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9	Commuters are using the spaces so poor access to the local amenities
10	My family and I use the facilities at Hollybush during the day 2-3 times a week and parking is extremely difficult and needs to be addressed. The main car park at Hollybush is generally full before 9am and it seems to be commuters and people working in the town centre that park there, making it difficult for those who wish to use the facilities there- usually those with children and who require the ability to park near by - to do so.
11	Users of park and cafe cannot get a space due to commuters and town workers (particularly since new m and s was opened).
12	I have found it increasingly difficult to park when using the recreational facilities due to commuters parking at Hollybush - I believe the restrictions will solve this problem
13	I use this car park when I visit the bowls club and park myself and find it very frustrating when there are no spaces due to town workers parking all day
14	Stop commuters using the parking stopping other people from parking
15	Always difficult for genuine park users (often with children) to park due to commuters/town centre workers parking all day
16	To make sure this facility is not used for long term parking by commuters or town workers
17	We use the facilities for my toddlers classes- will make the parking much easier
18	Genuine users of the park are prevented from using it due to commuters and workers parking there all day
19	All day commuter parking prevents people using the facilities of Hollybush Recreation ground
20	Car park spaces needed by users of the facilities are taken for the whole day by commuters who park their cars there for 8 hours plus on working days.
21	My support is conditional upon appropriate concessions for members of the Sevenoaks Bowling Club and opponents from other clubs. On match days, the 4 hour limitation is unlikely to be long enough and I suggest some form of permit and guest permit be introduced evidencing club membership or authorised visitor whereby parking is allowed for up to 6 hours.
22	parking needs to be available for people using the leisure facilities
23	By restricting the parking time to 4 hours you restrict the numbers parking, which keeps space free for those using area for recreation.

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24	Should cut out all day parking
25	It would be preferable to restrict parking time to 2.5 hrs only
26	Hollybush Close is located within a conservation area and when first built in 1995 was not designed to accommodate on road parking within the Close itself. Driveways adjoining the Close provide off street parking for residents. It has been demonstrated that without parking controls the local area has become despoiled by motorists parking their cars for the whole day. The situation within Hollybush Close has become intolerable as safety and convenience entering and leaving our own properties has been compromised whilst service traffic such as delivery vehicles, Refuse Lorries etc are finding it increasingly difficult to gain straightforward access. In our case, our gardener has been unable to cut our beech hedge and maintain our borders in over two years as there is commuter traffic parked against it every work day. I believe that Sevenoaks Council have worked hard over the years to make ample parking available to visitors to the Sevenoaks area. The only reason we have all day parking within the close is due to lack of parking controls and selfish individuals who are not prepared to pay for available parking. Whilst I sympathise with their plight I believe that residents within Sevenoaks pay a premium to be able to walk to the amenities that Sevenoaks has to offer. I think it unfair that someone living outside of Sevenoaks can dump their car for the day with no thought for the impact that their actions might have on the local community. If they wish to live outside Sevenoaks and wish to park within Sevenoaks they should pay the requisite parking rate and factor it into their cost of living when making their own lifestyle choice.
27	But the restriction should be 2 hours as people will still use this free park for shopping and will this restrict the available space for bowlers and Mums using the bowling premises.
28	casual users using the car park to restrict parking for members
29	As a member of the Bowls Club I am frustrated by casual "parker's" taking places when I am attempting to play at the Club a two hour time limit would help to overcome this problem.
30	I am an employee here and we are tired of people parking here to commute to work in the town when our members pay good money to play at the club and often can't park so they then leave.
31	If these parking spaces are limited to 4 hours there will be a real lack of suitable parking for people who work in Sevenoaks High Street
32	Not enough parking for workers. Pay and display too expensive
33	Suggested 4 hour stay will not help the problem faced by members of the SIBC, who often find it difficult to find a parking place and then have to park along the approach road. The main difficulty is caused by jogging groups who use the parking facility and then go jogging in Knole Park. Each group parks for about

