

COMMENTS AND OBJECTIONS

Ref	Name/ Organisation	Area	Comments and Objections
1	Individual	North	<p>Ref: HKB/TRO/WILT</p> <p>I object very strongly to the proposed new car parking charges, you are killing the town businesses!</p> <p>You should be ashamed of yourselves charging the disabled, there are only a limited number of spaces in each car park anyway and taking away the free Sundays beggars belief! How come Calne, only a few miles away, offers free parking for the first hour and Corsham only around 50p? This would help Chippenhams economy considerably if this was adopted instead of what you are proposing. Maybe this is as a result of your poor management and the need to recoup funds - unnecessary bike Lane on the Bristol Road, monstrosity and hardly used car park on Monkton Park, Traffic lights on Station Hill and up by Sainsburys to name but a few.</p> <p>I object strongly to these proposals.</p>
2	Individual		<p>In these incredibly difficult times for both Business and Consumers. It's crass not to give at least the first hour of parking free .can I politely remind you that you are servants of our community . Just because you have been voted to the council, this doesn't give you cart blanche to bring in charges that penalise your community . At least 1 free hour of parking would revitalise local towns and could stop unnecessary travel to out of town or even county Shopping centers that are usually free to park .</p>
3	Individual	North	<p>I object to the proposed increases to tariffs for off street parking. I take my children to swimming lessons at the Olympiad in Chippenham (using the Sadlers Mead Car Park) twice a week and only for 45 minutes at the max and needing to pay 90p each time is already ridiculous. I feel I am</p>

			<p>paying enough for the swimming lessons alone and need to pay for parking in addition to the lessons. To get my children to learn how to swim is costing me around £70 a month, thats £840 a year.</p> <p>My proposal is that the first hour of parking at Sadlers Mead Car Park should be free to allow users of the Olympiad, including the gym etc, easier access to the facilities that we are already paying for.</p>
4	Individual	South	<p>I am writing to express my concern that your department are about to introduce parking charges for people with disabilities.</p> <p>Disabled people hold Blue Badges to help them with their restricted mobility needs. Being disabled does not come cheaply as a lot of disabled people also have additional needs which have to be paid for such as mobility scooters and other special aids. By charging for parking you will be adding to this financial burden. Also (and if you are not disabled yourself you may find this difficult to grasp) just by parking up and not having to walk to a parking metre is very helpful especially if every step you take causes you pain.</p> <p>I visit Salisbury town centre most weeks to shop and have always found it very convenient to park near to where I need to be – sometimes even moving my vehicle from one spot to another to be closer to things. I have a lot of pain when walking and so try to keep distances walked as short as possible.</p> <p>Salisbury has some of the highest parking charges in the South of England which will of course put people off visiting and shopping here. Your introduction of parking charges for people with disabilities will I think put even more people off coming to Salisbury. I know there is a Park and Ride but this is no good for me with my mobility problems.</p> <p>Lastly I think that your City Councillors should be ashamed of themselves for trying to make money off the backs of people who are disabled.</p>
5	Individual	North	<p>I am extremely disappointed that yet again, Wiltshire council is making it more difficult for shoppers, etc, to park. Prices have become unjustifiable for the sort of business attraction Chippenham has to offer compared to other towns in the district.</p>

			<p>I am local and still remember when we used to enjoy 30 mins free car park. Charging points do not offer change which makes it highly convenient to catch those without the exact change and making them rounded amounts. Chippenham Council always seems to take the benefit from these situations and now, with the increases and removing free parking on a Sunday, plus disabled car parking...it was the last drop.</p> <p>Please think of local businesses and how this will encourage people to visit other towns. Bristol has bigger shopping centres offering free car park , bigger shops and food. Families will be driven to enjoy themselves elsewhere for sure. Chippenham will be left with empty coffee shops, the usual's that live close enough to walk and no more</p> <p>Coffee shops, houses at extortionate prices that seem to suit commuters more than locals and hardly any entertainment, streets that haven't seen a sweeper for years even though I pay for them, miserable tarmac, etc, etc.</p> <p>We also need an enclosed field for anyone wanting to train or exercise their dogs. Can be charged like the one in Foxham and make money from there</p>
6	Individual	N	<p>Increasing parking fees at a time when living costs are already the highest they've ever been is immoral, nonsensical and ludicrous. There are plenty of other ways the council could find extra money, not least by taking another look at their budget. Chippenham town has already settled with the decrease in people going to shop there, and this will turn people away even more. No doubt Wiltshire council will ignore the huge objection to their plans from the locals just like they ignored them to build thousands of new houses. At least scrap plans to charge blue badge holders as that is greedy beyond belief and totally immoral. No surprise Tories are being immoral though.</p>
7	Individual	N	<p>As a long time resident of Chippenham and with my husband a blue badge user, I am distressed to learn that the council are planning to raise the parking charges.</p> <p>There is anecdotal evidence that free or cheap parking brings in money and interest in the town centre.</p> <p>As far as our own situation, as my husband has mobility issues, we would choose to travel to another town with free parking if the council started charging. Please rethink this.</p>
8	Individual	S	<p>I would like to register an objection on the grounds that charging Blue Badge holders to park</p>

			when accessing essential services equates to charging pedestrians to walk to them.
9	Individual	N	<p>Car parking in some Wiltshire towns, eg Chippenham, is expensive enough. Increasing them in this period of cost of living crisis will send many shoppers elsewhere to the detriment of the high street shops. Corsham & Calne provide free parking so why not elsewhere.</p> <p>The amount of revenue gained by the increases to charges will be negligible if not negative by this proposed increased as drivers will go elsewhere.</p> <p>This shows Wiltshire Council members are myopic and do not understand the law of diminishing returns. I will be happy to explain this law to you if you ask.</p> <p>Charging disabled Blue Badge holders for parking is a despicable suggestion. Blue Badge holders did not ask to be disabled, it is not a lifestyle choice. Many of the disabled Blue Badge holders are at the poorer end of the disposable income spectrum and this will heap more misery on their lives.</p> <p>I suggest that to increase revenue, you should make the first hour of parking free Monday to Friday which will have the effect of bringing more people into the town centres during those days who will stay for more than the initial 1 hour.</p> <p>Also seek out efficiency savings as Councils are notorious for wasting money.</p>
10	Individual		Parking increases and charges in general are unreasonable, pushing people away from the towns shops and opting to online shop.
11	Individual	N	<p>You are proposing to remove the order of exception for parking charged for blue badge holders. If you are planning to do this then the following would need to be completed before making this change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - new accessible pay points would need installing next to the disabled parking bays that are an appropriate height for those standing and in a wheelchair. - They need to be close by to prevent extra walking to and from the pay machines due to limited walking capability of many blue badge holders. - They need to be accessible to wheelchairs ensuring they are not situated on raised pavements or areas with steps etc. in Chippenham many are situated on raised pathways with no drop curbs or level access, so are inaccessible. - They will need to be easy to use for those with limited dexterity and not rely on the need for a smartphone as many older users may not have access to a smart phone. Also phone signal is not

reliable in all locations, for example it is not possible to get phone signal in wootton bassett car park whilst at the disabled bays due to poor signal coverage there.

Removing free parking from car parks for blue badge holders would likely push more cars to parking on roads and on double yellow lines which they are able to do for free for 3 hours. This may impact traffic flow and increase the risk of accidents when getting out of the car onto a road. It may also impact negatively on local residents who live in roads close to the town centre.

Wootton bassett is also not very accessible with many shops having no wheelchair access and being difficult to access. Therefore access to amenities is not equal for those with a disability Raising the parking costs and preventing blue badge holders from parking for free is also likely to have a negative impact on local shops and businesses. As a blue badge holder I avoid places that are difficult to park or manage and many people do not want to pay extra to park and would head to larger retail parks instead where parking is free rather than using my local town and local businesses.

In wootton bassett more people are likely to attempt to park on the high street which is free rather than using the car parks, causing greater disruption to traffic along the high street.

Public transport is still widely unavailable or inaccessible to disabled people throughout Wiltshire due to rural locations, with no footpaths to get to bus stops and infrequent buses etc. for example Bradenstoke has no public bus service and no pathway to offer safe travel out of the village for disabled people. Therefore many disabled people have no option but to drive and park their car.

Disabled bays are also often all full causing people to have to wait for long periods for a space to become free, whilst there are generally always standard bays free. Therefore if also paying for car parking then the number of disabled parking bays would need to be increased to give the same access to parking to those with and without a disability.

I often have to pay for parking in shopping centre multi storey car parks but these have car parks and shops that are all fully accessible, equal disabled facilities, numerous parking spaces giving equal access to those with and without a disability, accessible parking pay points offering

			<p>multiple options for paying by phone, card and cash and good phone signal. Many of our local high streets and shopping areas do not have these equal facilities offering equal access to all.</p> <p>Part of the purpose of a blue badge is to help disabled people park for lower costs due to having to use their own transport as public transport is not accessible and can only be used by 1-2 wheelchair users at any one time making it unreliable to use as if the space is full you can't get on. Removing parking exemptions would also go against this intended recognition of increased travel costs and help to reduce them for disabled people.</p> <p>I hope you have thoroughly considered the above impacts of removing parking exemptions from blue badge holders and you will take into account the costs of making every car park equally accessible to all if parking charges are to be the same for all.</p>
12	Individual	N	<p>1 the rising cost of living means that this increase will add to the stress of the poor in our community. Adding the higher parking charges to the higher cost of petrol and the higher cost of food will be a blow to people on low incomes.</p> <p>2 I work in Corsham where 2 hour free parking is a bonus for the town. It allows people to pop in and do their shopping and leave. The town is thriving, with many independent shops. If instead of raising the cost of short term parking it was scrapped altogether more people would want to shop in the town centre, thereby encouraging new, small businesses to come to the town.</p>
13	Individual	N	<p>I strongly object to the removal of free parking in council car parks for holders of Blue Badges. Such a move is effective discrimination against those of us who are physically unable to walk to or use public transport to access our town centres.</p>
14	Individual		<p>I am a blue badge holder and am dismayed to see charges being introduced in Wiltshire. Firstly, disabled bays are near where we need to go but not necessarily near ticket machines which means walking further than is comfortable. I use a stick or rollator and standing for too long or walking too far is painful and at times impossible as my spine and hips burn with pain. I have several forms of inflammatory arthritis and suffer everywhere but especially my SI joints, pelvis and vertebrae.</p>

			<p>Another issue is that like many in my position, I no longer work as I am so debilitated and therefore rely on benefits. I have a much reduced income from when I was functioning. Being ill and disabled is expensive. We have aids and adaptations to pay for, increased light and heat being home so much, need to maintain a car as public transport is so uncomfortable and petrol to attend therapies and medical appointments. We are the hardest hit in society and as a CEV person I already feel abandoned by removal of Covid safeguards.</p> <p>Please discuss this matter with your colleagues as a return to free parking is needed.</p>
15	Individual	N	<p>I have recently heard that there is a proposed plan to re-instate the parking charges in Corsham. As a Corsham resident, I strongly reject this proposal due to the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keeping the high street 'alive' will be impossible if you reduce the number of people popping into town. How can you expect people to come to Corsham if they have to pay to just look around, never mind actually buy anything. Even people requiring essentials would go to other locations for a quick shop. 2. Parking at school drop off/pick up is already a nightmare, and this will only get worse if the car parks charge to park. 3. Parking on residential streets would drastically increase and annoy residents close to schools and high street. 4. The pollution directly outside schools, where the children play outside, would increase due to the increase number of cars in close proximity to the schools. 5. It does not make economic sense to charge people to use the facilities of a town that is bringing money into the community and which we trying to keep alive.
16	Individual		<p>I wish to voice my concerns and oppose the proposals to charge blue badge holders in council run car parks. This is unacceptable and immoral.</p>
17	Individual	N	<p>I am commenting on the proposal to increase parking charges in Wiltshire.</p> <p>With virtually no street parking in town, this is going to further cripple our already distressed and struggling town centre.</p>

			<p>We need to be encouraging footfall to the high street rather than deterring it by increasing charges.</p> <p>As for charging blue badge holders..... Are you actually serious? I am really shocked that this would be proposed. Especially at a time where those more vulnerable members of our community are under extreme pressure from rising costs of living.</p> <p>The whole working class population of the country is in a state of financial hardship and they do not need such further additional expenses just to buy their food and supplies.</p>
18	Individual	N	<p>Chippenham council has already contributed to the demise of the town centre with car parking costs. To increase would further damage the town centre and deter other businesses and people visiting Chippenham. The town is a disgrace</p>
19	Individual	N	<p>To whom it may concern, I am writing to object to the increase in parking charges. Our high streets sre struggling and increasing parking charges will not help. Furthermore whilst the council moght be in need of money, increasing the charges will lead to less money as people will stop using the car parks.</p> <p>Councils are quick complain about the government squeezing incomes of people but you are proposing the same. The excuse that people van use public transport is utter crap as they barely turn up..... leading to fewer people coming into towns.</p>
20	Individual	N	<p>I'm at a loss as to understand the proposed changes to the income charged for parking in Chippenham car parks. Chippenham already has the most expensive car parking facilities in our part of Wiltshire and that is driving visiting shoppers away from the town, this increase in parking charges will drive even more shoppers away. Where I live in Charter road and we have the same cars parking every day and the occupants walking to their jobs in town rather than paying car parking fees. This will only get worse for us and other roads around the town as the car parking fees are raised yet again.</p> <p>The move to inflict parking charges on "blue badge" holders is totally reprehensible. I'm disabled and have to endure so many extra expenses to just try and live as normal a life as possible and this extra charge is yet another burden for we the disabled to try and overcome out of our</p>

			shrinking incomes.
21	Individual	W	<p>I have many objections to the proposed parking changes and increased charges. The main thrust of which follows; Why are Wiltshire Council increasing the cost of parking in their almost empty Trowbridge car parks</p> <p>When it is blatantly obvious to most people that these car park would get more use if the charges were more reasonable. If the consultation phase means anything at all I am sure that anyone commenting will agree that it makes no sense to increase these fees when in reality reducing them would encourage more people to use them and raise revenues. Also how are we with one hand investing in our town centre with the Future High Streets Fund projects and at the same time ensuring people stay away by increasing our parking costs? Makes no sense at all.</p> <p>The principle of looking after our disabled residents has suffered with the changes to the special parking rules they have enjoyed until now.</p> <p>If you want to drive people away from our town centres you are going the right way about it</p>
22	Individual	N	<p>High streets are struggling enough to stay open with current parking charges do this will only further discourage people from supporting local businesses and from using other local services. I also think removing the free parking for people with disabilities is wrong and completely unnecessary</p>
23	Individual	S	<p>Please reconsider your decision to start charging car parking charges on Sundays in Salisbury?</p> <p>The local shops are already struggling and cost of living is going up. Free parking on a Sunday keeps the footfall up in town.</p> <p>Parking on a Sunday is brilliant without the charges. It is a joy to park and enjoy the shops/cafe/restaurant without the stress of being fined/ clock watching. Please do not take this away from our local community?</p>

24	Individual	S	<p>I wish you to consider my views on the worrying proposed changes to the Blue Badge Scheme in Salisbury.</p> <p>I cannot be independent without my car near to me, I cannot park my car, get the ticket and then go about my business in the city. I move the car every time I move around (opposite M&S, the Blue Boar Row, Central Carpark etc. I cannot use a bus as they do not deposit me where I need to go, I would not have the energy/strength to carry anything home on a bus, or park and ride. (I've tried) I am not able to queue or walk any distance. As the Blue Badge implies.</p> <p>I have a small job in Fisherton Street, where I can park my car as near as possible in the main carpark-short stay end. This is hard to accomplish at the best of days.</p> <p>How could I park in the short stay all day? Like I can now, I can't walk any further, and it's a struggle to walk that far as it is.</p> <p>Unlike regular commuters, I don't have the luxury of being able to use busses to get into town from Wilton. I am very concerned that you have forgotten about how much pain and discomfort is involved in being disabled. It's no fun. It's not a free ride with perks.</p> <p>I get minimal PIP, I could not survive on it, so I'm forced to work to make ends meet. It is very hard to find employment when you are useless on your legs. So drive in I must. I park as close as I can so I don't get too tired and ill. If I'm made to park further away in long stay, then I will not be able to come in to town.</p> <p>I feel that you should consider that many, many disabled people, me included, will start to park on double yellow lines, as they are entitled too. I feel you are penalising an already vulnerable group, you will be making our lives more difficult and will be causing an already financial disadvantaged group further hardship.</p>
25	Individual	W	<p>Starting to charge disabled people in Melksham car parks is against their human rights. Not only will it be impossible with people in wheelchairs to actually be able to buy the tickets as the machine is too high to reach and fitting a new machine will be very expensive. It will cause disabled people to park on the street which will cause traffic chaos. Surely you can see that this is</p>

