Unnecessary charge and discouraging people from visiting the town .	All Elements	Sawbridgeworth
1146	I object to the above Order for the following reasons: EHDC are charging people, many of whom are elderly, to attend religious worship. If this is the intent, why has Christmas Day been excluded from the proposals – this looks like a token gesture. This is not a good look particularly in a cost of living crisis. This will deter people from supporting the hospitality industry in Ware. Why go into Ware when free parking is available at venues outside of the town. EHDC should be supporting initiatives to increase the viability of the town. The parking charges will encourage some people to be 'dropped off' rather than parking in Ware, which will increase congestion in the already busy High Street/ Baldock Street. What are the drivers for the proposal? This info was not readily available on the EHDC website. If the drivers are financial, the proposed changes may be counter productive.	Sunday	Ware
1147	I am writing in response to the Council's proposals to amend parking charges in Hertford extending the charging period to 8 pm and Sundays. I think this would be a dreadful mistake as many people visit the shops and restaurants when parking is free and extending the charging period would deter them from doing this. With these proposed changes, people will go to other shopping centres where parking is free or just order online. Hertford as the County Town should be able to offer such a lot to local residents and tourists but sadly it doesn't. Imposing these additional charges will make matters worse. One further point is that if these proposals go ahead, drivers will try and find space on local streets - have you considered the impact on local residents? Please don't do this. We need to enhance our lovely town not detract from it.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford
1148	I writing to object to the new proposals for parking especially the St. Andrew Street car park which I use frequently as I am a resident and our house backs onto the car park. In fact you installed posts against our wall as one of the vehicles hit our wall and damaged it. Firstly as a general observation the timing for increasing the hours for parking at a time when the town centre is struggling with Castle Hall closed, the centre of shopping at Birchley Green closed and many of the shops vacant it is ludicrous and will reduce even the number of people coming to Hertford even further. It is also being introduced at a time when people are being hammered from all sides mortgages, energy bills etc. Having lived in this location for 18 years I heard many a visitor to the town praising the free parking on a Sunday with comments praising the council and stating it is worth returning to Hertford. On a personal basis I have to park in the car park when I return home from work as do other town residents. It will certainly cause me problems such as parking in the car park early afternoon as I do at present I can pay for 5 hours up till 6.30pm. Now I will have move the car trying to find a space on the roads in the town centre where parking for residents has been reduced by more people living the town centre. The new hours will obviously encourage more drivers to park in the all day car parks like Hartham Common and realistically there not enough of those as it is. Why is it not possible for the council to give some sort of concessions to town centre residents as the council have done to the residents of Folly Island. I realise you are probably very busy but I would appreciate some sort of response.	All Elements	Hertford
1149	We have been in this town since 1985 and time and again policies are made without considering the impact? Your policies will destroy the trade in the town. The debacle with closing the causeway parking? There might increase in revenue income from the charges but business will suffer some will close and the income from business rates will be bigger loss. The old adage applies: You will be getting the equivalent of pennies but foolishly loosing pounds. Time for some realism don't you think?	All Elements	Hertford
1150	I'm sad to say that Hertford town is the most empty boring town I've been too. There are no usual high street shops (retail). The proposal is not going to encourage any visitors or locals to visit as they will be going to alternative towns like WGC and Stevenage who have been amenities which leads the reduces the chances of a better town. It has been great to be able to go out for dinner as a treat knowing that you don't have to pay after 6:30pm but again if the charges come in I will be driving to other towns who do not charge for parking. With inflation running at 9%, council tax rising this year, gardening charges brought in last year and now this proposal it feels like another money making scheme.	Evening Charge	Hertford
1151	I would like to raise my objections to the increases to the times for charging and the cost. Hertford is a dying town, all this will do is discourage people even more from coming into the town, Ware is seeing an increase in empty shops all this will do is cause more to close with the footfall going down, there are alternatives towns close by that don't punish driving to them, our towns need to be able to compete with these.	All Elements	Ware