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	two and a half hours and these groups appear at different times every day of the week. Suggest a two hour stay would improve the situation. Club members could be given permit to allow them to stay longer. This arrangement would also discourage all day parkers and ramblers. The Bowls Club has already lost members because of parking problems and we do not want to lose any more. I respectfully offer this proposal.
34	Stay should be a maximum of 2 hours unless you have a permit
35	I would support a 2 hour stay only - otherwise members of Indoor and Outdoor Bowling Clubs have difficulty parking for matches and other events held there.
36	I suggest a 2 hour period is more appropriate
37	The runners turn up in numerous cars and at 9.15 it is virtually impossible to get a parking space members of the bowls club have given up playing and gone to other clubs where parking is not an issue. To allow a 4 hour parking would be greatly detrimental to the bowls club members. Provision for club members who contribute to attend the club should be taken into account. The runners use Knole Park and not the Club facilities. If parking is not resolved more members will leave.
38	4 hour stay is effectively a half working day. This is too long. Should be something like 2 hours.
39	4 hours is too long. 2 ours would more reasonable. 4does not help bowlers and visitors to the club at all.
40	Time scale is too long - should be 2 hours maximum. This would stop longer term parking which prevents Bowls Club members from being able to park
41	2 hour parking should be enforced
42	Many low paid workers who commute to Sevenoaks by car use this car park as it is the closest place to Sevenoaks town centre that provides free parking. The uses cannot afford the cost of pay and display parking in Sevenoaks. Changing the parking will force further pressure on the finances of the already tight finances of the low paid users of the car park. This will either force people to stop working in Sevenoaks or not spend as much in Sevenoaks neither of which will have beneficial effects on the town.
43	Please spare a thought for your minimum wage workers in the town; not all of us are affluent. Parking at Hollybush is invaluable to me as I work shifts varying between 4-8 hours to keep food on my plate and a roof over my head. I do not appreciate having to pay parking for the sake of turning up to work. Long term parking is tough enough to find and paying for this would take a significant chunk out of my take-home earnings. I would greatly value and appreciate your consideration of this.

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44	I would like a 2hr waiting time, It would certainly help those who play Bowls in the club. We are fighting for survival at the moment many members have cancelled their membership owing to the crowded parking especially in the morning. Most of the bowlers are over 60 yrs. of age, many in their 70's and 80's and they need parking close to the club, members have had to park some distance away and carry their bowls down to the club, especially in the morning, whilst young walking groups take many of the parking places. A 2hr parking ban would assist in helping us as we could get a permit for longer. Please we are paying at least a lot for membership of the S.I.B.C. and feel we should be able to park without difficulties. Thank you.
45	As a member of Sevenoaks Indoor Bowls Club, adequate parking at all times is paramount, especially for the more elderly bowlers. I would prefer a two hour limit with permits for longer stays. This method would at last give members a reasonable chance of finding a parking space.
46	The time limit of four hours is too long. Two hours should suffice
47	The sign at the entrance parking for the sports facilities not walkers or joggers we are losing members as bowls woods are heavy more so by the more mature people using the club . who at times can not park
48	The proposed 4 hour maximum period (other than for permit holders) will continue to restrict the parking availability for members of the Bowls Clubs and their guests and opponents who are generally on site for much longer. The Indoor Bowls Club has lost members because of the difficulties experienced with parking - the issue of permits will be of no value if no spaces are in fact available. There should be a limit of 2 hours, as elsewhere in Sevenoaks, to regulate parking.
49	Originally the car park was for the bowls centre and no problems were experienced. Now, however car parking spaces are now being taken up by joggers (many), ramblers and a variety of other users. It is now very difficult to find a parking space for bowlers resulting in a loss of membership for our club. Four hour parking will not help as that is long enough for most of the people using the car park. Please rethink your plan and come up with something that will at least help the bowlers being able to park.
50	4 Hours is much too long
51	Proposed 4 hours is too long to prevent non Recreation Members from parking. 2 hours maximum preferred. Members would receive permits as necessary.
52	4 hours max. is too long. Workers and Shoppers will prevent sport centre users from parking. 2 hours max will allow more changes of spaces and be fairer.
53	Parking should be restricted to a maximum of two hours
54	4 hours to long for none payment 1 hour max then payment