			NOT the right thing to do. If you charged people with blue badges a set price pre year to park say £20.00 per year I am sure this will give you the funds you need and stop traffic parking chaos
26	Individual	N	I am writing to formally object plans for the proposed price increase of parking tariffs in Wiltshire.
27	Individual	N	How can Chippenham town centre or any of the local Businesses prosper or sustain, with parking charges being so prohibitive. Please consider options such as Iceland where at least a voucher can offset parking costs. The town will not survive. Corsham offer 2 hours, please reinstate, people will not return unless there is a need too.
28	Individual	N	<p>I am strongly against the proposal to increase car parking charges in Wiltshire. Chippenham High Street is already struggling due to the high rent prices and the impacts of Covid restrictions. To increase parking charges will result people shopping elsewhere (It's free to park at Cribbs Causeway) and a lower footfall on the high street. Already struggling local businesses will lose important trade.</p> <p>It's also an additional unnecessary increased cost for those who need to use the car parks on a daily / weekly basis. At a time when people are also coping with the extreme increases in energy and fuel prices.</p> <p>Blue badge holders should not ever be charged. To charge blue badge holders could threaten their ability to be independent.</p> <p>I would suggest to hold the current prices and make car parking free on market days/ weekends to encourage footfall onto the high street.</p>
29	Individual	W	<p>I am a blue badge holder and have been for a number of years. I find the imposition of these charges in these chastened times hard to comprehend.</p> <p>I am a pensioner on a limited budget where every pennies counts. My car is my only means of getting out to the shops, doctors library etc. We are encouraged to support our local neighborhood/shops but if parking charges are introduced across the county local shops will suffer.</p> <p>From my perspective the options are to start parking on double yellow lines which ultimately clogs up residential/business streets.. Surely the income from disabled bays is so small it seems a</p>

			<p>total overkill/imposition.</p> <p>What the county should be doing to alleviate their funding shortfall is</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase special drives to identify fraudulent parking permits. 2. Double tax on empty second homes. 3. Pursue empty homes more vigorously.
30	Individual	N	<p>I object to the rise in car parking charges. I never have the right change and the machines don't give change. I can't be bothered to have loads of apps on my phone which often works out more expensive. That's why I won't park in Chippenham. I go to Corsham and get 2 hours free car parking. This will kill the town</p>
31	Individual	N	<p>A minimum of 2 free hours is essential to maintain footfall in our small towns seven days a week. In Corsham with Sainsburys and Aldi so close with free parking for customers means people will not shop locally. I appreciate that our town council pays you to keep our 2 hours, but Wilts council should be giving these two free hours , seven days a week, in Corsham</p>
32	Individual	N	<p>Blue Badge holders parking should remain without charge</p>
33	Individual	N	<p>Car parking tariffs should not be increased, it is a sure way to deter people from using the town centre shops and amenities, making it somewhat a ghost town. I believe that if car parking was free for at least the first hour it would encourage more people to visit the town and benefit struggling local businesses. Free parking in Corsham has worked wonders for the small town and I for one use it regularly for the independent local shops. Deterring visitors to Chippenham by charging and increasing that charge is slowly killing off our delightful market town</p>
34	Individual		<p>I am very much against the latest traffic charges especially the removal of the Disabled driver exemption. A disabled person unlike an abled person does not have the choice of leaving the car behind and walking to the shops as they cannot walk any distance carrying heavy groceries etc. So are disadvantage when it comes to whether they should pay for parking for not. Also, charging for parking can have the opposite to helping out environment by actually causing drivers to drive further afield to avoid paying the parking costs. It would also have a detrimental affect on the</p>

			businesses in the area
35	Individual	N	<p>I think increasing the parking charges in Wiltshire will be detrimental to all our towns and villages together with their businesses. It will only encourage people to travel to shopping malls out side of the area which have no parking charges, which will result in more and more of our local businesses closing and an even bigger loss of income to our councils. It's bad enough already with so many shops closing and only cafes and charity shops opening up.</p> <p>Also charging blue badge holders for parking will mean that a lot of people won't be able to shop at all. Those using these spaces are often the most vulnerable in our our society and often on low incomes, with the general cost of living going up this will, be yet another strain on their resources and will end up with more and more people being unable to get out and about and resulting in an increased strain on their mental health.</p> <p>Overall I think this is a very bad idea</p>
36	Individual	N	<p>I wish to register my absolute OBJECTION to the horrendous increase in parking charges in Wilts especially my town centre of Chippenham, the Sunday charge in particular is ridiculously overpriced and nonsensical. You are making an already town worse by charging more and putting people off sales going local for sales, so endangering yet MORE LIVLIHOODS and forcing people to shop online, the elderly cannot shop online, the shops are going derelict aprt from blooming Charity shops too mny to be honest! STOP you onslaught on parkers.</p>
37	Individual	N	<p>I would like to comment on the proposed charges for parking across Chippenham. I already choose to avoid Chippenham as much as possible if I can go to Corsham to do what I need to do because there is free parking</p> <p>I feel saddened that proposals are likely to put even more people off visiting the town when what I would like to see is it becoming a destination centre-like Frome or Malmesbury or Marlborough. I would spend more time there if there were more independent shops and nicer eating spaces. The Gladstone, The Garden, the Rivo lounge and the Angel are all great but to be honest I'm more likely to go in the evening when then isn't a charge.</p> <p>During the day my friends and I head to Hartham Park, Allingtons, No3 The Deli or the Methuen Arms, Grounded in Corsham. We would happily spend money in one of the Chippenham eateries</p>

			<p>mentioned above but when we have the choice not to pay parking and have trouble parking, why would we.</p> <p>Please reconsider this proposal and the cost of parking compared with local towns</p>
38	Individual	N	<p>It is outrageous that you are raising the parking charges in Chippenham, people are struggling now to live in this town without you making things worse. You have already changed Sunday parking! Footfall in town will drop and more shops will close. How come Corsham can give the first two hours free to encourage shopping? I am totally opposed to these changes as a pensioner with limited funds</p>
39	Individual	W	<p>I feel I must protest about the charge being suggested for disabled drivers. I have no objection to paying (ie a permit to display) but most able-bodied people are unaware regarding the extreme difficulty of actually getting to the payment machines for disabled people, whether walking or with a wheel chair. Not everyone has a smart phone to use for payment. Warminster High Street has only 1 disabled parking bay in the main stretch (which in itself is a disgrace). All you will achieve is to make disabled drivers with a disposable income spend it somewhere else, unfortunately. Frome is very nearby with easy parking on and off street</p>
40	Individual	N	<p>Chippenham is unfairly twice the price of other towns. I also disagree with changing blue badge holders. I would suggest a free hour would get more people coming into the town rather than shopping online or in Swindon or Bristol.</p> <p>Charging in Castle Combe may well be fine for tourists but it will have a negative effect on all the progress made in lockdown getting people out into the countryside. I think this will also cause local people to park on roads and cause issues for residents</p>
41	Individual	N	<p>I think it's terrible increasing the charges. You are going to put businesses out of business. I for one will not be visiting. Why don't you want to support footfall and see the towns bustling? And to apply charges for blue badge holders is just ridiculous. You can't be serious! I am disabled myself and with the increase to living costs, I'm finding it hard to live and get essentials from a town anyway.. let alone having to find money to pay for parking! As a disabled person, money is hard to earn at the best of times with my body being so poorly and you're expecting a disabled person to fork out for parking. Where is the support?! Where is the understanding?! Where is the compassion? Increasing this and council tax and goodness knows what else will only increase a nation of poverty and poorness. The working population just need a break.</p> <p>What a terrible town council. Soon will be ghost towns all over Wiltshire.</p> <p>No one will forgive the people of Wiltshire council for this.</p>

42	Individual	N	<p>I particularly object to blue badge holders being charged to park. It is difficult enough for disabled people to get out and about as it is, without imposing additional challenges of needing to plan and pay for parking. Disabled people are often some of the poorest in society and, like everyone, will be suffering from rising living costs. Imposing parking charges on them will mean they may become even more trapped at home than they already often are.</p>
43	Individual	N	<p>my comments on the new parking charges are that they will deter visitors to Chippenham town centre. There are already less shops and cafes for people to visit and this will likely get worse. The Sunday charges doesn't feature on the consultation paper I viewed, but I'm also disappointed that Sunday parking charges now apply.</p> <p>I no longer go to the town centre on Sundays and will only visit on others days if I absolutely have to.</p> <p>Parking charges will also affect parking and road safety in non-restricted residential areas where people will park in neighbourhoods that are close to the town and walk</p>
44	Individual	N	<p>I strongly object to the raising of car park fees, introduction of Sunday charging & also charges for blue badge holders. Chippenham has always had much higher charging than some towns, which I have never understood the reasoning for this. If you go ahead with this plan you will kill the Town centre, it is bad enough now. You should be encouraging people to shop in Chippenham, not discouraging! I personally do not shop in the Town very often, & if I do will walk into Town, I absolutely refuse to pay the charges. There are a number of Towns in the area, which I would rather drive to for the parking fees are more reasonable!! I have lived in Chippenham for over 70 years, & it is no longer a lovely Town to live in, which is a great shame</p>
45	Individual	S	<p>Well congratulations yet another nail in the coffin of Salisbury.</p> <p>There are nearly as many empty shops as working shops and you decide to charge disabled badge holders and put up parking charges.</p> <p>You already wasted money on the cycle lane you put in and then removed.</p> <p>Well I will not be coming into Salisbury after this I will shop elsewhere.</p> <p>I really can't believe you have done this in the present financial crisis with fuel prices rising and fuel costs</p>
46	Individual	N	<p>How can the idea of raising car parking charges across Wiltshire car parks be logical and real at this time? It's absolutely barking mad to think this is the right strategy at a time when people are</p>

			<p>under immense pressure with necessary household expenses and when NI tax increases have also commenced.</p> <p>The strategy needs a rethink - do you want to increase foot flow across town centres and get people to spend their hard earned, but reducing levels of cash? If so, raising charges simply does not work. Reducing them might actually be more beneficial in the longer term, as seen elsewhere in Corsham and outside of Wiltshire.</p> <p>Please rethink and adopt an alternative strategy. Furthermore, I cannot believe you intend even considering charging those less fortunate than ourselves who have no choice but to use a blue badge. It is hard enough supporting anyone with a visible or non-visible disability, but to levy charges just so that they can visit a town centre for basic needs is preposterous. At least adopt some moral dignity by excluding this element of the proposal if it must go ahead.</p>
47	Individual	N	<p>I find you're proposal to charge blue badge holders to park in a disabled bay to be disgraceful. Are you proposing to move the payment machines closer to the disabled bays, if not you would double the distance to the car park exit for most people. As for your suggestion that blue badge holders park on double yellow lines for up to three hours instead, that is totally ridiculous and could cause long delays for other road users. A blue badge is not free and could result in a holder paying more to park than the car they are park next to.</p> <p>I could go on but I'll just say that you should be ashamed of yourselves for suggesting such a prejudiced and thoughtless idea</p>
48	Individual	N	<p>Increasing the charges in the middle of a cost of living crisis is ridiculous. No one will bother to park in Chippenham and visit the highstreet and instead travel elsewhere. Local businesses and local residents will suffer at the cost of a few pennies to the council that already recieved increased funding from council tax rises</p>
49	Individual	N	<p>The multitude of differing parking charges is unjust, of which those trying to avoid accumulated higher price charging will not be aware of such price differences. Especially the charge difference between levels at Emery Gate!</p> <p>The pricing difference for Sundays is also extremely unfair, as repeated visits actually result in a total higher charge, compared with repeated visits in the week.</p>

			<p>It is also discriminatory that Monkton Park Saturday parking is the cheapest, of which generally only the Council Office workers would generally be of this knowledge.</p> <p>To avoid the town eventually dying due to cost of living rise and free parking at larger outlets, it should be considered that a partnership be established with local shops to encourage the ability to be refunded the 1st hour of parking fee by the store when a minimum spend is reached.</p>
50	Individual	N	<p>Reintroducing car parking charges in the Castle Combe car park is a mad idea. It was done before and the level of illegal parking it generated meant it was removed. The illegal parking puts pedestrians at risk on the hill down to the village. If you introduce this and there is an accident you will have blood on your hands. Why do you not remember the lessons learned in the past?</p>
51	Individual	S	<p>I think the introduction of paid parking for blue badge holders in Salisbury is most unfair. Whilst paid parking in other cities is possible acceptable, people are probably there for recreation, making disabled people pay to park for what is probably necessary visits grossly unfair. All blue badge holders pay for their badges anyway, and the added cost of parking, and the long struggle to find a meter they can reach (many are in wheelchairs) and the longer times they will have to pay to stay, as all have mobility issues, is a thoughtless attack on vulnerable citizens. Disabled people are going to park on roads to save money, and many will face the added dangers of having to get out of cars in the flow on oncoming traffic. Salisbury parking is already overpriced for the quality and quantity of shops on offer.. I urge you to think again.</p>
52	Individual		<p>I believe at a time when all cost are rising this would be a major error by the Council, potentially sounding a death knoll to our town centres..</p> <p>At a time when all other bills are rising many people are struggling with the basics, this increase is totally inappropriate</p>
53	Individual	N	<p>As a resident of Chippenham I was encouraged to object to the changes in parking fees. These are my views having not read much:</p> <p>Please do not charge for disabled parking. I guess you could turn one space per carpark into the 2.5 hour time limited space to ensure some turnover and availability in those spaces if that's what</p>

		<p>the aim of charging was to achieve. Individuals with disabilities often encounter low incomes, and taking public transport is potentially more physical effort that could leave them increasing their pain medication, or not leaving the house as often due to other barriers.</p> <p>For everyone else, yes increase parking fee's but reinvest it in more sustainable transport methods</p>
54	Individual	<p>May I make my objections to the forthcoming proposals to the Council charging Blue Badge Holders to park in the Council owned car parks.</p> <p>I understand, via the reading of an article from the transport cabinet holder that this is to reflect the cost of inflation.</p> <p>Well if one is disabled and in receipt of DLA/PIP the increase in allowance wef 12/4/2022 is 3.1%, as is the State Pension However the current rate of RPI is 7.8% and the current inflation rate is 5.5%, both unlikely to reduce in the near future.</p> <p>In addition to being disabled with stage 4 COPD I also have severe scoliosis so am “rather” restricted in walking and as a result my means of transport is car plus mobility scooter (fold up job).</p> <p>To penalise, financially, those whose income is totally reliant on the government (who recently stuffed us pensioners by doing away with triple lock system) and that said income increase for this coming financial year is less than half the average of the RPI and Inflation is akin to putting the boot in when one is already on the ground.</p> <p>I would respectfully ask you to reconsider making any charge whatsoever in respect of parking for Blue Badge Holders as we have already been penalised enough. After all there are alternatives you could consider, such as raising all car park charges to the same rates as Salisbury - that would more than cover the income you would derive from us!</p> <p>We take longer to get in and out of our vehicle, longer to do our shopping and sometimes the effort is suck we need to have a rest/break as well.</p> <p>Our alternative is to do online shopping and/or use “out of town” facilities with offer free parking, this would be to the detriment if the town/city businesses which are already struggling.</p> <p>I am more that happy for a member of you cabinet to come with me for a day so they may experience (and hopefully understand) the problems we suffer every day of our lives and how any charge-however small- affects our situation.</p> <p>Yes we have a bus pass, but if you had to experience the comments and abuse we get from some passengers because of our slowness (you don't ask a pushchair user to vacate a wheelchair only</p>