1152	I am writing to give my feedback on the proposed changes to parking charges and chargeable hours in Ware, in particular in my role as Leader of Ware Town Council. An increase in hourly charges is reasonable and necessary. These charges are modest and have not been increased for many years. An increase sufficient to restore the lost revenue would have been accepted by the vast majority of the inhabitants of Ware. However, many residents have expressed their disappointment at the changes to operating hours which have accompanied the increase in the parking charge. They make the case that in some cases these will have counterproductive effects on residents and businesses which could have been avoided by a slightly greater increase in hourly parking charges. I strongly support their views on some aspects. My view on the proposed changes is as follows: Increase in hourly charges: fully support. Charging for Sunday parking: reluctantly support, but limited hours might be preferable. Removal of 30 minutes free car parking: object, would prefer its retention and increased hourly charges to compensate. Introduction of evening charges (6.30-8.00 pm): strongly object. Sunday charges are regrettable but logical, since Sunday is now extensively used as a shopping day. It will have an impact on some community activities such as church attendance and it would maybe have been preferable to limit charges to shopping hours only (typically 11 am – 5 pm). The loss of 30 minute free parking will have a retrograde effect on town centre businesses as it allows people to pop in and do some quick shopping without being charged. However, there are significant additional effects. For example, there will be a severe impact around Christ Church school where short-term free parking in Kibes Lane car park avoids congestion by cars waiting in Bowling Road. Similar considerations apply to the town centre car park in Buntingford. Evening charges are a major retrograde step which will cause problems but will bring in virtually no revenue. People will simply choose to park in nearby residential streets, causing inconvenience. Various evening activities begin at 7.30 or 8 pm so would be affected by the new charges. Also, there has been an endemic problem with obstructive parking near the Sainsburys Local in Star Street. This is alleviated after 6.30 because people can park in Kibes Lane free; evening charges would exacerbate this situation again, with associated known hazards to pedestrians. Furthermore, EHDC has allowed housing construction and conversion from retail in Ware Town Centre for several years with no parking provision, on the basis that the new residents can park overnight for free in the town centre car parks, thus getting effective 24 hour use from them. Again, evening charges will affect these residents, who will now either face substantial extra charges over a year or will park in more obstructive locations, e.g. on-street. Extra revenue from the removal of free parking and introducing other charges may well be substantially less than expected because of the large free Tesco car park. They have always been generous in allowing up to 3 hours free parking which allows shoppers to visit both Tesco and other town centre shops and contributes substantially to the footfall and success of Ware town centre businesses. It is likely that the removal of 30 minutes free parking will cause overcrowding in the Tesco car park, increased vehicle movements in the residential roads or New Road and Collett Road/The Bourne, and increased car exhaust pollution and carbon footprint with lower air quality due to queuing cars. It should be noted that due to the continued failure of Herts County Council to provide adequate direct bus services from Ware town centre (not the remote stops by the railway station or on the A119 London Road) to surrounding towns and villages, there is no opportunity to achieve modal shift, and people are forced to use their cars for any journey beyond walking distance or with heavy shopping. It is generally accepted by the public within Ware and inside and outside East Herts that the current parking scheme, with free parking, reasonable charges and the option to swipe in/out, has been developed over many years to a point where it is virtually ideally suited to the needs of the population and local businesses. It is very disappointing that rather than uplift hourly charges to match inflation, which should have been done some years ago, EHDC is introducing unnecessary evening charges and removing free parking. These changes will cause inconvenience and reduce quality of life due to knock-on effects outlined above. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!" The evening charges in particular are inappropriate for Ware and will increase congestion while they are likely to bring in virtually no revenue. The effect of the scheme should be formally reviewed after 6 months and the amount of revenue raised by each of the various changes should be set out specifically and compared with the estimated income. In particular, if the evening charges bring in little revenue and have any adverse effects, they should then be abolished. A town-by-town basis for charging should be used, responsible to local conditions and needs, rather than the blanket one-size-fits-all policy that has been applied with these changes.	All Elements	Ware

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1153	I'm a Ware resident. I strongly oppose the proposals to charge for evenings, Sundays and Bank Holidays and to end the free periods. It is going to kill the high street and impact the takings of the businesses. It is a cynical move to make more money for the council that will ultimately cause hardship elsewhere.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening	Ware
1154	If the Council's intention is to kill off what little attraction Hertford retains for residents and visitors then they will soon achieve their ambition.	All Elements	Hertford