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55	The 4 hour Maximum Stay will not deter people sufficiently to make an impact for users of the bowls club and a 2 hour stay would be more appropriate.
56	Being members of the Bowls club, we are there quite often at various times of the day, and at times it is quite impossible to find a parking space. We are often there for up to 3 hours a time. A 4 hour time limit I believe is too long, do not think that will help much, a 2 hour limit could help with finding space.
57	Original parking for Bowls Clubs now a public park
58	I am a member of the indoor bowls club and also play at the outdoor bowls club. The 4 hour parking proposal is not suitable as it will only benefit the walking/joggers plus tennis players. A more suitable parking limit would be 2hours with parking permits issued to the bowling club members.
59	The proposed max of 4 hrs stay is too long and should be reduced to 2 hours
60	Parking should be restricted to 2 hours, not 4 hours
61	The 4 hour restriction will not prevent use by non bowls club members
62	I am a bowler and feel parking should be restricted to 2 hours. At times all the space are unoccupied making it difficult to attend the club.
63	Restriction should apply for 2 hours not 4 hours.
64	The 4 hours maximum parking is too long. 2hours max. would be better. More opportunity for changeover. 4 hours is too long
65	4 hrs is too long a time to park for the casual 'parker' I use the car park as I play Bowls regularly, I find the casual parkers stay for such a long time, that it is very difficult to park to play a Match on time. Think 2 hours is plenty of time for the 'Casual Parker'
66	The proposals do not help members of Sevenoaks Indoor Bowls Club to park easily. Groups such as joggers, walkers who use the car park nearly every day park for approx. 2 1/2 hours each visit from about 9.15 am. This often prevents users of the bowls club parking, users who pay for the privilege of being members of the club. Members often cannot park, especially during the season October to April. The groups mentioned do not want to pay for parking, thus others suffer. A two hour maximum stay with permits would be preferable.
67	I feel that parking at the Hollybush Recreation Ground should be for those people using the recreation ground and its facilities only.
68	As a member of the bowls club it is difficult to find a parking space due to office workers and joggers taking up spaces for 4 to8 hours
69	Four hour car parking would be to long, should be reduced to two hours

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70	As a member of Sevenoaks Indoor Bowls Club I have sometimes experienced difficulty in finding a parking space due to usage by long term parking and also rambling and running groups- the latter coming from outside of the borough. We members are entitled to park as we pay a huge annual rent to SENCIO: 4/4s are even using the wider disabled parking pays, which is grossly unreasonable. I alternatively request SDC to alternatively consider a reduced period of two repeat two hours which will solve the problem by allowing dog walkers sufficient time and also those using the cafe if the top carp park is full up- which sometimes happens.
71	4 hour limit is too long, it should be 2hours
72	the 4 hour duration will not stop non-bowler use
73	would prefer max 2hr stay & not 4hr
74	This car park is mainly for the benefit of the bowls club and a 4 hour limit would permit casual users to occupy too many places with adverse effects on bowls club members. I suggest a 2 hour time limit which should be adequate for walkers and the like
75	the 4hr restriction should be reduced to 2hr to stop people not using Holybush centre from taking up parking spaces
76	I regularly use the Indoor Bowls Club and often find great difficulty in parking in the mornings, mainly because of a number of walking groups using the parking space for less than 3 hours. Hence, I feel that a 2-hour limit is the only one that would be of any help to us bowlers.
77	I think a maximum time of two hours would be more sensible than 4 hours.
78	A 4 hour limit will not cure the present problem; it should be 2 hours maximum stay.
79	2 hours parking is the sensible way to go, as it will stop the people who are not using the car park for what it is intended for the indoor bowls club.
80	We have lost a lot of members due to not being able to park at 9.15am, due to local running/get fit groups. Some of these groups are very large with up to 23 ladies going out at the same time. We also have local ramblers parking for hours on end. We have lost a lot of hire bookings due to the parking situation. 4 hour stay will not help us or our members/room hire. Up until 18 months ago there was never a problem. We are coming up to membership renewal time and a high number of members are saying they will not be re-joining due to the parking. We hope you will listen to the voices of the members of Sevenoaks Indoor Bowls Club we have after all been here for 26 years, and hope to be there for a long time to come.
81	4 hours is too long and prevents the use of these spaces by users of the bowling