			<p>bay as you are likely to be told to fuck off) then you would understand why a lot of us don't use a bus. Sometimes we get no help in getting on or off so again are put off.</p> <p>I hope my objections will be taken into consideration as well as my offer of accompanying me for a day</p>
55	Individual	N	<p>Objecting to proposed parking charges. I think there should be an hour free for parking to encourage use of the local shops. I want to see a thriving high street for the local towns in Wiltshire. For me that's Chippenham. This is for those that have to drive, with young kids or disabled. Charge for blue badges could lead to parking on yellow lines.</p> <p>I cycle when possible so please put more money into safer routes for cycling to the shops and cycle racks in well lit open areas. The town bridge cycle racks in Chippenham is great. It just feels unsafe to cycle on some of the roads with my kids</p>
56	Individual	N	<p>Chippenham is already dying because so many shops have closed. There are many items you can no longer buy here. If parking charges are increased there will be far fewer customers for the businesses that still survive and many more will close. People are already refusing to pay for parking in town because they can park for free at the out of town stores so it makes no sense. To take away the free parking for Blue Badge holders is just mean, people with limited mobility have enough difficulty without having to walk further than needed to go and get a parking ticket. Please reconsider</p>
57	Individual	N	<p>I am a Chippenham citizens living in Cepenpark North</p> <p>I am dismayed by the shortsightedness of parking charges being enforced in Chippenham. Economic downturn ahead and you are creating further barriers to support the local economy. Corsham has free 2 hour parking and we have been going there instead. Why don't you make the first 2 hours free to encourage people to visit town</p>
58	Individual	N	<p>We are especially against instating fees for disabled people, as Jane has a disability badge and my son has a disability badge and we all visit Chippenham each weekend for essential items, which means these new changes will result in a £166 a year bill simply due to having disabilities meaning we are unable to use public transport.</p> <p>We could of course park on double yellow lines, but not for the period of time required. We also think forcing people to congest the roads instead of using designated spaces is a bit stupid</p>

59	Individual	N	<p>Car expenses have gone up significantly. Petrol has increased significantly, now parking too. Affording the current parking charges is getting more and more difficult. If the prices increase, it is going to be a real struggle for many in the area. Wiltshire does not have good bus and train connections, hence quite a lot of people rely on cars. Charging for parking on Sundays is already in place and making it more expensive to go out and about. We can cut down on leisure time, but we cannot cut down on essential journeys/parking for work .</p>
60	Individual	N	<p>I cannot believe Chippenham are increasing their parking charges and removing free parking for blue badges. So many units are empty already and people will prefer to go to nearby Towns where parking is either free or negligible amounts, are they seriously trying to turn Chippenham into a ghost town!!! I rarely venture in as I resent the charges already so will likely not come at all in future. Very short sighted and shameful.</p>
61	Individual	N	<p>The increase in car parking charges will be yet another nail in the coffin of Chippenham High Street. Already the charges are too high - it is noticeable that every other town in Northern Wiltshire has lower charges. We should be encouraging visitors to visit our town to use our shops & cafes. This extra charge will discourage everyone. It is also wrong to charge Blue Badge Holders to park.</p> <p>This is a very short-sighted suggestion & I hope the Council will re-consider</p>
62	Individual	N	<p>We object to the proposal to introduce parking fees for Blue Badge holders in Wiltshire Council Car Parks. These badges are not free but paid for when given out and are only given to people with mobility problems. Often these people can not work because of their mobility problems and are therefore on very low incomes. To introduce a Parking fee would be very unfair and probably limit the amount of times they would park in Town thereby taking trade away from the Town centre. They would be more likely to go to other out of town shopping areas where Parking is free. This is inhumane to make people with mobility problems have to chose between going out and having to pay to park or stay at home and rely on other people doing their errands for them. This is discriminating against the disabled</p>
63	Individual	N	<p>Firstly I object to this increase as there is no explanation to justify it. Looking at the current state of some of the county's car parks (surfaces that need new lines painting, pot holes filling) there is no logical explanation why the current charges do not give the Council enough money to remedy these. If it is for improvements to the car parks then it would make some sense. However if it is</p>

			<p>just to make money for the council because it has overspent then no. What improvements are intended to be made with these increases?</p> <p>Secondly the idea of charging Blue Badge holders is a disgrace. I do not need a Blue badge but to penalise those that do is disgusting. If it is to draw us in line with other councils then Wiltshire Council you can do better! Be the better Council morally.</p> <p>Thirdly - We all have increasing costs occurring currently and this increase may not seem like a lot - 10 or 20 pence here and there, but for many on a budget it makes the difference between visiting a town for 1 or 2 hours. If someone can only afford 1 hour as apposed to 2 hours parking then they will spend less on our struggling high streets. Or choose either to go to somewhere with free parking like a large supermarket or choose not to travel at all. We should be encouraging people and visitors to our towns and independent shops after the pandemic. Not chasing them away. For example after the huge increase in car parking charges in Bath I have gone from visiting and shopping and dining in the city from once a week to once every couple of months, if that. Maybe just me not going doesn't matter but it's not just me- it's hundreds of others and that impacts in the long run</p>
64	Individual	N	<p>I feel it is important to keep car parking costs low within Chippenham to encourage more people to visit the town centre. It has so much potential, and think there needs to be more of a push to not only draw visitors and new businesses but also re-ignite interest from locals who have lived here for a long time</p>
65	Individual	N	<p>I note that the consultation proposes introducing charges for blue badge holders.</p> <p>As a blue badge holder myself I am concerned about this. For several reasons</p> <p>Recent "traffic management" changes in Chippenham have removed a number of places blue badge holders can park. And the few on street disabled spaces are restricted to an hour. Now clearly a ploy to move disabled people to car parks.</p> <p>There aren't enough disabled spaces in car parks anyway. And many are inadequate eg not having wide enough access</p> <p>If blue badge holders have to pay then there must be more spaces and these must be better.</p>

			<p>If blue badge holders must pay then I would advocate for example being given an extra hour free. A practice in Dorset for example</p>
66	Individual	N	<p>I am writing to object to the introduction of parking charges for Sunday parking.</p> <p>Members of my church congregation ([REDACTED]) are being penalised for attending church</p>
67	Individual	W	<p>I wish to register an objection to your proposed increase in car parking charges. If you look at your car parks you will see that there are often lots of spaces. I used to regularly park in the car park near St James Church. It was 40p for an hour and was often full. When you increased it to £1.10 in one hit, I refused to park there anymore and given the amount of spaces, so did a lot of other people.</p> <p>You should be looking to encourage people to come and shop in Trowbridge, not make it more expensive, especially now that the bus service on the D1 has not been restored to the pre lockdown timetable</p>
68	Individual	N	<p>I object to parking charges in Chippenham being:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased 2. Made payable by Blue Badge Holders 3. Made payable on a Sunday
69	Individual	N	<p>You should be doing everything you can to encourage people into our town centres. A prosperous and vibrant town centre can be the beating heart of a community and give people pride in the place they live. It will encourage new businesses, both local and national which in turn brings more people back to the town centres. These proposals are counter productive to that aim and will actively discourage people. The loss of free parking on a Sunday has not helped, and now a proposed raise in the cost means it's a double whammy. It feels like a very short sighted option.</p>
70	Individual	N	<p>I am a retired serviceman, my wife and I manage on small pension. I have just had my house reassessed for Council Tax with quite a large increase. My wife has a Blue Badge which is essential for her to do any shopping. Any increase in parking charges is just going to add to my increasing financial problems. I have lived in the area for over 47 years and I am fully supportive in that I am treasurer of a local charity and a volunteer for the National Trust. I have always felt that the council has run the county well up until now but this move is going to cause a lot of upset. I feel our local councillors should reconsider this decision.</p>

71	Individual	N	<p>We understand you intend to impose car parking fees for disabled travellers. We object most strongly to this and ask you not to charge disabled parkers. I have to use a mobility scooter and it means an awful lot of extra work getting to the meter, inserting coins as I have only one good hand, then putting the ticket on display means getting back into my vehicle.</p> <p>It will be almost impossible for me to do this on my own so my days of parking in Wiltshire car parks will be over .</p> <p>I have a blue badge which makes life so much easier. I suppose that will be obsolete in the near future.</p> <p>Please reconsider this proposal</p>
72	Individual	N	<p>I object to the removal of the automatic right to free parking for those who are eligible for a "blue badge" due to mobility/disability reasons</p>
73	Individual	N	<p>Raising carparking fees at a time when people are already struggling with the rising cost of living will have a detrimental effect on our town centres making them less attractive to local shoppers and visitors. Imposing a charge on those who are disabled i.e. Blue Badge holders is also something that should be avoided and I believe unnecessary.</p> <p>Please withhold my name and address from any public posting of this email</p>
74	Individual	N	<p>Regarding the parking charges in Chippenham. It is an absolute disgrace and disgusted at the fact you would make blue badge holders pay for the parking. Not the fact, of the cost which they are more likely to be on disability allowance but the fact you will have them struggle to get to a machine and have to go extra effort, the bays are designed to make it easier for people with disabilities and you will have them struggle around a car park to a machine that actually works (because they never do, and never even give change). It's sickening. The greed of the council is disgusting. I've never been so disappointed to live in a place where the council treats its people like this.</p> <p>Sundays parking is also a disgrace. Isn't it enough money you receive already??? Spending millions pointlessly on a huge multistorey car park but then make the town pay but no one wanted it. The corruption in Wiltshire Council is rife. Pointless traffic lights which cause congestion which was never there before.</p> <p>Raising the prices will be punishing the businesses in town centre and if you carry on, there will</p>

			<p>be no more businesses in the town centre, then, how will you get your money? Absolutely disgusted with these proposals and I could guarantee 90% of the town would agree, even if they don't bother to email. Wake up, you are destroying the town, stop spending money on pointless things no one wants, and stop trying to increase parking charges and times. Maybe actually give free time to people using olympiad and gyms in town. Corsham are doing a fantastic job and you can see they appreciate their community. But Wiltshire Council are so greedy it's disgusting</p>
75	Individual	N	<p>My family and I moved to Chippenham some 25 years ago on my retirement from the Forces. Over this time we have noticed a steady decline within the town centre, with many stores, both large chains and local startups leaving due to many things. High business rates and lack of footfall being just two. So many families have tried to make ago of it and start up businesses, from butchers to craft to clothes, all finding it just to hard, why?</p> <p>The Town Council made a big show of appointing a business regeneration team and for what I can see they have had very little impact on how Chippenham Town Centre now finds itself. It saddens us and many of our local friends to see that the once vibrant shopping centre is now on a race to the bottom, where shop fronts have decorated windows with nothing inside on them. Where the majority of shops are either charity, mobile phone or coffee!</p> <p>We know that you the County Council need money to provide support for the less needy and services for the rest, but putting up local parking charges is not the way. All that this will do is starve the town centre of yet more needed footfall and force many to visit, mostly by car, more distant shopping centres. So Bath, Bristol & Swindow get the trade that our local town desperately needs and deserves.</p> <p>Please recognise that times are hard, people are struggling and we love our Town, so we ask you to reconsider raising the parking charges that you propose to implement.</p> <p>We as a family are totally against this proposal.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to reconsider and for all you do for us</p>
76	Individual	N	<p>I think it is ridiculous to increase parking charges at a time when many people are struggling to make ends meet with the increasing cost of living. Going ahead with these proposals would show that Wiltshire Council does not care about its residents</p>

77	Individual	N	<p>I am writing to object most strongly to the imposition of increased car parking charges in car parks in Chippenham and throughout Wiltshire. This will kill off any trade in town centres, particularly in Chippenham, which is really suffering anyway.</p> <p>To do this, and add in charging for Sundays, seems a very retrograde step, particularly at this time when so many are struggling with the cost of living.</p> <p>Please think again!</p>
78	Individual	N	<p>As senior citizens, now in our late eighties (and recently , very necessary blue badge holders), we think the above is outrageous and beggars belief.</p> <p>Obviously, this ludicrous idea will damage the town irreparably and as many townspeople have already suggested, will just drive people away.</p> <p>At an already difficult time for everyone and when the town is already declining, surely ‘ the powers that be’ must realise that people will not come into the town anymore and just shop at the supermarkets, where there is free parking and no doubt, small hard-working businesses will struggle and have to close and inevitably the town will die!</p> <p>When we moved to Chippenham, nearly fifty years ago, it was a delightful little market town with so much ‘going for it’. Over the years, it has been consistently destroyed, by so called ‘progress’ and we now fear, this latest scheme, will be ‘the nail in the coffin’, SO BE IT!</p> <p>We are reaching the end of our lives and as far as we are concerned this latest madness, will make very little difference to us and already our family (children and grandchildren) have moved away.</p> <p>Our needs are now minimal and we shall just shop at our local supermarket. However, we do fear for the younger generation</p>
79	Individual		<p>As senior citizens in our late eighties (and recently very necessary blue badge holders) we think this latest increase is absolutely disgraceful and beggars belief.</p> <p>What on earth are WCC thinking of?</p>

			<p>Obviously, this ludicrous idea will damage the town irreparably and as many people have already suggested, will just drive people out of town completely. Already there is very little to come into Chippenham for, even the Banks are closing! Surely you must realise that people will just shop at the supermarkets where there is free parking and small hard-working businesses will have to close and the town will just die.</p> <p>When we moved to Chippenham fifty years ago, it was a delightful little market town with so much 'going for it'. Over the years, it has consistently been destroyed and this we now fear, 'will be the nail in the coffin! So be it.</p> <p>As far as we are concerned, it will make very little difference. We shall just Bank on line and shop at the nearest supermarket, as will so many others of our ilk</p>
80	Individual	N	Have you not heard of the national cost of living crisis or the dying town centre
81	Individual	N	<p>Please note that I fully object to the price increases planned for car parking in Wiltshire. It is going to have a great affect on the community as a whole. Both shoppers and shops will suffer. At a time where big increases are happening across the board this is the last thing needed. People who work or visit towns will move their cars to the outer edges of towns and impede the flow of traffic and upset residents. Plus disabled residents cannot exercise such a choice. Life is very difficult as is with illness and mobility issues, why make it more traumatic. The general public can work an extra hour a week to pay for things they need, disabled have fixed incomes and little or no financial flexibility in their lives.</p> <p>A simple family visit to the swimming pool as a treat in the school holidays or a picnic in the park would have to take into account finding extra money and socially have a direct impact on childhood. Children like everyone has had their social and emotional well-being impacted by covid as well as all the population of Wiltshire.</p> <p>This summer it is important to allow people to get their confidence back in their local council and feel part of a community and keep the shops open that have survived covid times.</p> <p>Carers for Wiltshire use cafes to meet in town for carers to meet and know they are not alone, young mums meeting together, older folks meeting friends. Parents and carers picking children up from schools like ivy lane and charter in Chippenham with no parent parking.</p> <p>Please see the bigger picture</p>

82	Individual	N	<p>I am disabled, I drive a large vehicle wav. Charging for the few large enough disabled parking bays only ensures I will never come into town. The cost of living crisis is hitting everyone, but more so sick and disabled, I might be able to get the odd coffee in the High Street, but not if I'm spending extra on parking. I miss seeing people going about their shopping, sometimes even chat to someone. I will be buying everything online instead of supporting our businesses. I'd always buy from the market for food. Not any more</p>
83	Individual	N	<p>I am dismayed to see the proposed increases in parking charges in Wiltshire , particularly Chippenham. I am a disabled badge holder but not in receipt of any disability benefits.</p> <p>I am unable to walk very far and use my badge a lot to park in town so that I can visit local businesses and socialise with friends. There are insufficient street parking spaces for disabled people in Chippenham anyway and these charges will mean that that I will have to consider very carefully before coming into town. Using a bus is not an option because of the walking involved. I really hope the council will reconsider their intention to increase parking charges and take away free parking for blue badge holders. It seems to be a very shortsighted decision, the town centre needs people to visit ,not kept away because of the cost of parking. Being disabled is bad enough , without being penalised in this way</p>
84	Individual	N	<p>In the current financial climate I felt I must write to voice my objection to the proposed changes to parking charges and the introduction of charging Blue Badge holders for parking. This is the totally wrong time for these changes, it will have a detrimental impact on the town centre shops and there are far better ways to conserve Council finances that will fill the gap</p>
85	Individual	N	<p>My name is [REDACTED] and I am responding to the consultation on car parking charges both in a private capacity and as the main driver for [REDACTED] my wife who is a named blue badge holder.</p> <p>The seismic change in consumers shopping behaviour is well documented as is the decline in online shopping. We need to encourage consumers to use our high st for more frequently and those who don't to reappraise for shopping and recreation. I think that raising the charges will hasten the decline to a level that will make existing businesses unsustainable. We visit Chippenham on average 4 times a week paying by metre on 2 of those occasions and the rest using the blue badge when my wife needs to go. The services we use are banking/pharmacy and non food shopping ie Wilkinson , we also have lunch or coffee while we are there, all of these devices can be accessed online or where free parking exists. If charges are increased or</p>

			introduced for blue badge holders we will only visit out of necessity. We simply cannot afford the extra cost on top of everything else especially energy and food
86	Individual	N	The parking costs in Chippenham are ridiculously high for what is in the town centre. I go to SpecSavers or Clarks Ave that's it, nothing else worth visiting. I always find a free space as the parking is too much. I never need a full hour there
87	Individual	N	<p>I am writing to complain about the proposed increase in the parking charges in Chippenham. As a worker in the town centre, I have to drive to Chippenham daily, the price of fuel has increased, and now you are proposing to increase the parking fees.</p> <p>I pay a monthly permit for the Spanbourne Avenue carpark, as this one is so much cheaper than when I used to have a permit for the Bath Road carpark. The fees have over doubled in the last six years that I have been a permit holder, and I don't appear to be getting anything more for my money.</p> <p>If workers and shoppers have to pay more to visit the town centre, then some business' will close, and shoppers will use the out of town stores where parking is free. Already charges have been made for Sunday parking now, when very little in town is open for customers to want to visit</p>
88	Individual	N	<p>It is grossly unfair to charge blue badge holders to park in Malmesbury. It disproportionately affects the elderly, the infirm and those on a low income.</p> <p>I object to the increase in car parking charges in Malmesbury generally. It puts people off of shopping in the high street, as if competition from the bigger stores, where parking is free, isn't enough.</p>
89	Individual	N	At a time when most people are struggling financially, some more than others, it seems unfair to add to their financial burden by increasing an already expensive cost. I, like many others, rely on being able to park my car relatively close to both my home and to my workplace. Neither of these properties have parking or a drive way. There being a car park quite nearby that I am happy to pay for is a lifeline, but increasing the cost right now, when so many expenses are also increasing, is hard to swallow. Particularly when said car park (Wood Lane) is so badly neglected.
90	Individual	N	I have seen a notice posted in the Kennet car park behind Waitrose in Marlborough which, if I understand it correctly, states that at a date yet to be determined Blue Badge holders will be required to pay the normal car park charges.