1155	One of the reasons for popping into Herford at specific times is because of the free parking, especially in the evenings or on a Sunday. My fear is that with these proposed changes the people who bring money into the town for our local businesses will go elsewhere or simply order online. Hertford desperately needs help to reinvigorate its economy compared with other towns such as Hitchin or Bishops Stortford. I feel ashamed, as a County Town, it should offer so much more for its residents, businesses and tourism. Please reconsider, in particular the Gascoyne Way car park. It's in an ideal position to exploit the huge volume of passing traffic and yet we don't advertise to passers-by what's available in the town. Finally, we all know that people will avoid the parking charges, in particular on a Sunday / overnight, by parking in the surrounding streets. Have you considered the impact to the local residents?	Sunday	Hertford
1156	I am a resident of ware town and have been made aware of the proposed changes to the car parking. As someone that can walk into town and not need to park, I still feel these parking charging are killing off the towns in Hertfordshire and a sense of community. Not to mention the added pressure to small businesses. You should charge a set amount but make the parking fee refundable if the vehicle owner spends a set amount in the local shops. Big chains like costa and Tesco should be excluded from this. allow people to support local businesses in the right way instead of putting potential clients/customer off with over inflated parking fees.	All Elements	Ware
1157	I would like to voice my opinion on the ridicules proposal to remove free parking hours/days with in the Sawbridgeworth Bell street car park. Obviously whomever suggested this have not lived in Sawbridgeworth, This is a small town, and Bell street and the surrounding is not a major shopping centre. You will not be recovering your deficit by introducing new chargeable hours, but what you will do is kill the village like life we still have here at Sawbridgeworth!!!	Bell Street	Sawbridgeworth
1158	Letter in PDF unable to copy.	Evening Charge	Hertford
1159	Please note my objection to the extending of the hours and adding Sunday parking rules. The way to get a town to thrive is to provide facilities to bring the community together but people need to be able to park. A couple of examples: Ware Choral Society which is frequented by elderly people that cannot walk. They rehearse every week and now will fall foul of the extended hours. How many will now decide they cannot afford it? Southern Maltings: Provide grants and help with one hand and then remove all parking facilities for families that cannot afford to park for events. A disaster for them. It really appears that the council wants to kill the high street and I feel for the small businesses in town. I'm all for walking, but there are times when you do want to pop to get something and the free parking encourages you to do that very locally. If it's not free, people may start to drive further afield where there are better amenities, resulting in even more losses for local shops and businesses. It's always been great to be able to park in the evening (for free) if you go out for dinner. Especially when the weather is inclement. Again, people may decide to visit other towns for dinner, because they don't appreciate the charges until 8pm. Bank holiday and Sunday charges- again, visitors may decide to go to alternative towns like WGC, Hoddesdon or St Albans. With inflation running at 9%, council taxes rising again this year, gardening charges brought in last year and now this proposal it feels like another money making scheme. I really think you should reconsider this approach.	Sunday	Ware
1160	I would like to object to the proposed changes to car park charges in Ware and surrounding towns. I believe that it will impact visitors to the town and local business revenues, drive more parking onto local roads which are often already crowded, and people alike those less able to walk/cycle into the town. Given the current economic climate, I think charging more to people for these basic services is a mistake and the timing if any changes as well as the change itself is terrible.	All Elements	Ware
1161	in the current economic climate I believe it is totally unacceptable to introduce charges for evenings, Sundays and Bank holidays, and to remove the 30 minutes free parking. The Town centre Businesses will suffer as many people will be put off by this and opt for out of town. It will also cause increased traffic on back roads near to centres with people looking for free street parking which will have a knock on effect for local residents.	All Elements	Non Specific
1162	Please see my objections below and attached: 1. Treating Sunday like any other day of the week is wrong. To Christians it is the Sabbath, a day of rest and worship. It is also the day of the week when state and privately educated schoolchildren do not attend school, and thus a family day. There are Sunday restrictions on the opening hours of retail, and most offices are closed. After so many years of keeping Sunday free of parking charges, treating Sunday like any other day is disrespectful to Christians. 2. The new charges will directly affect the older and vulnerable in the congregation, reduce church attendance, and weaken the life of churches. East Herts Council argues that the user should pay but carparks already produce substantial revenues, well in excess of the associated costs, and residents also pay directly through their Council Tax. 3. The electorate has not been asked about the introduction of Sunday charging. The policy should be delayed until after May 2023 so that the residents can express their support or otherwise through the ballot box. A new administration could reverse the decision to charge on Sundays. 