

**Responses to Comments Received**

<p>Resident</p>	<p>As a long term resident of Castle Combe of over 44 years, I wish to register my total objection and concerns regarding the proposed implementation of once again applying car park charges to the Dunns Lane Car Park. The Dunns Lane Car Park was built as a designated parking area and is not in the Conservation area of this world famous village; and one that Wiltshire Council sees as its flagship tourist attraction. An attraction, that brings thousands of pounds in revenue to the county. The car park was built as a designated car park many years ago to deter people from parking within the main village where there are only nine parking spaces, and to stop drivers from parking on yellow lines. This was to enable visitors to appreciate the buildings and the local amenity. Nowadays, it is littered with fly parking.</p> <p>With increasing number of tourists every year, more and more now willingly park anywhere they like regardless of yellow lines, junctions, narrow streets and the hill becomes single lane traffic. As a result, it very quickly becomes a serious Health and Safety Issue as the entire village roads are shared by pedestrians, cyclists, commercial vehicles and horses. Many overseas visitors are totally oblivious to the UK road laws and driving habits. This includes the tourists themselves who are more and more are hiring cars and driving them selves and have total disregard for where they park or the Highway Code.</p> <p>If car park charges are introduced, it will have a direct impact on the character and significance of the Conservation area as drivers will be reluctant to pay the charges and park their cars all over the village regardless of yellow lines or not, even more so than they do currently. This is because they are safe in the knowledge that we do not have a regular Traffic Warden Service and they are happier to "chance" parking on the lines than pay the parking fee or the car park or fine. This has an adverse impact on the character and significance of the Conservation area as fly parking will take place every, or anywhere. The implementation of car park charges will only add to this problem and in my opinion, not deter it.</p> <p>Castle Combe has a very poor local bus service of only four buses a day, limited service at weekends and not on Bank Holidays so I fail to see how this will encourage visitors or residents to use the public services more than they do now. It will also have a direct impact on the income of local businesses and the church who are already struggling in the financial climate. It will deter visitors coming to the village if they have to pay for parking and thus they are not spending time in the village spending money to support it.</p>	<p>Vehicles park in the centre of the village out of convenience and habit. By introducing parking changes it will enable the Council to adequately manage the parking arrangements within the village.</p> <p>Parking charges do not deter visitors from visiting a location as is evident in Lacock where since charges were introduced in 2014, footfall has increased year on year</p>
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	<p>I strongly object to this proposal.</p> <p>We live in Castle Combe and enjoy the privilege of sharing it's beauty and charm with friends and neighbours as well as with visitors from all over the world. We are writing to express our concerns that there are plans to reintroduce car parking charges to the Dunns Lane car park. We are always going to have people selfishly parking on the double yellow lines in the village itself but this can only be exacerbated if parking charges are introduced. There is very little room in the village for parking and further car parking will not only be illegal but will be a serious safety issues given the number of people and in particular families who have their photos taken by the Market Cross.</p> <p>I really would ask you to reconsider this decision in the light of the considerable objections from the local residents.</p>	<p>Introducing charges will allow the Council to manage inappropriate parking more effectively within the village thereby improving the streetscene for both visitors and residents alike.</p>
<p>Visitor</p>	<p>I am writing as a visitor to Castle Combe as the matter of car parking does appear to be a major problem for the residents of the village. The double yellow lines seem to have been largely ignored by the public when there were parking fees in the past and there is no doubt that something similar will happen if reintroduced.</p> <p>The residents of this beautiful village appear to be having difficulty getting all interested parties around the table for further discussions and I just hope that this letter may help to stimulate a meeting of all concerned.</p>	<p>Introducing charges will allow the Council to manage inappropriate parking more effectively within the village.</p>

Resident	<p>We are writing to strongly oppose your decision to introduce parking charges in the Dunns Lane car park in Castle Combe. We find the reasons you have put forward nonsensical and contradictory. It seems to us that your true reason is to raise income, at the expense of the health and safety of the residents and visitors caused by increased traffic and illegal parking in the village. We expect that you will take full responsibility for any accidents and aggressive behaviour leading to a breach of the peace resulting from your ill-informed decision.</p>	<p>The proposed charges are in line with other similar size car parks in other tourist towns and villages.</p>
Resident	<p>I am devastated to hear that charges are being brought back in the car park Dunns Lane Castle Combe. The parking situation in the village is a nightmare, no one takes any notice of double yellow lines, I have lived here over twenty years, and have only seen a traffic warden, or police, a few times, with charges in the car park, I dread to think what would happen to the village, cars everywhere.</p> <p>This is a very special village, we welcome visitors, and it would be nice if they were able to enjoy it, see the buildings, without looking at cars everywhere. I hope you will give this serious thought, and listen to the Parish Council.</p> <p>Most visitors are happy using the car park and walking down the hill, (it would be good if some disabled spaces were put at the bottom of the hill.) If a charge is put for parking they will look elsewhere, and cause more chaos than we have now.</p>	<p>Introducing charges will allow the Council to manage inappropriate parking more effectively within the village thereby improving the streetscene for both visitors and residents alike.</p>