			<p>I find this objectionable and unnecessary as well as going beyond the normal social trend to extend facilities for 'disabled' persons. This approach 'flies in the face' of arrangements at other similar car park facilities.</p> <p>Please register this input as an objection.</p>
91	Individual	N	<p>Just a reminder of my suggestions, backed by all unitary members for Devizes, for some amendments to the parking charges.</p> <p>When we discussed this previously you said you would pick this up during the consultation period that we are now in.</p> <p>The main aim was to harmonise charges across the town's parking places... we have nearly as many tariffs as car parks!</p> <p>An additional objective was to add a 30 minute tariff to the Market Place and Sainsburys car parks to allow quick visits to banks and the post office.</p> <p>Such tariffs exist in Marlborough High Street, and Devizes should be no different.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this matter.</p>
92	Individual		<p>As long as disabled parking spaces are retained the introduction of charges for Blue Badge holders has my full support.</p>
93	Calne Town Council	N	<p>The Calne Town Council Planning Licensing and Highways Consultative Committee wish to make the below comment in relation to consultation ref HKB/TRO/WILTS:</p> <p>With regard to the proposed increase in charges in Church Street car park, Calne. Calne Town Council's Planning, Licensing and Highways Consultative Committee acknowledges the small increase in charges in line with Wiltshire Council policy. However, the Committee is aware of issues with the parking meters that have been going on for years meaning that one meter does not work. There is also damage to the surface of the carpark caused by trees that are not adequately maintained. The Committee therefore suggests that the increase in charges is not implemented until these issues are addressed.</p> <p>Please could you acknowledge that this comment has been received</p>
94	Cllr Nash	N	<p>To harmonise parking charges across the town's parking places</p> <p>Just a reminder of my suggestions, backed by all unitary members for Devizes, for some</p>

			<p>amendments to the parking charges.</p> <p>When we discussed this previously you said you would pick this up during the consultation period that we are now in.</p> <p>The main aim was to harmonise charges across the town's parking places... we have nearly as many tariffs as car parks!</p> <p>An additional objective was to add a 30 minute tariff to the Market Place and Sainsburys car parks to allow quick visits to banks and the post office.</p> <p>Such tariffs exist in Marlborough High Street, and Devizes should be no different</p>
95	Individual		<p>I would like to be assured that we will still be able to pay with money for parking our car. Not everyone has a smart phone....or knows how to get the correct app and use it, even if they have one (that's me!). Us older folk are not happy using all this tec stuff, so don't stop us using car parks! It is hard enough getting around</p>
96	Individual	N	<p>I wish to comment on the proposal to introduce charges at the upper Castle Combe car park.</p> <p>Since the last proposal to introduce charges, and certainly since the beginning of Covid lockdowns, the parking situation has got worse in the lower village with significant increases in visitors and a willingness to flout parking rules. My son is severely disabled and we need 24 hour access for his wheelchair adapted vehicle (it has rear access so on-street parking is not viable). However, access is regularly blocked by illegally parked vehicles, especially but not exclusively at weekends.</p> <p>I suspect many of my fellow residents oppose the introduction of charges. I would welcome them BUT ONLY IF SOME OF THE FUNDS RAISED ARE USED TO PAY FOR EFFECTIVE PARKING ENFORCEMENT ON A FULL TIME BASIS AT WEEKENDS AND OTHER PEAK TIMES. Otherwise, the idea continues to be ridiculous</p>
97	Individual		<p>I would not mind paying car parking charges in the various public car parks that I visit in Wiltshire, if the machines worked! I estimate that 95% of the time the machines do not work, even the newly installed ones, and the loss of revenue must be very substantial Probably if they had worked 100% of the time there would be no need to increase the charges but unless you tell me otherwise, the additional costs now would be for maintenance of the machines. In other counties that I visit I have not encountered this problem.</p> <p>Overall, apply a small increase but make sure the machines work</p>
98	Individual	S	<p>Yes I agree that parking charges in Salisbury should go up. The car park spaces take up premium</p>

			level land in the city centre. To offset these charges the Park and Ride prices should be reduced so poorer people have an alternative too. Park and Ride sites need extra use so that all the unnecessary car journeys are reduced. We really must consider Climate Change as a pressing issue now																								
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			<p>change in process could give higher car park yield if there was pay on exit with apple pay. Lots more to deliver such as a dedicated disabled parking area with infrastructure to match (for instance Brown Street with wider pavements put in between there and Queen Street. Agree that there are no evening charges in car parks after 6pm but would accept on road parking charges to keep the streets clear for hospitality. Most important to bring generic back people friendly streets with 20mph enforced hard. We can drive footfall with the right business plan for activity hours and parking solutions to match. Uncomfortable to start charging disabled parking without ringfencing that spend on better pavements and infrastructure for those people</p>
102	Individual	N	<p>Just wondered if there are going to be charges for blue badge holders to park , are there plans to put a meter by the blue badge parking areas ? As not all car parks have the meters in an easy place for disabled people to easily access which defeats the original idea of these bays to make it easier for those who have mobility problems or those that care for them, with my husband who has Parkinson's & dementia , I would need to be able to see him & make sure he stays in car until I have the required parking ticket .If I am out of sight he is likely to get out of the car & go off in another direction to try & find me</p>
103	Individual	S	<p>All parking should be £1 per hour. Annual pass £1000 Contactless machine should have been installed. No-one uses cash.</p> <p>Residential parking permit should be £100 cars, £150 lorry/van. Motorbikes £50 2nd car/van/lorry£200</p>
104	Individual	N	<p>As a retail menswear business owner within the town of Chippenham. I write to you with with real worry for our towns, especially Chippenham.</p> <p>The smaller towns surrounding Chippenham have the ability to help subsidise parking. Where Chippenham has grown so much I understand this is not an option.</p> <p>It pains me to see what our town has become, as the potential Chippenham has is huge. We already have multiple retail parks on the outskirts with big brands/companies, all offering free parking.</p> <p>If the high street carries on in its current direction, more and more businesses will have to close. I know of 2 more imminent closures within the centre, and many others struggling.</p> <p>I have had first hand experience of Lone Eagle, the landlords for Emery Gate. There is no care or</p>

consideration for our town or businesses.

Currently the Chippenham highstreet does not have the pull, to bring the people in wanting to spend money, specifically clothing/branded desirable goods. If we don't have this pull more and more customers will be pushed out of town or worse into neighbouring towns and cities.

I am copied into footfall counts for Emery Gate, we are now averaging between 20-25% less people since 2019. People will argue it's Covid related and more people shopping online. This is an excuse. Online businesses are seeing reduced sales also, and there is now a desire to shop within bricks and mortar premises again.

In my opinion we are seeing less people because we have lost big brands/shops like Burtons and Dorothy Perkins.

How will we attract businesses to replace these when parking charges are so high? And so many alternatives with free parking are around. This is not sustainable and will kill off the remaining high streets.

Personally I think a long term view needs to be applied before it's too late. Overtime, the car parks will not generate what they currently do and with more and more business closures, we will see less people coming into town and subsequently reduced spend in both parking and in shops. You will then be forced to change tactic and find other taxation means, but unfortunately there will be so few businesses left taxing retail will not be an option.

A change of tact needs to be applied now before anymore damage is done.

I feel landlords need to be more regulated on service charges and held accountable for profiteering on areas that are not designed to be profitable. There are so many questionable charges.

I feel if Service charges weren't so high businesses could afford to pay more in business rates. Couple this with increases in council tax we could take away the need to charge for the first hour at the very least, sparking a return of footfall which would then lead to more businesses investing in our great town.

			<p>I have had many conversations with the Lone Eagle directors. Due to our central location, Chippenham's potential is huge. There are so many towns and villages around us. With reduction in parking, investment in the centre and town, we could be a mini cribs causeway. Later evening opening would enable the working people of Chippenham, to shop locally after work, giving less reason to travel, keeping spend within our town.</p> <p>I sincerely hope parking charges are re-considered. I really don't want to close our business and get a job</p>
105	Individual	N	<p>I wish to register my total OBJECTION to the proposed increase in car parking charges across the county of Wiltshire for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chippenham High Street is dying and full of empty shops..increased charges and petrol costs, will only add to customers expense and reasons to not shop in the town and order goods on line. Add in the extortionate business rates in Chippenham and any new business will fall at the first fence! 2. The variation in the tariff to each town is ridiculous, it should be the same across the county. Marlborough is cheaper to park than Chippenham and their shops are full..Chippenham has lost so many shops in re entry months/years. 3. The introduction of charges to Blue Badge holders is absolutely disgusting! Disabled drivers already pay £10 for their blue badge. Most car parks have designated disabled parking bays for a reason. Ticket machines are often placed in difficult to access for a disabled driver...pavements, between cars etc. The question is, would a disabled driver buy a parking ticket say for an hour and for what ever reason be late back and risk getting a ticket? No! They will now park their cars on the high street of any town they are visiting in Wiltshire and park for free for three hours instead. This could lead to traffic chaos. 4. On the subject of chaos.. why are you bringing in car parking charges I to Dunns Lane Castle Combe? You tried that three years ago and it was carnage! The village ground to a halt within a week! Visitors and residents are putting their life in their hands walking down the hill or leaving their properties! It gets so bad that if the emergency services were required, they would find it impossible to get passed all the cars parked on double yellow lines down the hill and main village!

			Safety; what price a life?! I object strongly to the implementation yet again, of car parking charges in Castle Combe.
106	Individual		<p>Disgusting to see a proposal of charging blue badge holders in car parks. Blue badges are to help make life easier being able to park close to facilities. Having to WALK round to find a meter to pay before accessing said facilities do you not think defeats the object?</p> <p>So now many disabled people will now have to lose independence and make sure some one is with them to do these extra tasks.</p> <p>Obviously no thought has gone into this. Just purely to make more money</p>
107	Individual	N	As a blue badge holder and someone who really struggles with mobility and also smart phone technology I find your proposals for the increased parking charges very distressing. If I cannot pay in cash in a car park I would not go shopping for one but more by the time I got to the machine and back to the car I would have to rest for ten minutes before my leg had some juice in it - life is such a challenge and to remove free parking from disabled is so upsetting and distressing. I ask you to reconsider. You are alienating so many people, with cost of living increases why would you do this
108	Individual	N	I would like to comment on the Sunday charges for the Union Street car park in Melksham. This affects those using the carpark going to church every Sunday. We are still a Christian country and our church goers should be supported not penalised. I have no problem with Mon- Sat charging, but firmly believe Sunday should be the exception to the rule. Hope you agree and will allow this concession as many are elderly and cannot walk very far and very seldom can find a space in the street
109	Individual	W	<p>I wish to register my objection to the charging of blue badge holders for parking.</p> <p>Life is already difficult enough for disabled people without the added expense of parking charges. If the parking charges for disabled people go ahead that means they have to walk from their parking bay to a machine and then back to their vehicle with the ticket. They are blue badge holders for a reason. Many of them find it difficult to walk any distance and you will be adding to their discomfort and their ability to maintain their independence.</p> <p>As it is there are not enough disabled parking bays. When I try to park in The Shires on a Thursday with my husband (a blue badge holder) there is rarely a disabled space available.</p> <p>Furthermore I do not understand why all the disabled bays are in one line. That means if only the furthest from the door is available my husband has to walk with his walking frame further than an</p>

			<p>able bodied person able to park in the row behind. I think the way the parking bays are distributed shows that planners have no real understanding of the problems disabled people face daily.</p> <p>The council used to have a slogan “Wiltshire, where everybody matters”. Clearly disabled people don’t matter. Think again and leave blue badge holders their free parking. You will be robbing some of the poorest in our society if you force through the proposed charges</p>
110	Individual	N	<p>How you can you charge blue badge holders a parking fee is criminal. It will just encourage blue card holders to park on double yellow lines legally for up to to 3 hours. I have been a Tory voter all my life, but id this proposal goes ahead, I will abstain from voting in future</p>
111	Individual	N	<p>I find the proposed changes absolutely disgusting. Chippenham is a failing town and the Council is doing nothing to support it. The increased parking fees will just kill the town at an ever increased rate.</p> <p>As for the proposed change for persons who need a Disabled Blue badge, shame on you all. How do you sleep at night? As if persons and carers don’t have enough to cope with? Disability is not a choice, what you propose is</p>
112	Individual	S	<p>Have you considered the unintended consequences of charging Blue Badge holders for using off-street car parks?</p> <p>I would expect a number to park on streets instead. Hopefully they will park in designated areas (is on-street car parking still free for Blue Badges?), but some already park inconsiderately on both single and double yellow lines or in resident zones.</p> <p>Perhaps it might be better to allow Blue Badge holders to park free for an hour? On average, one should expect them to take longer to carry out their business.</p> <p>Increase restrictions on double yellows in particular, eg loading/unloading or something similar to red routes</p>
113	Individual	S	<p>I wish to object firstly to the proposal to remove the exemption from charging for Disabled Badge Holder, invalid carriages and vehicles in lieu of invalid carriages and drivers with a note from Wiltshire Council. These persons needing help with access to shops, banks, medical services etc should not be further penalised, because they need assistance, often to walk even a very short distance. These people are meeting oppressive increases in all elements of life and services</p>

			<p>without a matched increase in income, and such a restriction could lead to further isolation and impact on these persons mental health.</p> <p>Then I wish to object to the proposed change to the parking charges current in place in and around Salisbury. At a time when the bus services have been reduced to all parts of the town, including the park and ride facility this further reduces the access to the town for business, shopping or social activity, or volunteering to serve others.</p> <p>Short stay parking at the proposed £5.00 for just 3 hrs definitely does not encourage anyone to visit Salisbury.</p> <p>Restriction to city life within a medieval town where there is only very limited car parking facility within any building cartilage already impacts on the ability to accommodate staffing without any space for customers or visitors. Such excessive charging for use of the city car parks does little to encourage one to maintain even basic medical care. Which will then impact on our health services, a domino effect.</p> <p>Away from Wiltshire other council services are able to offer a “Free after Three” service which increases footfall and provides massive benefits to the town centre businesses, healthcare and socialising too. Perhaps Wiltshire should think again on these proposals which in no way benefit their residents or town businesses</p>
114	Individual		Dear Sirs, my wife is disabled & if blue badge holders are to be charged to park in car parks, I shall need to park on double yellow lines which will be trouble some to other drivers
115	Individual	N	<p>I wish to enter my view that your proposed parking changes are discriminatory against disabled people. At present disabled people are able to park free of charge in the town centre (in my case Malmesbury).</p> <p>Station Yard parking has 2 hours free parking, however this is not an option for the disabled due to distance (ignoring steps and incline back to centre). Therefore this is discrimination against the disabled as they now do not have the same options for parking as able bodied.</p> <p>This is made worse by the fact that the council has removed disabled parking from the high street which during pandemic made access easier for the disabled, as existing disabled parking is on the incline as the high street drops to the river</p>
116	Individual	E	Am I right in stating that it is a fait accompli that permit holders will have to pay on Wiltshire car parks from 1 st of June?