4. Only £70,000 is due to be raised by Sunday charging in 2022/23. In a recent statement from the Executive Member for carparking it appears that the Council would need to expand warden patrols to cover the extended chargeable hours. This would incur costs which would reduce the net revenue received by the Council. This is contrary to the answer given by the Executive Member for Financial Sustainability to my Public Question at Full Council on 1 March 2022 and I would be grateful for a corrected answer to my question: What would be the extra costs associated with Sunday parking charges across East Herts for: - Additional enforcement officers on Sundays 7.30am to 8pm annually 5. There is a cost-of-living crisis. East Herts Council is adding to the burden at a difficult time for many residents, especially the vulnerable and young families. 6. During the pandemic many of our places of worship have struggled. Many church attendees are older and vulnerable and only recently starting to return to in-person worship. To charge people to come to town centre churches on a Sunday would be an added blow for churches that are struggling with fewer volunteers, and in many cases loss of income from community groups, which were unable to meet during the pandemic. 7. Many people have no option but to drive into Stortford as there is no Sunday bus service where they live. Older congregation members are given lifts by volunteers who then park nearby. 8. Most churches in Bishop's Stortford lack their own parking facilities. St Michael's was built in the 15th Century and has never possessed dedicated parking spaces for its congregation. 9. There will be an impact on small businesses and the vitality of the town centre through reduced footfall and length of stay. Some will change to out-of-town shops and services (such as Tesco, Bishop's Park) where there is free parking. Businesses will have greater difficulty in recruiting and retaining staff on Sundays. Evening charging will affect the 'night-time economy' especially food and beverage businesses. Have you undertaken any analysis of the impact that evening and Sunday charges will have on existing trade in town centres? 10. Charging for short-stay carparks outside the period of Resident Parking Zone restrictions, will lead to problems for permit holders finding a space, especially on Sundays when only one RPZ in Stortford has restrictions, and those restrictions are for only a proportion of the hours of carpark charges. Permit holders have had a substantial increase in charges which has already resulted in discontent with the service. Some will be reluctant to use their car on Sundays to visit family and friends because of the difficulty of finding a space when they return. The impact will be greatest in those Resident Permit Parking Zones where the number of Resident Parking Permits is close to the number of spaces available, such as the Windhill, Newtown and Southmill Road schemes in Bishop's Stortford. Have you undertaken any quantitative analysis of the negative impacts to residents living in Resident Permit Parking Zones associated with displacement from the car parks due to charging on Sundays? 11. Charging outside the period of associated single yellow line restrictions, creates increased pressure on town centre and residential roads. It isn't sufficient to monitor the problems and make changes after those problems have occurred. If restrictions are appropriate six days a week and Sunday is being treated like any other day, then those restrictions need to be extended to Sundays. As an example, why are the 30 minute restrictions in North Street, Bishop's Stortford and the vicinity not extended to Sundays? Otherwise a single car could take up a space for the whole of the chargeable period for East Herts carparks? 12. The majority of town centre roads and residential areas are currently controlled through waiting restrictions extending to 18.30 for single yellow line restrictions. Car park charges to 20.00 will require an extension to those waiting restrictions. Again, it is not sufficient to monitor the problems and make changes after those problems have occurred if the Council is truly serving its residents. 13. Three of the four documents, advertised in the consultation on the draft order for Bishop's Stortford, include the Causeway carpark as a short-stay carpark operating from Monday to Sunday 7.30 to 20.00. This is incorrect and very misleading, given the size and location of this carpark. There is no reference at all to this carpark being closed temporarily or permanently and it gives the impression that this carpark is still in operation. I believe this undermines the validity of the consultation. 14. Overall, it appears that East Herts Council has considered seriously only a very few of the consequences of its actions, other than raising a relatively small sum of money.	All Elements	Bishops Stortford
1163	As a resident of Ware, I am truly appalled that the decision to take away half an hour free parking has even been considered. It is almost like the council want the high-street to fail and locally owned shops to close. Most people are in a financially tight situation at the moment and they will not pay for parking if they just need something quick. I know I wouldn't, and the money that could be going to independent stores will now go online or Tesco and asda! The small roads off the high-street that are already full of cars will become worse as those that do need to visit the high-street for the chemist or doctors etc, will try to park there! It may not seem a lot, a few pounds for the car park but it really is, just see how messy it gets outside of the Sainsburys in star street, despite the fact there is kibes lane behind and a few spaces in the sainsburys carpark! I really hope you consider the resident's feelings before putting this plan into action, as absolutely everyone I have spoken to about this is against it.	30 Mins Free	Ware