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	facility.
82	I use indoor bowls and car park is mainly for the two bowling centres and often cant park or it is difficult. Needs to be a shorter period for non permit holders otherwise will make very little difference to the problems experienced presently.
83	As a member of Sevenoaks Indoor Bowls Club this would not help as joggers take up most of the spaces at any given time during the day and their occupancy takes 2 1/2 to 3 hours, a more effective time limit would by 2 hours. I bowl several times a week at different times and the presence of cars used by joggers have prevented me from being able to park and thus prevents me from filling my obligations to the Indoor Bowls Club.
84	I regularly use the Bowls Indoor Club and want parking restrictions there
85	Would like it to be a two hour restriction as the four hour will not solve the problem of parking for the centre facilities.
86	Parking needs to be only 2.5 hours
87	2 hours parking would be better
88	4 hours is too long and prevents people using the facilities at the bowls
89	<p>I would like to raise an issue, which not only affects me, but a multitude of hard working people within Sevenoaks. I lived in Sevenoaks for a number of years, and although I paid rent, council tax and all relevant charges for the privilege of being in the heart of the town, I found it difficult to obtain a parking spot outside my own flat. Now I live away from the centre, but still commute to and work in Sevenoaks town centre, I find it near on impossible! I did have a parking permit for a year, but had to give it up because of the cost. I have since re-applied, and have been waiting for at least 6 months, if not longer just to move up a spot from number 16. When I ask the council for an update, they tell me I am not really 16th, but 21st as a company has applied for permits for their employees. I not only think this is unfair, but I was also lied to and kept a little hope that I would move nearer the top of the list a lot sooner than I am. I know there are lots of on street, unrestricted places to park on the outskirts of Sevenoaks, but why should the majority of workers who contribute to the town's economy and keep it flourishing have to walk 20-30 minutes to get to their workplace? And I also know from my experience of living in Sevenoaks, that having non residents take up the majority of unrestricted on street parking is incredibly frustrating and an insult to the people who pay to live here. Many of us have resorted to parking around Hollybush. I am not in the minority; there are at least 30 people who park around that area just so they can cut their walk into town by at least 10 minutes. I know this is incredibly frustrating for the owners of the park and the café, and also for visitors, but some days I feel like there is no choice and I know I am not alone.</p> <p>Now I see a sign that says there will now be restrictions in the car park, please can you tell me what on earth we are supposed to do when there is absolutely NO free parking within a reasonable walking distance from the city centre? I am perfectly happy to pay for a permit to allow me to park within the centre, but I am no closer to getting a permit than I was last year. I am also trying to manage my finances so that I can afford to stay in the long term car parks, but the</p>