			<p>The new notice in Devizes Market Place is very confusing as there are no instructions at all about disabled driving. These need addressing, as drivers from other areas will not know what to do. Presumably the other car parks will have the instructions amended as on most in Devizes it states that permit holders can park all day free?</p> <p>My wife has permit number [REDACTED] but I do the driving. I foresee cars being parked on double yellow lines in many places in future. This will cause traffic congestion.</p> <p>In conclusion it took my wife and me two hours to complete the renewal application last year - not an easy task for folk well into their eighties</p>
117	Individual	N	<p>This proposal is grossly unfair as it will increase costs for disabled people who have to use the bays in car parks as there is very limited on -street parking available in Marlborough which is suitable for people with disabilities due to the majority of the streets having steep slopes. The car park bays in George Lane and Hilliers Yard provide flat access to the main supermarket in the Town. Charging for this will significantly increase the outgoings for these people at a time of already rising costs of living. This is a targeted attack on disabled people and the reasons given that 'other areas charge' is not a acceptable reason for this change of policy</p>
118	Individual	N	<p>Increased parking charges will reduce even further the number of people using the town centre. Having further impact on local businesses. Furthermore, the charges in Chippenham already lack equity with other Wiltshire towns. This further increase makes it even more unfair. A short term policy to make money with a huge economic lng term impact on the town</p>
119	Individual	W	<p>Why does a ticket for 2 hours parking cost 3 times as much (or nearly 3 times, depending on which car park is used) as parking for 1 hour? It is illogical and unjustified. Why are some car parks (the most convenient ones to the town centre) more expensive than others? It should cost the same in every car park. You are penalising older and disabled people who cannot walk far when carrying shopping.</p> <p>The new machines where payment can be made in cash, by card or by phone are really good – please get them in all car parks as soon as possible. Bradford seems to have been left out of this improved facility.</p>

120	Individual	S	Salisbury is already one of the most expensive places to park in South England. People already go to other places to shop because of this, if prices are raised Salisbury will have even more shop spaces for rent. Business owners are already feeling the pain of limited parking. To start charging blue badge holders will be the end of shoppers with badges. If the traffic wardens are out in force, the money could be made up this way, outside McDonald's is impossible for blue badge holders because of all the delivery drivers
121	Individual	N	<p>I feel that complete removal of free parking for disabled people who hold blue badges is going to cause problems. Often these people have very low incomes and the nature of their disability means they simply cannot walk into town to avoid paying for parking. They must use their vehicle therefore must park up somewhere safe near to facilities. They often walk slowly therefore may need longer to carry out a few simple tasks such as grocery shopping and a trip to post office , so the one hour slot may not be long enough. They may be trying to attend a support group which runs for a couple of hours meaning they would be forced to pay for 4 hours just to access support for their ongoing condition. They certainly could not be able to hurry back to add more parking time if they encountered long wait times in queues as is often case in post office.</p> <p>I know this next comment is slightly off track but it would help greatly if the disabled bays around our town were better policed . Often work vans can be seen "just popping into newsagents to buy morning paper etc!" Not only is this in violation of the parking rules but very inconsiderate for those in need.</p> <p>I think keeping parking free for these residents and visitors is the most desirable option. If this is not possible then consider a nominal charge please?</p>
122	Individual	N	<p>We are resident in Castle Combe lower village, and we understand that the council is considering re-imposing parking charges to the upper parking lot at Dunns Lane. As residents we believe this would exacerbate the current situation, where even with free parking, we frequently have difficulties accessing our residence and we witness dangerous situations occurring.</p> <p>Just a few weeks ago I personally had someone threaten me with physical harm when I asked them to move their vehicle off the double yellow lines, since the position of their vehicle was blocking <u>all</u> access.</p> <p>We have two school age children who are transported from Castle Combe market cross to Chippenham schools on the school bus each day. On multiple occasions visitors have been</p>

			<p>abusive to my wife when she has asked them to move their illegally parked vehicles so that the school bus can get down The Street and turn in the village. At one point an irate driver narrowly missed running over my wife's feet as he tore off in anger. The school bus is frequently 10-20 minutes late on the afternoon run because of difficulties coming down the hill.</p> <p>Today, even with free parking, drivers 'try their luck' and head down into the village. When they get to the bottom they realise they have reached the village end and they attempt to turn around at either the entrance to the Manor House or at the private entrance to Water Lane. On heavy traffic days these become pinch points that can cause significant chaos and danger to pedestrians. There are often dozens of people standing on or near the Bybrook bridge taking photographs – often with their young children - while some vehicles are backing up, others are attempting to drive through, and cyclists whizz past. Last week alone a driver backed into the bridge; another knocked over a sign at the Manor House entrance.</p> <p>The only ways in which a paid parking system is plausible without increasing safety-related incidents is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If parking regulations are strictly enforced at <u>all</u> times. Castle Combe is not just a weekend attraction on sunny days; we have as many issues during the week, and the issues arise come rain or shine; • If lower Castle Combe parking is permitted for residents only, with designated spots for Patrons of the White Hart public house; • A public footpath is installed – off the vehicular road – from the lower village to the upper parking lot at Dunns Lane. <p>We believe a plan to impose parking charges will increase the frequency and seriousness of safety and access issues, and should not be implemented without a thorough and detailed impact analysis</p>
123	Individual	N	<p>I'm writing to you to let you know I completely disagree with the notion to charge blue badge users for parking.</p> <p>I have a disabled son who uses a blue badge. Using this badge has become a life line for our family, it is often the only reason we are able to go out into the community with him. He suffers huge anxiety and has learning difficulties which makes being out in public very hard. Sometimes</p>

			<p>our visits are only a few minutes as he cannot manage to be out and about. Paying for parking would cause more anxiety and make going out much more difficult as we navigate caring for him and putting money on our car.</p> <p>Raising a disabled child is a huge challenge and stress to our lives, we want him to have experiences and a good quality of life. Charging for parking will make it much harder for us to do this.</p> <p>It's very rare that councils do this and I would urge you to keep blue badge parking free- it's a small thing for so many but for us it's really vital</p>
124	Individual	W	<p>Most Blue Badge holders are pensioners. If you start charging for parking you are going to make life even harder for them.</p> <p>The cost of living is bad enough.....</p> <p>Why do you make it so difficult to find and fill out these online forms ?</p>
125	Individual	W	<p>I can't believe this is being implemented. There are many disabled people in BOA who will not be able to go about their daily routines if it will cost them an extra £1.30 a time.</p> <p>If we are to encourage shopping local, using local facilities ie swimming pool, butchers, green grocers, etc- not to mention the need to pick up medication (and yes it can take over an hour for some people to park and walk to silver street pharmacy, and queue for meds)</p> <p>I really can't see the logic behind n charging these already vulnerable people and making what is already a challenging time, even more stressful. I sincerely hope you reconsider</p>
126	Individual	N	<p>I would like to object to the introduction of Sunday parking charges and inequalities in parking charges across Wiltshire meaning people travel out of Chippenham as it is cheaper to drive to other towns and pay lower parking charges. This is disadvantaging Chippenham Town and shouldn't be encouraged in a Climate Emergency.</p> <p>Also when parking in Chippenham to have such a big jump to stay 3 hours compared to adding two and one hours together is detrimental to the town centre businesses.</p> <p>Sunday parking gave people the opportunity to go into town and save money on shopping in Iceland, Savers, Wilko and Poundland, parking charges are disadvantaging those struggling in a cost of living crisis.</p>

			<p>Free Sunday parking was also used for leisure activities, the Olympaid, Churches and Ramblers meeting up to car share to help the environment. All disrupted and causing inequalities by Wiltshire Council introducing Sunday parking charges while we are still suffering from the effects of Covid, Brexit, Climate Emergency, Online Shopping, War and a cost of living crisis.</p> <p>Before people would have met up with family or friends and gone for a run or walk and then coffee in the town centre, supporting local businesses, but now the coffee money will go on parking, meaning missing out on social contact and detrimental to businesses.</p> <p>Our MP does not support the parking charges and inequalities between towns, Wiltshire Council is working with the MP to get funding for Chippenham Town Centre, but when the basics aren't in place of free parking on a Sunday, funding is going to be wasted, as has been raised by Trowbridge with the £15m spend.</p> <p>The documents say it is to maintain parking and bus services. I have raised in Cabinet questions an empty bus goes past my house 6 times a day (it only runs 6 times a day), management needs to be the first step, not just wasting money.</p> <p>Stop the HIF and £7.3m will be available, there are options without ruining town centres across Wiltshire</p>
127	Individual		<p>There are many who have them, no doubt can afford to pay for parking. However, to have to pay by phone would be impossible for a good many. Cash or bank card would be the only way these people would manage the charge.</p>
128	Individual	E	<p>I do object to the introduction of parking charges for Blue Badge holders. I observe that some Blue Badge holders have serious mobility issues that would require a bystander (if available) to insert their money into a parking machine on their behalf to get a ticket. Not everyone would be willing to do this. The alternative "pay by phone" may not be possible as not everyone has a mobile phone and a bank card.</p> <p>Please advise how much extra revenue would be generated from charging Blue Badge holders.</p>

			Charging Blue Badge holders would encourage "free" roadside parking which could increase and add to the challenges of street parking control, with increasing road user and pedestrian hazards, when such hazards should be kept to a minimum.
129	Individual	N	<p>As a disabled and vulnerable person who enjoys a trip to Chippenham to pay bills, visit local shops to try to support them. (I do not have or trust mobile banking, we are not computer literate.) We don't have much money as I can't work and my partner is my full time carer. I will not be able to visit my local town, which I do love, I have lived in Chippenham for 40 years.</p> <p>By putting these changes in place will push people out of their local town, and spend their money in other towns which still have free parking. The shops will close and will become a ghost town. Parking in Chippenham is quite expensive as it is.</p> <p>I feel discriminated against by these charges.</p>
130	Individual	W	I feel it is not a good idea to increase parking charges as people have had to deal with their Council tax increase and generally there are too many increases for people with the cost of living and energy prices. As for charging Blue Badge holders that is disgraceful. Perhaps, if Wiltshire Council managed their money better and didn't have people on huge salaries then we wouldn't have to be burden with more increases
131	Individual	N	<p>Please have herewith statement with this email the suggestion to reduce the current parking fees in Chippenham and areas from £1.20 to £ 0.30 per hour and £0.50 per 2 hrs.</p> <p>Please be advised that no people visit the shopping areas and surroundings at the current rate. The majority are locals and on foot or parking in different streets at least where possible, adding more annoyance to the neighbourhood surrounding town centre, has a detrimental effect already. No people, no shops. No shops thriving, no money. Simple.</p> <p>Think again about the strategy and make the town for the people and thriving businesses while they can. Otherwise, it will become a ghost town in less than 5 years</p>
132	Individual	N	<p>Chippenham Town Centre is already under-used, with local people choosing to shop at the retail parks around the town that offer free parking. Increasing parking charges and starting to charge on Sundays will only add to this, driving those with access to their own transport out of town for shopping and leaving the town centre to those that have no other options and limited spending power.</p> <p>We need initiatives to increase footfall in the town centre and to encourage a range of traders to</p>

			fill the empty shop units and bring life back into the town centre.
133	Individual	S	<p>In ref to car park charges increases, why are Salisbury residents expected to pay more to park in Wiltshire council car parks in their own city than in any other council run car parks in towns and cities throughout Wiltshire? Why not have standard and fair car park tariff charges levied across all of Wiltshire councils car parks which would generate the same amount of income for the council instead of penalising the city of Salisbury and it's residents.</p> <p>The representation of all Wiltshire residents and the implementation of services by the council for their residents should be unbiased and equal across the county.</p>
134	Castle Combe Parish Council	N	<p>Castle Combe Parish Council is unanimous in its opposition to this poorly devised and flawed Traffic Regulation Order submission. The premise of a TRO is that it will improve the safety of road users, for which the Highways Authority is responsible under the 1980 Highways Act.</p> <p>Section 1 (1) of The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1994 provides as follows:</p> <p><i>“The traffic authority for a road outside Greater London may make an order under this section (referred to in this Act as a “traffic regulation order”) in respect of the road where it appears to the authority making the order that it is expedient to make it for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising”.</i></p> <p>This proposal manifestly fails that test. Not only does the proposal fail to avoid danger to persons or other traffic, it actually increases the risks exponentially.</p> <p>There is substantial documented evidence that this proposal will in practice endanger pedestrians on the village hill, motorists on the B4039, and village residents, with a strong likelihood that emergency vehicles would be unable to gain access in a life or death situation.</p> <p>Lives will be at risk if this TRO proceeds in its current form and Unitary Council officers and elected representatives have been made aware of this on numerous occasions.</p> <p>The reasons have been made known to them in voluminous correspondence. On our part such correspondence is available for full review.</p> <p>The Unitary Council has elected to issue a very heavily redacted response to our Freedom of</p>

		<p>Information request covering their correspondence on this TRO, both prior to and subsequent to the submission to Cabinet.</p> <p>This redaction is based on the assumption that to release full information would “inhibit the Council from engaging in free and frank discussions in the future which would damage the quality of advice leading to poorer decision making”.</p> <p>As a Parish Council we ensure that any internal communications are robust and can be fully justified.</p> <p>We would expect the Unitary Council to behave in the same manner.</p> <p>It is vital that the safety of the public should take priority in such matters and we are separately requesting an independent internal review of this unsatisfactory response, followed if necessary by reference to the Information Commissioner’s Office under the terms of the legislation.</p> <p>We may also submit a further Freedom of Information request relating to specific officers of the Council rather than elected representatives.</p> <p>It is essential that evidence is provided that the deep rooted safety concerns expressed by the Parish Council have been rigorously considered and that steps are implemented to extinguish such risks prior to any consideration to the implementation of a TRO.</p> <p>Although heavily redacted, the FOI response contained sufficient information to show that the current recommendation for a TRO was based on inadequate and invalid financial data. The basis for Income projections has not been substantiated and no allowance has been made for costs, although likely to be significant.</p> <p>A further requirement for implementation of a TRO is the level of community buy in to the scheme. This is non-existent, as illustrated by the 100% adverse response to the previous consultation exercise on the same issue.</p> <p>No detailed risk analysis has been undertaken.</p> <p>Our Unitary Councillor has expressed numerous concerns regarding this TRO proposal and has</p>
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			<p>offered to act as a facilitator to review a number of options for consideration.</p> <p>The current proposal does not meet the requirements of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and should be withdrawn until such time as a proper detailed analysis has been undertaken in conjunction with those most affected</p>
135	Individual	S	<p>I can understand the reluctance of Councils with sea front parking, to withdraw free parking for disabled persons. Many will be visitors enjoying the scenery and their number far exceed the spaces provided.</p> <p>That is not the case for the majority of users in Salisbury, myself included, are resident and use their badges whilst going about their day to day business.</p> <p>I use my bus pass frequently, but on the occasion that a bus is not available to reach my destination, because of my disability, I have to travel by car.</p> <p>To charge disabled users is therefore a tax on disability.</p>
136	Individual	N	<p>I believe that by increasing parking charges in Chippenham it will have a detrimental effect on the life and hub of the town -</p> <p>Surely it is in the interest of the town to encourage people to shop and enjoy local amenities without having to worry about the added expense of parking a car - less charges = more people and how does it benefit the town by taking away free parking on a Sunday - you are just driving them away to shop elsewhere -</p> <p>Surely when life has become harder - listening and understanding to the needs of a community and just breath life back into the town rather than suck it dry</p>
137	Individual	N	<p>I object to charges being re-implemented in the Dunns Lane Car park for the very obvious reason that it would mean car parking chaos on the roads leading to and through the village.</p> <p>The Hill is the main route for pedestrian access to the village centre and there is limited legal parking there and in the village. When cars park illegally it makes access difficult and dangerous for both pedestrians and other road users.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council promote Castle Combe as a tourist destination and I am glad that visitors enjoy coming here but parking has been and always will be a problem. I hope you will not make it worse by re-introducing charges in the car park; we have experienced the outcome of that before and it makes life miserable for residents and road users alike</p>
138	Individual		<p>Please may I add comments for consideration in relation to the removal of free parking for Blue</p>

Badge Holders.