1164	I am writing to protest about the proposed changes to parking in East Herts. This will cause loss of revenue to local High Street shops and businesses as people will travel further to out of town shopping centres to avoid the parking charges. Free supermarket parking such as that at Tesco in Ware, will become more congested and cause more pollution as cars queue for spaces. The new proposals will also have an adverse impact on elderly or slightly disabled people who may not qualify for a blue badge but cannot walk far, and will not be able to use the 30min free parking to visit the local library or chemist.	All Elements	Non Specific

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1165	I am writing to object to the proposed parking order changes and in particular those which concern the Kibes Lane car parks in Ware on the grounds that I believe (i) removing the current 30min free period will have a negative impact on local traders such as Gannon's Family Butchers, AJ's Pet Stores, Domesticare, Wrights Fish'n'Chips and French&Day Delicatessens all of whom who serve the community and have customers that make specific trips for which 30min parkins is more than sufficient - likewise for many that use the services of the post office and library; and (ii) charging for parking on Sundays will increase the already high demand for on-road parking in surrounding roads such as New Road where spaces are already at a premium as a consequence of people attending the local churches, events at the Southern Maltings, and enjoying some of the cafe culture Ware offers at the weekend.	All Elements	Ware
1166	I object to the parking changes you propose, as this will dissuade the much wanted visitors to the above area. Also I already pay to live in this area and a small concession with free parking is. Appreciated. Please don't change it.	All Elements	Buntingford, Hertford, Ware
1167	I would like to register my objection to changes in parking charges in East Herts. Extending the period to 8pm will have a detrimental effect on restaurant businesses trying to recover after the past 2 years of the pandemic. The 30min free parking is incredibly Useful for parents for facilities such as collection of prescriptions and small jobs. Removal of this will push more shopping online and out of Hertford. The town centre is in decline already. This will further perpetuate this. Free parking on a Sunday enables a levelling for all families to enjoy time together. Charging for this further increase the chances that families will not spend quality time together.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Non Specific
1168	I write to express my objection to the increased charges and extended periods of their imposition in Hertford now proposed. The current availability and cost of parking in Hertford has succeeded in deterring residents and visitors from entering the town centre and brought about the closure of so many retailers - to be replaced by restaurants, coffee bars and underused hairdressing parlours. EHDC appears now to be determined to kill off even these facilities by proposing increased parking charges and extended charging periods into the evening to close down town centre visits completely. I see no point whatsoever in borrowing £20M+ ( a bill to be picked up & paid by future generations!) to refurbish Hertford Theatre in the hope of attracting more visitors whilst, at the same time, expecting them to pay for parking, if they can find anywhere available within walking distance. If the council is short of funds ask central government to restore monies taken away from it over the years rather than increase the burden on ordinary people.	All Elements	Hertford
1169	I cannot believe that you would be doing this! Councils have already killed our market in Ware. Is it your intention to kill the high street as well? Free parking for half an hour enables people to pick up/drop off prescriptions, or to see a doctor or do a quick shop. Restaurants and shops desperately need customers, especially since the pandemic, so charging after 6.30 is adding cost and therefore disincentivising local people from visiting and spending money in Ware and the surrounding areas. If it is your intention to ruin what's left of Ware and Hertford shopping areas as you have already successfully done with our markets, then congratulations you are on the right track! Sunday is a day when people want to just relax, go for walks and eat out, again, you are punishing the shops and restaurants as making a charge will make people just stay at home, or drive people to use out of town shopping areas such as Lakeside and the Galleria! Perhaps you have a personal interest in those places and this is all part of your agenda? I refuse to believe that you are doing this simply out of a need to generate more income, as your intended actions could only have the opposite effect. Regarding council income this must have increased greatly recently from the huge amount of council tax generated by all the additional building of apartments in the area.	30 Mins Free; Sunday, Evening Charge	Ware
1170	Email received via post as email kept bouncing back. Resident objects to Sunday charges because of church attendance.	Sunday	Ware