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	<p>charges are so dear that I will not be able to sustain this everyday. My Grandmother-in-law owns a terraced house with one parking space, which I thought would be perfect for me to use. But I am told that the car has to be registered in her name to have the permit, she is over 80 years old, doesn't drive and doesn't even have a car! Why, as a relative, can I not take advantage of this unused space - I am even willing to pay for it! Can the town council introduce workers permits whereby it allows us to stay in the long term car parks at a reduced fee? I find the whole situation absurd, frustrating, upsetting and completely ignored by the council. The people who come into the town everyday and contribute to the town's growth and economy are the people who get most ignored.</p>
<p align="center">90</p>	<p>I am writing to you regarding the new regulations underway for Hollybush recreation ground. As part of the management team working at Gap inc. I write to you in annoyance, a maximum of four hours does not support the long hours my staff require to work. Nor should my staff have to pay to park within Sevenoaks, when a lot of my staff do use public transport already to travel to work and back.</p> <p>I am concerned for the Gap store within Sevenoaks as already members of my team have already started job searching elsewhere as they cannot afford to work within Sevenoaks, furthermore, we may have to take further action with our store if we start losing staff due to this. I believe the council are not supporting any employment within the Sevenoaks region due to not facilitating anywhere for employees to park all day. The council should give permits for people to park at Hollybush for free which has been acceptable for the past few years that I have been working here. This has been no issue due to the fact Hollybush is not even located within the town centre proving to be an isolated place to park for not just Gap but other Sevenoaks employees. As a resident of Sevenoaks, I have also been frustrated with the new regulations put in place in all Sevenoaks parking areas and I ask the council to inform us loyal employees where we should park from now on if this regulation goes through.</p>
<p align="center">91</p>	<p>PETITION - 12 Signatories</p> <p>Further to the recent notices which have been displayed in the Hollybush Lane area, we write to you in hope that you will be able to provide us with some alternative parking locations or information regarding permits. We understand that very soon the parking around this area will be unavailable or limited to 4 hours per stay. This is very concerning as we feel that we will be left with no free or reasonably priced parking areas. We are located on the High Street and the majority of our support staff use the public parking and earn in the region of £15,000-£20,000 pa. Many parking areas in the town are pay and display and as we are sure you can appreciate this can become very expensive when parking Monday-Friday, 8am-6pm. Although we understand Sevenoaks Council offers a parking permit waiting list, many members of our office are already waiting and have been for a year, and in some cases more. As some of our staff travel from other Counties to get to work, the use of public transport is not an option. We request that you consider our situation and provide us with an alternative to paying at least £3.00 per day; these spaces are limited leaving us with the risk of not being able to even find a space. We believe that there are simply not enough spaces for all of the High Street workers who also park at Hollybush which has added to our concern. The price of parking aside, we have noticed that if you arrive in Sevenoaks later than 8am there are not enough spaces for all of the High Street workers and therefore losing these spaces we fear that it will be impossible to park at all.</p>

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OFFICERS' COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION

COMMENTS

The Hollybush Recreation Ground Car Parks and Access Roads are owned/maintained by Sevenoaks District Council. The absence of a traffic regulation order to control parking there makes them difficult to manage, and prevents the Council from effectively dealing with any parking contraventions that occur there, such as "out of bay" parking. The all-day parking that takes place there reduces parking space availability for users of the leisure facilities at the recreation ground.

The feedback received during the formal (statutory) consultation to the proposed Order falls into two broad categories, namely concerns from users of the leisure facilities about parking difficulties at the recreation ground car parks caused by joggers/walkers/commuters/local workers and concerns from local workers about parking difficulties in the town centre and the potential loss of a free, all-day parking facility. A number of the objections were from users of the bowling club, some of whom considered that the proposed 4 hour maximum stay should be reduced to prevent joggers and walkers from parking there.

The concerns raised about the shortage of long term parking in Sevenoaks town are acknowledged, and the resultant plight of local workers, particularly those on a lower wage, is recognised. In consideration of this, the all-day parking charge in the town has been frozen over the past two years, and all available options to provide a solution to the parking shortage are being explored.

However, in this case, there is arguably an overriding duty to protect parking for users of the leisure facilities at the recreation ground, including joggers/walkers. The 4 hour maximum stay reflected the views expressed by the majority of respondents (83%) to the informal consultation undertaken in January 2016, which in addition to users of the bowling club, included users of the sports pitches, tennis courts, children's playground and the lodge café.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the objections to The Sevenoaks District Council (Hollybush Recreation Ground and Council Offices, Sevenoaks) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2016 be set aside, the Order be made, as published, and the proposed parking controls contained within the Order be implemented.