I have been a Wiltshire resident my entire life (nearly 40 years) with an inborn physical disability - Achondroplasia, more commonly known as dwarfism.

For the past 30 years I have been a wheelchair user and held a Blue Badge ever since.

In all honesty I sit on the fence to whether Blue Badge holders should be charged, I realise many, many, many disabled people are on low or fixed incomes and I myself have never wanted any special treatment, only equal access and accommodations such as wide bays to get in and out of the car/van with a wheelchair alongside, close proximity to where I need to go to and a safe place latterly, to deploy the lift of my drive from wheelchair van.

In order to charge blue badge holders, the ticket machines are going to need to be lowered in order to allow ALL people to access the machines.

I have very short limbs with limited movement and dexterity in all four. In order to pay by cash and even press the button to get a ticket I had to raise my power chair up by a foot or so to do so. Let's remember I have a state of the art non NHS funded power chair, £20,000, that for one thing can raise me up and down to help mitigate my reach problems.

Raiser functions are not covered by the NHS, should you be lucky to fit the extremely narrow criteria for powerchair funding.

If I had still been walking then there would be no way I could reach the machine.

How long do I wait for someone to help me?

I drive 99% of the time alone and rely upon my parents for all my care.

Yes I am fully aware there is the pay by app but like most things computerised - I should know- technology does have it's off days. I've seen it first hand when parking apps decide not to work leaving you not knowing if you've actually paid or heading for a hefty fine.

What about wanting to use the 60p that is rattling around your pocket, the elderly that doesn't possess a phone with the internet or those that prefer a more off grid lifestyle.

Ultimately you're going to make my life that little bit harder when it is already extremely difficult. If you keep the decision in place, am I going to see a reduction in the £10 charge every time I

			renew the blue badge or are those monies purely “administrative”?!
139	Individual		I think the increases are unfair, and the plans to charge Blue badge holders is nothing short of disgusting. But you're going to do what you want, you always do
140	Individual	N	<p>Councillors at Chippenham Town Council’s Planning, Environment and Transport Committee voted in favour of submitting the following comments to this consultation:</p> <p><i>‘We do not agree with increasing car parking charges at this time when families and local businesses are struggling. We want to see our High street recover after the pandemic; keeping parking charges as low as possible would help with this. For the same reason, introducing car parking charges on Sundays would likely drive people away from the town centre and towards out-of-town retail parks. Public transport is insufficient on Sundays to be an alternative to driving. While we are committed to reducing carbon emissions, including from car use; until such time as realistic, sufficient, and sustainable public transport is in place, people will inevitably continue to use their cars.</i></p> <p><i>Removing the free events parking makes it harder to attract our residents to these events which are intended to benefit businesses and all residents. In Chippenham, a Sunday artisan market has just started up and we want to do everything possible to ensure its success.</i></p> <p><i>We strongly oppose the introduction of parking charges for blue badge holders. In many cases blue badge holders will be receiving benefits or a pension and therefore even less able to afford parking charges while being in the most need of being able to park for mobility reasons. While we understand that 1-hour free parking is available this may well be insufficient time to make good use of the town centre.’</i></p> <p><i>This statement was agreed in light of the fact that a majority of committee members were:</i></p> <p><i>Against the introduction of charges for Blue Badge holders.</i></p> <p><i>Against the introduction of Sunday charges.</i></p> <p><i>Against the increase in car parking charges per hour.</i></p>
141	Individual		Please at least let's have Sunday parking free, it is a godsend to those of us that cannot afford parking charge through the week.
142	Individual	W	Another incentive to kill the High Street and encourage out of town super market use

143	Individual	W	I make an effort to not use shops where you need to pay to park
144	Individual	E	Most blue badge holders are on limited income, ie OAPs, therefore it is wrong to make them pay for parking. They have already paid £10 for the blue badge.
145	Individual	N	As a resident of Castle Combe, I object most strongly to the proposal to introduce charges for parking in the Dunns Lane car park. For very good reasons the idea of introducing such charges has been rejected in the past. The parish council have again set out convincing arguments for not introducing these parking charges; – in particular the clear and obvious detrimental impact on the safety of pedestrians and other road users on the street leading down to the lower village. I also believe that it would inevitably cause safety problems and congestion on the B4039 in Upper Castle Combe, because visitors would try to find places to park without having to pay. I consider that the existence of a free car park effectively comprises a safety feature for this much frequented village and that it would be irresponsible to remove that facility
146	Individual	N	I wish to state my strong objection to parking fees being added to Dunns Lane Car Park as it will cause the curious to continue down the narrow hill in search of free Parking - resulting in terrible congestion in Lower Castle Combe itself. Tourists need to be encouraged to park FIRST, then explore the area ON FOOT. They will not commit to parking fees first
147	Individual		I would like disabled parking to stay as it is in Wiltshire.charging blue badge drivers will badly affect many people and also encourage people to shop at out of town supermarkets etc.also the cost of living is going through the roof and disabled parking charges would be another burden to people who cannot work because of their disability.please think again Wiltshire council
148	Individual	N	The introduction of parking fees for blue badge holders is a nonsense doomed to failure of the first order. Why would a disabled person... 1. Pay to park in a disabled bay. 2. Risk a parking fine for going over their permitted time displayed on the ticket. The alternative is to park on double yellow lines for up to three hours...perfectly legal and perfectly free! I know which I would choose
149	Cllr Alstrom	N	Regarding the proposed changes to Parking charges in Chippenham and across Wiltshire.

I object to the proposed parking rises in Chippenham. Over the past two years High Streets across the country have suffered due to the pandemic, with mainly businesses having to close their doors permanently. Of those that have managed to survive, many are now facing increases in operating costs due to both to Brexit and the rises in energy prices, and so they need as much footfall as possible to remain open.

Likewise with the cost of living crises that is looming over the whole of the UK, people are now facing unprecedented hikes in food (due to Brexit), and utility bills – people just don't have as much money to spend and are having to make it stretch further.....millions in the UK are resorting to using foodbanks.

At a time like this Wiltshire Council should not be raising the car parking fees as people and businesses are already struggling. It's a slap in the face to those who were already reeling from the last two years of covid. Raising the car parking fees will push people away from our already struggling town centres which may well result in more businesses closing. It's completely nonsensical to do it now and would show that Wiltshire Council is out of touch with the reality that many of our residents are facing.

I also strongly object to the proposals to start charging Blue Badge holders in Wiltshire Council owned car parks.

Nearly half of those living in poverty in the UK is either a disabled person or lives with a disabled person. > [Disability Rights UK](#)

People with disabilities are often unable to work, which mean they're entitled to some benefits, however in many cases this is often barely enough to live on.

I have attached the details of how much someone living on Personal Independent Payment actually gets a week.

For a person on the higher rate that is a total of £156.90 per week, which is £679.90 per month or £8,158.80 per year. For many this is their **only** source of income.

With that, those who are not entitled to housing support only have £679.90 per month in which to pay rent, pay utility bills and eat. With such a low income literally every pound and penny counts.

			<p>Having a Blue Badge means that those with disabilities are able to park safely in designated disabled bays for as long as they need to in order to visit the doctors, opticians, the bank, other shops and to socialise with friends and family. To have a blue badge you must go through an approval process which assesses your mobility, so the fact someone has it means they have additional needs that requires additional support. That's what the Blue Badge offers.</p> <p>Charging Blue Badge holders who are some of the poorest in our society, in order to help raise money for Wiltshire Councils social care fund, is literally robbing Peter to pay Paul. It is putting up additional barriers to those who are trying to remain independent and those who are trying to live as normally as they can, given their circumstances.</p> <p>It is irrelevant to me if other counties charge Blue Badge holders, that is not an excuse to start charging them in Wiltshire. I care that our cities, towns and villages remain as inclusive, disabled friendly and accessible as possible</p>
150	Cllr Belcher	N	<p>I wish to object to one specific aspect of the proposed amendments to parking charges as follows:</p> <p>As I said at Full Council in February, Government statistics show that blue badge holders are far more likely to be in receipt of benefits and therefore at substantial risk of poverty.</p> <p>As I also said at Full Council in February, blue badge holders are issued with them for a reason which is linked to restrictions of mobility. Therefore such people are more reliant on cars than other people – they often do not have a choice as to whether they use them.</p> <p>I have not yet seen any Equality Impact Assessment on the proposed changes as affects disabled people.</p> <p>I think it completely inappropriate, particularly at a time when the rate of inflation is vastly exceeding the increases in state benefit and the effective rate of inflation experienced by those on low incomes is almost certainly even higher still, to impose additional charges. This will have the detrimental effect of severely limiting blue badge holders' ability to park in council car parks around the county.</p>

			<p>While the administration's defence has been that blue badge holders may wish to use roadside parking instead as that may be more convenient, in many town centres around the county (such as Corsham) that is very clearly not the case. In such cases, this imposes an additional cost on those who are likely to be poor and reliant on local high street shops where the only available and appropriate parking is in county-run car parks.</p> <p>An additional aspect is that the machines to pay charges are typically mounted at a height making it difficult, if not impossible, for people in wheelchairs to use. This would also be seen to be discriminatory policy.</p> <p>Finally, a more general point. In Corsham the Town Council have, for the last two years, paid Wiltshire Council for two hours free parking for all car park users. We have seen how Corsham town centre businesses have thrived as a result, in comparison with many other local towns where people have to pay for parking. I know that Corsham attracts people from a wider area, including Chippenham and Bradford on Avon, because of the free parking.</p> <p>This strongly indicates that charging for parking hinders business growth rather than encouraging it. At a time when all major economists are forecasting substantial economic difficulties, if not a substantial recession, in the next few months, increasing parking charges would appear to be a damaging proposal for local businesses. General economic theory would indicate that taxes (and I would class council-imposed parking charges as a tax) should be reduced during recessions, not increased.</p> <p>The proposals are a regressive step, are likely to harm local businesses, and are extremely likely to discriminate against the disabled in possession of blue badges. They should be dropped</p>
151	Cllr Bucknell	N	<p>My representation relates only to the proposal to remove free car parking for Blue Badge holders. Blue Badge holders I have spoken to are not overly concerned about the principle of paying for parking, however this needs to be implemented in a way that is not discriminatory towards people with disabilities. Free parking for Blue Badge holders in Council owned car parks was introduced originally in response to feedback from residents of Wiltshire who had explained to us the difficulties they faced as users of the car parks. There are several aspects to this. Additional time needed for people with mobility issues For most ambulant people, the process of parking a</p>

			<p>car, going to the ticket machine and returning to the car to display the ticket takes a matter of minutes. For somebody with mobility issues, even the relatively simple act of purchasing and displaying a ticket can be quite time consuming. For some it may require getting a wheelchair or mobility scooter out of the vehicle along with any other equipment. Add on to that the slower pace at which they move, or are pushed, and this is already eating into the time that they have purchased, and they therefore will have to put extra time onto the meter compared to non-blue badge users. Maximum Stay limits Some of the affected car parks have a maximum stay of eg 2 hours. These are often popular car parks close to essential services such as banks. For some blue badge users placing restrictions on the amount of time they can stay will mean that they can no longer carry out some of their day to day tasks as they cannot be completed within the maximum stay time and using an alternative car park is not practical or possible. There is a risk therefore that they will seek to park on yellow lines. Increased parking on yellow lines and road safety concerns Blue badge holders may park on most single or double yellow lines for up to 3 hours. (see Appendix 1) If parking in the car parks is not possible, there is a strong possibility that Blue Badge users will resort to legally parking on yellow lines. Bearing in mind that yellow lines are normally in place because there are already traffic issues, having Blue Badge users parking on yellow lines has the potential to increase road safety concerns. Conclusion Your reference: HKB/TRO/WILT From: Allison Bucknell, Wiltshire Councillor for Lyneham Division The Little House, 155 High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett SN4 7AB Response to Consultation on Changes to Car Parking Restriction Charges May 2022 Implementing Car Parking charges for Blue Badge Holders runs the risk of discrimination against people with a protected characteristic unless mitigations are put in place. Before any charges are implemented a full equalities impact assessment should be undertaken and consideration given to a concessionary scheme which will allow Blue Badge holders to enjoy the same quality of life that they enjoy today</p>
152	Cllr Grant	N	<p>I write to declare my opposition and that of over 40 Malmesbury Residents to the published changes to arrangements at Wiltshire Council Car Parks in general and in particular those relating to the Cross Hayes, Hudson Road and Station Yard car parks.</p> <p>My objections and those of the Malmesbury residents who have contacted me on this matter as their Wiltshire Councillor, centre on four factors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The withdrawal of free parking from Blue Badge holders in these and other Wiltshire Council owned car parks.

2. The excessive increase in charges levied on car park season ticket holders and those seeking to make individual parking ticket purchases

3. Potential earlier start times for charges in the Cross Hayes car park from 9am to 8am Monday to Friday and the introduction of charges in all three car parks and elsewhere in our County on Sundays

4. The unilateral withdrawal of the allocation to Malmesbury Town Council of two free parking days.

Point one of this injection is based on the introduction of these changes constituting an assault on the dignity and access to community facilities for disabled drivers and their passengers.

Point Two discriminates against local residents, employees and business owners who do not have town centre locations in their ownership to allow them to park their vehicles.

As such, these charges will see vehicles move to nearby, free "on street" parking areas so inconveniencing residents who live there. They will also disadvantage local Malmesbury Town centre traders, hospitality and visitor attraction businesses as against out of town businesses that can offer free parking.

Such a shift of trade puts at risk the vibrancy and viability of our High Street.

Point Three places an unfair and discriminatory burden on parents safely delivering their children first thing in the morning to St Joseph's Primary School and Preschool Nursery located in Silver Street.

As these parents want only a few minutes to carry out their duties safely, it is highly unlikely and frankly inappropriate to require them to pay for an hour's parking on each and every school/nursery day.