1171	Should this disappear then it is likely these would be made online or at larger 'out of town' retail areas to the detriment of the smaller local shops, the survival of which hitherto have helped the town centre thrive. • Another group who will be unfairly penalised by this new regime will be the less mobile. While there are those who can utilize a blue badge, there are many residents of Hertford and its surrounding villages who do not qualify for this scheme yet nevertheless suffer from severely restricted mobility. I would suggest that these people are unfairly discriminated against as a result of these proposals. • At a time when many residents of Hertford and the surrounding area have to review and reflect upon their own expenditure it seems deeply iniquitous that EHDC are expending large amounts of public funds on highly non-essential capital projects. • Surely this will penalise those who attend the numerous places of worship in the town on a Sunday.	All Elements	Hertford
1172	I'm the owner of a small retail/services business Ware. This once thriving high street has been dealt the hardest of blows in recent times, not least because we no longer have a single bank left in the town one of the biggest draws for customers and they would then happily use the shops and services in the town. When all the banks left one of the few things that helped us all was the half hour free parking and the fact that it finished early evening making the town attractive to businesses that remain open into the evening also on Sundays and bank holidays when people come into the town to use the park have a coffee lunch etc. I feel that losing the non restricted times for parking is another nail in the coffin of an already struggling high street and town in general.	All Elements	Ware
1173	I'm writing to object to the proposals. Hertford and Ware will become ghost towns in the evenings and weekends. We want our towns to be great places for everyone. These proposals will kill the town centres.	Sunday, Evening Charge	Hertford, Ware
1174	I feel this will hamper local business as more people will shop online to avoid extra costs. This will be detrimental to our high street and sense of community, and could ultimately lead to increased loneliness and the associated negative health ( mental and physical) conditions. So ultimately cost the country far more to treat and support. The nation is already suffering a cost of living crisis additional charges like this will mean some people are unable to access our high street and communities.	All Elements	Non Specific
1175	I do object to the introduction of Evening Charges. I fear that they would have a very damaging effect on the Night-Time Economy. I do object to the scrapping of the free 30-minute slot. I think that this would have a detrimental effect on many businesses and services. ) I object to the loss of the free on-street limited waiting bays, for all the same reasons as my objections in Number 3)	All Elements	Non Specific
1176	As a Councillor for the Green Party I would normally be against any free parking, as it encourages driving. However, the Party also has strong policy on support for small businesses which is equally important in Ware. I feel that the removal of the 30 mins free parking in East Herts controlled car parks in Ware will be very damaging for the economy of the town. The same is true of the proposal to extend charges into the evening. Restaurants and community facilities like the Southern Maltings will undoubtedly be hurt by such an extension. While a significant majority of visitors to the Town centre in the evening walk into town, there is an important and sizeable minority for whom this is not an option, and who would be excluded from the town's nightlife by an extension of parking charges. I would suggest a higher price for hourly parking rates with maintenance of the free 30 mins and evening parking is a much better way forward. Rates for parking in Ware are quite low generally and could be increased to cover the revenue lost through not extending parking hours.	30 Mins Free; Evening	Ware
1177	There are dilemmas that can arise when members have dual roles on both District and County Councils and the issue of parking charges is one of them. As an East Herts member I am committed to ensuring we balance our budget and progress already agreed policies. As a County member however I do also need to point out some challenges in the proposed arrangements for Sunday charging in Sawbridgeworth. The town has also been exempt from charging on Saturdays so far but I accept the principle that just like in other towns there may be no special reason that the exemption should continue. The charges remain reasonable especially compared with the many high value transactions that take place in some of the businesses. For short stays the charges are still quite modest. On Sunday the picture is very different. Businesses are generally not operating. The supermarket and pubs have their own free car parks, and there are no parking restrictions in Sawbridgeworth on Sunday. I believe the effect of the TRO to introduce Sunday parking will be to incentivise people to park in the unrestricted streets. This is not a good use of a TRO when it increases on-street parking. As a County Councillor I have no plans to introduce restrictions on a Sunday. Many people using the car parks on Sundays are community groups and sports clubs that have their bases adjacent to the car parks. I therefore believe the revenue take will be minimal and not cover the cost of enforcement, and won't make the desired contribution to revenue. We should be taking a pragmatic approach rather than a standardised one which does not take into account local circumstances. I hope this can be reassessed before the council introduces something that will not make a lot of practical sense to the people in the town.	Sunday	Sawbridgeworth