

## Appendix 1

### Consultation Feedback

- 1 A number of detailed written comments were submitted by respondents to the public consultation, which are summarised below:

#### Summary of Comments on Proposed On-Street Parking Fees and Charges

##### **On-Street Pay-and-Display Charges in Halstead**

- 2 No written feedback was received.

##### **On-Street Pay-and-Display Charges in Sevenoaks**

- 3 The feedback was that the proposals would make parking too expensive and would be “pricing people out of coming to Sevenoaks”, and that increasing charges puts more stress on local people’s finances.

##### **On-Street Pay-and-Display Charges in Swanley**

- 4 The feedback was that the proposed increases are excessive, way above inflation, unjustified and badly timed, given the current economic situation.

##### **On-Street Pay-and-Display Charges in Westerham**

- 5 The feedback was that the proposed increases are excessive, unjustified, badly timed, and will have a detrimental effect on the town and local economy.
- 6 Some respondents requested the 15 minute tariff be retained, to facilitate short “stop and shop” visits.
- 7 Others considered that the retention of free on-street parking on Sundays resulted in parking difficulties for local residents, including resident permit holders.
- 8 Some commented that some shoppers/visitors could migrate to nearby retail destinations, such as Oxted, where short stay parking is free.
- 9 The Town Council and Town Partnership objected to the proposals on similar grounds, and expressed concerns about the detrimental impact the changes would have on Westerham visitors, residents and businesses.

##### **Annual Tariffs for Residents Parking Permits**

- 10 The feedback was that the proposed increases are excessive, way above inflation, unjustified, badly timed, given the current economic situation, and are penalising residents.

##### **Quarterly, 6-Monthly & Annual Tariffs for Non-Residents Parking Permits**

- 11 The feedback from residents was that non-residents parking permits penalise residents, as they are often used by commuters, and that the

charges for this type of permit are low compared to station parking charges, and should be higher.

#### **Tariff for a Book/Sheet of Daily Residents Visitors Vouchers**

- 12 The feedback was that the proposed increases are excessive, unjustified, badly timed, given the current economic situation, and will discourage residents' visitors.

#### **Summary of Comments on Proposed Off-Street (Car Park) Parking Fees and Charges**

##### **Off-Street (Car Park) Pay-and-Display Charges, Season Ticket & Resident Permit Tariffs in Sevenoaks**

- 13 The feedback was that the proposed increases are excessive, unjustified, badly timed, and will have a detrimental effect on the town and local economy.
- 14 A number of respondents felt that the charges would cause some shoppers/visitors to migrate to other retail destinations, such as Bluewater, where parking is free.

##### **Weekly and Monthly Cashless Season Tickets in Bradbourne Car Park in Sevenoaks**

- 15 No written feedback was received.
- 16 **Off-Street (Car Park) Pay-and-Display Charges, Season Ticket & Resident Permit Tariffs in Swanley**
- 17 The feedback was that the proposed increases are excessive, unjustified, badly timed, and will have a detrimental effect on the town and local economy.
- 18 Similar concerns about the proposals were raised by some local District Councillors.

##### **Off-Street (Car Park) Pay-and-Display Charges, Season Ticket & Resident Permit Tariffs in Westerham**

- 19 The feedback was that the proposed increases are excessive, unjustified, badly timed, and will have a detrimental effect on the town and local economy.
- 20 Some respondents felt that the introduction of 1-3 hour charges in Darent car park would result in parking migration to uncontrolled residential streets locally, where parking is free, to the detriment of local residents.
- 21 The Town Council and Town Partnership objected to the proposals on similar grounds, pointing out that with no train station and a very limited bus service, Westerham's residents and visitors are very reliant on cars, and the town therefore cannot withstand blanket parking increases in the same way as more robust towns in the District.