Similarly, those worshippers attending Sunday morning Services both at St Aldhelm's Catholic

			<p>Church and Malmesbury Abbey will be subject to extra expense and inconvenience. The same will apply to town centre residents without access to private parking.</p> <p>Point Four relates to the highly undesirable impact of the unilateral withdrawal of free car parking days. These "free days" are used both to support Malmesbury's Carnival, the towns largest event and charity fundraiser and to promote local Christmas Shopping so punishing our independent traders at a most crucial time for yge profitability of their businesses.</p> <p>I and thos +40 residents who have contacted me, calk for the withdrawal of these Traffice Regulation Orders relating to these matters</p>
153	Cllr Vigar		<p>I write as a Wiltshire Councillor to express my opposition to increasing car parking charges at this time. I do understand the council's finances are constrained and I also support encouraging more active travel over the long term to avoid the environmental impact of car use. However, in the current circumstances I feel on balance that the impact of multiple increases in the cost of living on our residents means that such increases in charges are not justified.</p> <p>I think it is particularly unfair to levy charges on disabled Blue Badge holders who need to drive into towns for supplies. And I think that putting up costs for everyone and Sunday charging is a risk. It could backfire and leave the council worse off if people stop using car parks because of the higher charges</p>
154	Individual	N	<p>I am 83 and my wife is 81. We live out in the country 10 miles from Chippenham. When we need to do certain business such as going to the bank we need to park in the Emery Gate car park.</p> <p>Although I do not object to paying in principle the above trips would require payment of a parking fee.</p> <p>I have mobility problems so would you be putting the payment machines adjacent to the disabled parking places and, more importantly, would there be machines to give change at the payment places. If not it would be very difficult for me to go to my bank as it is already very difficult for me to manage all the stairs. It would not be reasonable to have to get change and then go back to pay and then go to do shopping / banking etc</p>
155	Individual	N	<p>The towns are struggling to attract shoppers, we are entering in a recession. Putting up charges</p>

			<p>effect everyone using the towns centre. But more likely the people who are already struggling. Stop them coming into town, you are fueling the down turn in footfall therefore the retailers close down. Means no income for the council from Rents, and all associated charges. Its a downward spiral . People need your help now. Asking the disabled to pay for parking when in the majority of cases they have so much to endure feels like a mis guide approach. I get balancing the budget is extremely difficult. Now is not the time to add to the poorer people of our community financial burden with so many of our community relaying on food banks. We need proactive initiatives not just more penny pinching.</p>
156	Individual	N	<p>BLUE BADGE PARKING.</p> <p>I am surprised that the council are attacking the most vulnerable group, this group includes all age groups and is often the only way they can get out and park easily, especially for appointments ie dentists and opticians. As they have paid for their badges it could be said they are paying twice for a necessity.</p> <p>May I suggest it would be much better, if more checks are carried out on the holders and if the holder is not legitimate, fine them accordingly. I can quote an example when I looked at a new car someone who had parked in a bay and not displaying a blue badge who said to me "this is a new car and it won't get scratched".</p> <p>I hope the council will not introduce this parking charge as in doing so will help all age groups and not increase the heavy burden of extra expenditure and problems getting to the parking meters</p>
157	Individual		We have a cost of living crisis so NO to increases
158	Individual	W	<p>I can't read the information about the disabled parking charges but I have been told.</p> <p>I have a blue badge myself. Isn't it bad enough that I am not able to partake in anything due to my disability and I've seen it as a perk to disabled drivers that we get parking free.</p> <p>What am I meant to do when picking up a prescription from the Bradford On Avon medical centre I usually park free then nip in. It seems that we're being penalised and isn't being disabled bad enough.</p>

			<p>If you enforce this I won't use the car parks I'll park in the street instead. But that won't work for the medical centre so I'll have to pay. My mobility is extremely limited and the disabled parking bays are necessary to park in sometimes. I have a permanent disability Huntington's Disease and it's bad enough having that rather than having to pay</p>
159	Individual	W	<p>This really is the lowest of the low. Many disabled people are on incredibly low incomes with no opportunity to work and improve their situation.</p> <p>In addition, disabled people must use their cars to get around. It's not a choice or a convenience. They can't easily jump on buses or trains.</p> <p>Disabled people are so often confined to their homes. I genuinely can't believe you would take away this one small benefit that helps them and us live their lives with just a little convenience. It is scant compensation.</p>
160	Individual		<p>Specifically responding to the proposal to charge people with disabilities for the use of car parks.</p> <p>Introducing a charge for blue badge holders in all car parks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Charging for parking in blue badge bays will discourage misuse of the blue badge scheme by removing the option to park without payment by ineligible users and ensure the sufficient availability of wider parking spaces for people with disabilities or mobility impairment. 2. To reflect the approach of neighbouring authorities who have introduced parking charges for blue badge holders. 3. Blue badge holders will continue to receive concessions for on street parking areas which are often more accessible than car parks. <p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to tariffs in off street car</p>

parks.

I note that a wish to increase revenue is not a given reason for withdrawing the free parking concession for holders of 'blue badges' but both the Council and Councillors will, no doubt, be aware this will be a by-product of the proposed change and that the financial burden of this change will fall on a group many members of which, disproportionately, are vulnerable or rely on state benefits.

Addressing each of the reasons given to justify the change in turn:

1. It is a laudable aim to discourage misuse of the blue badge scheme but I'm not sure it is that big a problem. It may appear so but not all disabilities are visible. In all the years I have been using a badge I have only witnessed one occasion where a badge was definitely being misused. Rather than penalising all those who legitimately benefit from the scheme, it would be better to improve enforcement by parking wardens and automated systems. I urge the Council to consider these alternatives to meet the first objective.

2. Wiltshire Council is not obliged to follow the lead of neighbouring authorities. I would expect the Council to be focused on the needs of Wiltshire residents and ratepayers alone. The fact other authorities are charging people with disabilities to park is not a legitimate justification to introduce charges for blue badge holders in Wiltshire.

3. It is true that 'blue badge' holders will continue to receive concessions for on street parking areas but, as stated in the given reason, these are sometimes less accessible than car parks. For example, the Salisbury Sainsbury's is accessed by wheelchair users from road level by means of 3 long ramps. For some people, particularly those who have to use self-propelled wheelchairs, this is hard. It would certainly be beyond my physical capability. Please recognise the mitigation stated in the third reason is invalid for many situations.

Also, please be aware that getting in and out of a vehicle parked on a road is not without problems for people with disabilities. There is a need to be able to fully open the vehicle door;

		<p>because people with disabilities generally move a lot slower than a person without a disability it is often necessary to wait a significant period of time for this to be carried out in a safe manner – a long gap in the flow of traffic has to be available. Where a wheelchair is in use some drivers do not respect notices requesting adequate space be left for wheelchair access. Designated disabled bays do help with this – but only where they exist and are free.</p> <p>For the above reasons I respectfully request the Council reconsider the proposal to withdraw the concession for ‘blue badge’ holders in Council car parks.</p> <p>I would be interested to learn which organisations, representing the people with disabilities who use car parks in Wiltshire, the Council consulted whilst drawing up these proposals. I would be grateful if you could please supply the list of these</p>
161	Individual	<p>I would like to make the following two points regarding your proposals to end the exemption for disabled Badge holders from parking charges.</p> <p>In summary I believe that the changes will impact disproportionately on disabled and older people's ability to use car parks and access nearby services.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. While I accept that Blue Badge holders may not necessarily be less able to afford parking than anyone else, what is true is that they cannot access the parking meters in the same way as non-disabled users. Currently the blue badge parking places are, for obvious reasons, the closest to shops and shops entrances. However parking meters are not. The proposed changes would mean that a disabled person would have to park in one place, get over to a parking meter, get back to their car, and then to the shops. At the very least they would have to drive to the meter, get out, pay, get back in and then drive to the disabled parking bay. This extra effort will make parking for many people much more stressful, time consuming and tiring. It is entirely possible that for some people this extra effort will mean that they can do less for themselves. This will certainly be the case for my mother in law for example. 2. Many older people are struggling to pay for parking because they do not have or cannot use smart phones to use the parking app and, increasingly, find it hard to get hold of any change as most payments elsewhere are now by contactless card. Why are your machines not contact less card payment enabled as so many other Councils have?

			Both these points relate to how you are ensuring that your proposed changes meet the requirements of the equality legislation. Have you done an equalities impact assessment? How have you addressed these points? For example, could you move (or install new) parking meter(s) to where the disabled bays are?
162	Bettles	N	<p>TRO Consultation on proposed changes to tariffs in off street car parks Wiltshire Council. DUNNS LANE, CASTLE COMBE Castle Combe Parish Council is unanimous in its opposition to this poorly devised and flawed Traffic Regulation Order submission. The premise of a TRO is that it will improve the safety of road users, for which the Highways Authority is responsible under the 1980 Highways Act. Section 1 (1) of The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1994 provides as follows: “The traffic authority for a road outside Greater London may make an order under this section (referred to in this Act as a “traffic regulation order”) in respect of the road where it appears to the authority making the order that it is expedient to make it for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising”. This proposal manifestly fails that test. Not only does the proposal fail to avoid danger to persons or other traffic, it actually increases the risks exponentially. There is substantial documented evidence that this proposal will in practice endanger pedestrians on the village hill, motorists on the B4039, and village residents, with a strong likelihood that emergency vehicles would be unable to gain access in a life or death situation. Lives will be at risk if this TRO proceeds in its current form and Unitary Council officers and elected representatives have been made aware of this on numerous occasions. The reasons have been made known to them in voluminous correspondence. On our part such correspondence is available for full review. The Unitary Council has elected to issue a very heavily redacted response to our Freedom of Information request covering their correspondence on this TRO, both prior to and subsequent to the submission to Cabinet. This redaction is based on the assumption that to release full information would “inhibit the Council from engaging in free and frank discussions in the future which would damage the quality of advice leading to poorer decision making”. As a Parish Council we ensure that any internal communications are robust and can be fully justified. We would expect the Unitary Council to behave in the same manner. It is vital that the safety of the public should take priority in such matters and we are separately requesting an independent internal review of this unsatisfactory response, followed if necessary by reference to the Information</p>

			<p>Commissioner's Office under the terms of the legislation. We may also submit a further Freedom of Information request relating to specific officers of the Council rather than elected representatives. It is essential that evidence is provided that the deep rooted safety concerns expressed by the Parish Council have been rigorously considered and that steps are implemented to extinguish such risks prior to any consideration to the implementation of a TRO. Although heavily redacted, the FOI response contained sufficient information to show that the current recommendation for a TRO was based on inadequate and invalid financial data. The basis for Income projections has not been substantiated and no allowance has been made for costs, although likely to be significant. A further requirement for implementation of a TRO is the level of community buy in to the scheme. This is non-existent, as illustrated by the 100% adverse response to the previous consultation exercise on the same issue. No detailed risk analysis has been undertaken. Our Unitary Councillor has expressed numerous concerns regarding this TRO proposal and has offered to act as a facilitator to review a number of options for consideration. The current proposal does not meet the requirements of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and should be withdrawn until such time as a proper detailed analysis has been undertaken in conjunction with those most affected</p>
163	Individual	S	<p>Hello, the charges for carpark is huge !</p> <p>3 hours for £5 in Salisbury is not a realistic amount . In West Quay in Southampton 3 hours is £2.50. Winchester is £4.40.</p> <p>I would suggest to keep the price down as this will force many people not to go and park in Salisbury.</p> <p>There should be better alternative: cheaper busses for the full family rather than free bus for over 60s</p> <p>People that come from abroad will be coming to Salisbury but they don't spend much as they are on a race to see as many sites as possible in one day. But those that come from within the area for a nice treat / a nice shopping experience will go to other places</p>
164	Individual	N	<p>I object to the increase in parking charges in Chippenham. Now, more than ever, our local businesses need support from Wiltshire Council. We need a return to the free one hour parking. This will help with passing trade, which is being taken by out of town businesses with free parking.</p> <p>I also object to parking charges on a Sunday. Not only is this counterproductive to already</p>

			<p>dwindling visitor numbers on this day, but discriminates against those who attend religious services in the town. Many of these are elderly or of limited mobility and cannot afford to pay more, especially with rising costs already hitting them the hardest.</p> <p>Chippenham has had an especially hard time with parking charges. For a long time now, there have been successful schemes in other towns in Wiltshire for free one hour or two hour parking. Why not Chippenham? We already top the list (along with Salisbury I believe?) for most expensive parking rates in Wiltshire.</p> <p>Where is this money going? Our Council Tax has been going up already. Perhaps spending priorities need to be reconsidered? I believe there are at least a dozen members of staff on salaries of over £100k! Why?</p> <p>Also, why build a multi-storey car park in Chippenham which wasn't needed? Maybe we are now paying this off with increased charges.</p> <p>More thought need to go into spending. The Bristol Road cycle lane is another example.</p> <p>I propose that more of our services are handed over to our Town Council. So much has improved since they have taken on more responsibility here.</p>
165	Individual	N	<p>As a disabled driver and blue badge holder I use the car parks in Chippenham to do my shopping as I know I can park and it is usually much nearer to the shops I want to frequent rather than on-street parking. If you remove the parking tariff exemption I will be less likely to use them and go to the supermarkets on the ring road instead. This exemption penalises disabled people more as they are generally on lower incomes and have higher costs due to having a disability. I'm very upset by these proposals.</p> <p>Could you not give an exemption to parking to those people who have vehicle tax exemption due to having a Motability car instead? This is how many councils help disabled people avoid parking charges in car parks throughout the country (for example South Hams Council in Devon). This is just another way you could help instead.</p>
166	Individual		<p>Blue badge parking charges it is utterly disgusting to want to charge blue badge holders for parking if you bring in these charges will blue badge holders have an extra hour to stay some carparks in Dorset do this also there should be more enforcement</p>
167	Individual	S	<p>We are trying to encourage people to use Salisbury, but increasing parking charges will deter people from coming in. In addition, Park and Ride buses have reduced in frequency from 4 per hour to 2 per hour so whereas people might have been prepared to come in on the bus, you will lose both sets of people and people will just vote with their feet/cars and choose to go elsewhere. Wilton offers free parking for 2 hours which can only be to the benefit of businesses</p>

			<p>there - I choose to go there to use their ages and their hairdresser, for example... .It has always annoyed me that in Salisbury, in most of the council parking, if not all, you have to decide how long you are going to be in town - how many people actually know that? So you often end up paying more than required 'just to be sure'. Imhave also had issues trying to use the parking app, and lack of cash has precluded me from going into town on occasion. I have never shopped in Sainsbury because I don't see why I should have to pay for parking for the privilege of buying essential groceries.....</p> <p>Look at it mathematically - if 200 cars park and pay £2 each, revenue is £400. If you increase parking to £2.50 and you lose 50% of cars, income reduces to £250. Even if you only lost 25% so had 150 cars paying £2.50 you still end up with less income, namely £375.....And you will lose income - I can tell you that for sure..... Extremely shortsighted, and a decision obviously taken by people who have no common sense and no mathematical nous.</p> <p>Additionally, I am a volunteer and have cause to go into Salisbury to take part in voluntary activities. I can't be the only person who will seriously question whether they can continue to volunteer if they have to pay increased parking charges..... Are Trowbridge residents having to pay the same parking charges as Salisbury residents? I doubt it</p>
168	Individual	N	Photos supplied of parked cars
169	Individual	N	<p>I think it is very unfair to charge blue badge holders. Don't they have enough to contend with? If they don't use a smart phone they have to walk to a pay point and their mobility may mean that their visit to town takes longer if they have mobility issues so they may have to pay for 2 hours rather than 1. The issue of having to pay may make them avoid town all together! The town then loses out.</p> <p>Also there are spaces for Blue Badge holders that are nowhere near to a machine. One example is near Chippenham Town bridge by Superdrug. Nearest machine is in Bath Road car park so how many charges will it take to pay for the cost to install one by the parking space!! There are other disabled space that have no ticket machine any where near them - spaces at the top of Station Hill, spaces by the war memorial, near the Blue Cross charity shop. To provide them all will cost 1000's of pounds.</p> <p>I think this was a very short sighted proposal and not thought through at all</p>

170	Individual	S	<p>In view of the slow decline of Salisbury from an interesting and vibrant cathedral city to its present sad state with closed shops and little to attract tourists I feel that the proposed increase in parking charges can only be aimed at those people living a few miles from the city who have to come in to shop. Park and Ride timings are now double the waiting time, buses are infrequent and charges are already higher than many surrounding towns. To drive to Park & Ride I already have to drive 6 miles.</p> <p>Please reconsider</p>
171	Individual	W	<p>At a time when the country is under a cost of living crisis and small business in small town centres are under increased pressure, an increase in parking charges are the last thing that local authorities (Wiltshire) should be pushing through.</p> <p>It makes poor economic sense, as instead of encouraging and supporting business this increase will have the opposite effect. People can see that high street prices are rising and have some understanding of why this is happening, they recognise this is caused by the energy hikes and other events around the world. But at a time when central government is coming under pressure to do more to help people, our local Wiltshire government does the opposite, and ignores a small opportunity to help, totally ignoring the current reality for people.</p> <p>This change should be stopped or at least postponed for a year or two, to enable the economy to recover and to show a modicum of empathy for those struggling and living in Wiltshire. Do the job you as councillors were elected to do and support and represent the people of Wiltshire.</p> <p>When this plan/idea/profitteering scam was thought up, the economy was in a different place, this is NOT THE TIME to impose further burden on the people and businesses of Wiltshire!</p>
172	Devizes Town Council	E	Scanned letter
173	Individual	S	<p>An increase in the tariff will drive away footfall from the city centre and have a negative effect on the business community.</p> <p>The proposed change to charge Blue Badge holders places an unfair burden on a section of the community that already are disadvantaged.</p>
174	Individual	S	<p>I wish to add my objection to the proposed change to charging blue badge holders for carparking in my local area; Marlborough.</p>

			Please think again and take time to think about difficult it is for a disabled person and drop this unworthy cash grab
175	Individual	N	<p>I wished to register strong objections to the proposed charges for Corsham car park.</p> <p>This will significantly reduce visitors to corsham and it's independent shops. There are alternatives in the area that can be visited without paid parking.</p> <p>This will increase traffic and pollution on the high street. With 30 minute parking available there drivers will be driving into the centre to try to secure these slots, bringing increased vehicles to pedestrian areas and around the school where children are walking along pavements. School drop off and finish times do already create significant challenges and the charges will increase the safety and health risks.</p> <p>This will increase pressure on residential parking areas as drivers seek alternative to paid parking in areas around the centre of Corsham. Again increasing risks for pedestrians, increasing traffic and pollution and preventing residents from parking near their properties.</p> <p>Whilst there are revenue benefits to the decision the significant loss of trade, health and safety and traffic management considerations should far outweigh these</p>
176	Individual	N	<p>With the introduction Sunday Parking charges and higher weekly parking charges myself and many other are now shopping out of town and on line.</p> <p>This is effecting local traders in town and will result in further small shop closures</p> <p>I cant see how the additional small revenue coupled with increased costs to police the parking scheme on Sundays can be of any great benefit</p>
177	Individual	N	<p>This would affect every household who are already suffering from the cost of living rises. If people do not visit the town, this will affect all businesses, many of whom are still trying to recover from the restraints which Covid brought upon them. Making blue badge holders pay is particularly wrong and I'm not a badge holder! Please rethink this increase in charges. I am sure the council can make their money up elsewhere.</p>
178	Individual		<p>I object to the parking charges. You want people to shop local give them 2 hours free or at least 1 hour free. There are bigger towns in different county's such as Oxfordshire that has more shops</p>

			and you get 2 hours free parking. The other issue is the parking machines. I came to town a couple of weeks ago machines not working and I wasn't using the parking app too much faff so I drove out again and went to Bath road retail park. More and more houses being built you need the town centre to survive. Drop the parking charges and also make it free on Sundays again.
179	Individual		<p>I am writing to object to the proposed changes to tariffs in off street car parks. The issue is the removal of the exemption from charging for disabled badge holders (invalid carriages, vehicles in lieu of invalid carriages and drivers with a severe disability issued with a note from Wiltshire Council) without introduction of accessible stress free means of paying and appropriate notices. To do so discriminates against those that cannot physically access the pay points/machines and notices as readily as able bodied members of the public.</p> <p>To be clear, I do not object to charging this section of the community for parking in off street car parks. It is the stressful experience they will be subjected to that I find unacceptable.</p> <p>Lastly, I am no expert in such matters, but I take it Wiltshire Council has considered the likelihood of facing a class action by disabled motorists over future issues</p>
180	Individual	S	<p>Salisbury..with the few shops left do you really want to drive people further away with increased parking charges</p> <p>You would be far more prudent to fine people parking in the street for longer than the time limit and people parking in disabled bays who are not displaying a disabled badge. Also to come out of the city to the Laverstock and Milford area to have no waiting/2 hour signs to encourage them to make use of parkand ride..so many other ways of raising funds, the worst free parking area is Shady Bower that should definitely be removed especially on the blind corner opposite Bower Gardens ..Manor farm road etc</p>
181	Individual	N	<p>I would like to object to the parking charges in Chippenham town centre.</p> <p>I feel that this:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. disadvantages lower income families from using the facilities in the town. 2. May discourage people on the Corsham side of Chippenham from using Chippenham high street as free parking is available in Corsham. 3. May impact the prosperity of the high street. Why pay extra for parking when I can get it

			<p>delivered to my door via the internet.</p> <p>4. Discriminatory to the people of Chippenham when other local town offer free parking - Calne; Corsham; Malmesbury; Westbury.</p> <p>I hope you reconsider the changes to charges in Chippenham and reinstate the availability of free parking</p>
182	Individual	N	<p>This is not the time to increase parking charges! With inflation at the current level this will only add to the immense pressure everyone is under. I volunteer for Citizens Advice and help people of Wiltshire with their debt problems, it doesn't help them to have to pay increased parking charges when they come to see me and it also means that the charity had to pay more for mine. This increase should be delayed for at least one year to allow time for the current crisis to resolve itself</p>
183	Individual	N	<p>Please think again about charging Blue Badge holders unless you greatly increase designated kerb side parking for same. By virtue of being disabled we are mostly old and at the lower end of the income structure and with other costs rising so steeply it will hit us more than most. Your actions are hardly likely to encourage us to re-elect you come the next election</p>
184	Individual	N	<p>I am very much opposed to the introduction of blue Badge Parking Charges in Wiltshire. This will affect some of the most vulnerable members of the community, and their carers. The consequences could include much parking on double yellow lines to avoid payment, or travelling much further than before to out-of-town centres where there is free parking. - thus increasing carbon emissions. It would almost certainly add to the demise of the High Street and our town centres in general (my wife, who has a blue badge, and I live in Chippenham). We have already spent considerable time filling in forms in order to obtain a blue badge, and have paid the requisite fee: to ask more now seems particularly unfair. Personally speaking, it is vital that my wife , who uses a walking frame, gets out and about on a regular basis (e.g. having a coffee in town) , and this proposal would make things more burdensome for us and for many others. The amount of extra money raised would probably be negligible and it would certainly be detrimental to the mental and physical health of many of us. A good number of Wiltshire councillors opposed this proposal and I humbly request that you take heed of their very wise advice.</p>
185	Individual	N	<p>By charging blue badge holders, these reserved spaces will remain empty, as they can park on yellow lines for 3 hrs causing obstruction in places when then could have filled the allocated spaces in car parks</p>
186	Individual	N	<p>I wish to make the following observations on the above proposal.</p>

- 1) The need for increased revenue for Wilts.C.C. is clear. In these days, councils (especially ours!) are underfunded by government.
 - 2) In order to fund the services expected by county residents means that new revenue streams must be found.
 - 3) I believe that increasing parking charges will not help fill this gap in funding.
 - 4) Far from doing so, it will in fact *loose* the council revenue.
 - 5) Overtime this will short sighted action will actually exacerbate funding issues.
- There is no instant panacea facing WCC funding issues

My reasons for believing this are the following:

- 6) Increased charges will make shoppers on the high street park elsewhere.
- 7) Shoppers will therefore shop in the supermarkets outside Chippenham where there are no such charges. This will impact on businesses in the high street.
- 8) This will impact on those businesses in Chippenham high street, with more businesses going bankrupt, closing down and moving location.
- 9) In turn, this will cost the W.C.C. money with the loss of revenue from high street businesses.
- 10) The current charges are already losing you revenue, with charity shops on the increase. This is a sure sign of a high street in decline.
- 11) The increase in charity shops is already costing you revenue. With the current proposed charges, even the charity shops will come under pressure and some will leave, thus making a self fulfilling prophecy.
- 12) A further impact has been that those working in Chippenham are now parking in the surrounding residential areas.
- 13) This in turn is forcing those living in these residential areas further parking issues, causing friction between neighbours and neighbours and non residential drivers.
- 14) The current parking charges have caused points 12 and 13. Increasing charges will exacerbate this issue further, possibly leading to acts of violence when tensions/temper are frayed.
- 15) In the event of 14, valuable police time will be wasted on what are really petty issues.

			<p>I would therefore respectfully like to put forward the following suggestions. I understand that this will not be popular, either with WCC and Council tax payers. It will require compromise on all sides and be a bitter pill:</p> <p>16) A substantial <i>decrease</i> in the current parking charges for shoppers. This will help to re-stimulate the high street shops, which, in the long term will help <i>increase</i> revenue.</p> <p>17) Long term parking charges to also be reduced to a more reasonable level. With a special cheaper rate for workers, possibly paid for on an annual/six monthly periods.</p> <p>18) Setting up of “residential parking” zones to force those non residents from into using car parks, thus making them park in town or find an alternative means of getting to work.</p> <p>19) Whether or not we like it, there will have to be an increase in Council Tax. W.C.C. has done a great job of keeping the tax increases down, but sadly it is now time to review if this is sustainable.</p> <p>20) The establishment of “park and ride” schemes for shoppers which have proved successful elsewhere, in order to support the high streets. This will help workers by freeing up more spaces.</p> <p>21) In NO circumstances should the blue card holders have to pay to park. Life is hard enough for them, without putting on what will amount to be a tax on the disabled.</p> <p>22) Following on from point 22, the difference in revenue increase will be so minimal as not to be worth alienating a minority who feel alienated enough as it is.</p> <p>I am hoping that this email will help W.C.C. to reconsider what appears to me to be a very short sighted idea which does not take into account the “wider” picture of life in Chippenham and probably Wiltshire generally.</p> <p>I would appreciate a reply to this email, addressing my comments on a point by point basis</p>
187	Individual	S	This will cause severe problems to anyone with a disability and cannot generate much in the way of additional income.
188	Individual	N	<p>I am writing on behalf of my husband and all disabled drivers. I put it to you ...</p> <p>1) My husband, and, I expect all disabled drivers, have had to pay Wiltshire Council for the privilege of having a Badge. Why, then do they have to pay again for the use of a parking space?</p>

			<p>Will the charges for the actual badge be stopped?</p> <p>2) When they park, they will then have to find a payment meter, to be able to pay, before going about their business. A problem if they already have mobility issues.</p> <p>3) The disabled parking spaces in the High Street of Royal Wootton Bassett are badly marked on the road, with just a badge on a post / wall adjacent to the spaces. Will the extra monies collected from these tariffs ensure that the 'disabled' badge is repainted on the space, and not just 'Disabled' painted on the road, and obliterated by tyres running over it?</p> <p>Please consider if you were a disabled driver, with mobility or other issues. Would you be happy to pay twice for the use of a parking space, with all the hassles that this would entail?</p> <p>For your information, we visit The New Forest, Hampshire, a few times a year, and although I always check to make sure that their policy hasn't changed, disabled parking is always free for all day, to allow persons with less mobility to visit their attractions. Something worth considering, as it means more visitors, who will spend more money in that day</p>
189	Individual	N	<p>I'd like to object to the steep increases in off street parking charges and the removal of free parking for Blue Badge holders.</p> <p>I find the arguments given in the 'Statement_of_reasons_Changes_to_tariffs_in_off_street_car_parks_updated_version.odt' document utterly unconvincing.</p> <p>To my mind Wiltshire parking charges are excessive and the structure of charges is punitive for residents. The claim that season tickets are 'good value' is risible.</p> <p>Comparing Wiltshire's parking charges and policy to neighbouring Dorset and Swindon makes it plain just how much more swingeing Wiltshire's charges are.</p> <p>For example Dorset's 'Flexi Stay' permit for £260 a year, offers "unlimited parking in the majority of Dorset Council car parks" or Swindon's £299 a year residents permit for town centre car parks, both compare very favourably to Marlborough's £892 per year for a inflexible Season ticket that</p>

			<p>is tied to a specific car park.</p> <p>Even more galling is the total lack of resident's parking permits provisions in Marlborough. In stark contrast Swindon offers Residents parking permits for £35 a year, while Dorset Council charges £70 per annum.</p> <p>For example, Bridport in Dorset, a wide street Georgian Market Town with similar demographic to Marlborough, is able to provide on-street residents parking for £70 per year.</p> <p>All taken together paints a rather bleak picture of a monopolistic, uncaring Wiltshire council bilking their captive residents for all they can.</p> <p>As the cost of living crisis is biting ever harder our council is making this quickly escalating problem far worse for already struggling council tax payers and high street shops by steeply raising car parking charges.</p> <p>Instead of exacerbating the situation I urge the council to make a positive statement of support for their hard pressed constituents and businesses. A welcome signal would be the introduction of reasonably priced residents parking, like Dorset's 'Flexi Stay' permit.</p>
190	Individual	S	<p>PARKING AT THE MALTINGS -</p> <p>As a regional tourist centre and major Market Town, the City of Salisbury deserves a first rate transport interchange in The Maltings and Central Car Park. Whatever might be thought about the desirability of motor cars, plentiful and cheap parking is THE key to keeping visitors and shoppers coming.</p> <p>With our compact mix of tourist attractions and shops, it's no surprise that visitors want to stay for several hours. PRICE MAKES A DIFFERENCE - Southampton Road shops are used less when city parking is affordable/free.</p> <p>Luckily, the area close to the medieval street plan is open for development and can contribute to solving a city wide problem. With direct links to the Ring Road it can reduce traffic in crowded streets, and still maintain personal access to the increasingly pedestrianised shopping & tourist</p>

centre.

In The Maltings/Central Car Park make: A new all weather 'bus and coach station, park & ride drop off, plus tourist information office, taxi rank, disabled shop-mobility hire, cafe, cycle spaces, free toilets open 24 hours & bank holidays, 24 hour medical health centre, Post Office(?), and so on. You know the list. Add a 3 story car park for shoppers & tourists, subsidised (free?) by business taxes on account of the facility, and with electric charging points. The financial benefits are real and won't show on any identifiable balance sheet, but that's no reason to ignore community improvements.

It may be asking too much to move the railway station here - although it is possible, but a connection could still be made to the station via platform 6 for a tram shuttle. In times past, there used to be a short rail link to what is now the public library. Long distance travel, for example changing train/bus in Salisbury, will be much easier if the major services are co-located in a shared hub. There's not room at the existing railway station to do all this, and The Maltings is more central.

There are jammed narrow streets, crazy bus services since closing the previous 'bus station, coach drop-off inconvenience, too many shops closing (don't need many more). This is a rare opportunity to fix most of this.

A fully integrated transport interchange in a corner of the planned greener Maltings would transform Salisbury's future for those with the Vision to see it. By all means include youth hostel and hotel accommodation along with residential flats above shops, but keep Sainsbury's as is.

Reluctantly, the Library Walk might benefit from a re-working. But do not move the Library. It's position serves its function. It's function serves its position. It is a free public service, in public ownership. Do not change this. Commercial considerations have no bearing in these matters. The library will die if moved with reduced footfall. The art galleries need to be in the same building of course.

My pet fantasy is an elevated monorail linking Stonehenge, Woodhenge, Durrington, Amesbury, Woodford Valley, Salisbury Sports Centre, Waitrose, The Maltings, Queen Elizabeth gardens, and

			<p>especially terminate within the Cathedral close. Later extend to Avebury. Tourists would love it, locals would use it.</p> <p>Nationally, Container traffic could be largely transferred to rail if there were a transfer depot near each town, so only the last mile is by road. This could be at the disused rail yard behind Salisbury station, likewise at Wilton and Solstice Park Amesbury</p>
191	Individual	N	<p>This is not a Consultation it is the opportunity to comment on a decision that has already been taken. Under the Local Government Regulations a consultation must be conducted at the earliest stage before any decisions have been taken and the options must be presented in a neutral manner. At the Cabinet Meeting where the intent to make changes to the current level of parking charges were proposed the Leader of the Council clearly stated that a full Consultation would be conducted.</p> <p>The proposal identifies the intent under Orders 1 and 2 "To remove from the Orders the exemption from charging for disabled badge holders etc". There are various options that other councils have adopted with respect to disabled blue badge holders that Wiltshire Council could have considered and consulted on ie the scheme adopted by Cornwall council that I pointed out at cabinet.</p> <p>The proposal by Wiltshire Council should be scrapped and a full and proper consultation should be conducted.</p>
192	Individual	W	<p>I think this is short-sighted ~ our shops struggle enough without you increasing the charges yet again!</p> <p>Furthermore, it's a disgrace that the machines in some areas do not give change and are set at an amount which people often don't carry.</p> <p>It should be easier to pay by mobile with no extra charge for doing so. All machines should have contactless card readers too,</p> <p>I agree that Blue Badge Card Holders should pay but perhaps given a slightly extended stay. (say 10 minutes).</p>
193	Individual	N	<p>I've just looked at the latest proposals for car parking charges in North Wiltshire and I am totally confused and very disgruntled at what I have read. Calne, Corsham, Malmesbury and Royal Wootton Bassett all charge 50p or less for one hour's parking, but Chippenham is £1.20-£1.30 for an hour. How on earth can this be! The difference is marked and totally unfair. Plus I believe the free Sunday parking is also being scrapped. Lucky for council workers that they have the parking permit only spaces in Monkton Park and the Bridge Centre - unlike other workers in Chippenham.</p>

			<p>I have lived in Chippenham all of my life and the town centre was always busy and a pleasure to visit. Now it is struggling and this will help to kill it off. How can you encourage new businesses to start up when it is cheaper to shop outside of the town centre. If I need something I used to go in on Sundays and had a stroll through town, stopping perhaps for a coffee but not any more. I'll go out of town. It is totally disheartening and I cannot see how charging Chippenham more can be justified. The only difference is the trainline but that is irrelevant to shoppers visiting the town centre. I believe that all of the towns should be paying the same. It's a no-brainer in my opinion. Also, I don't have a blue badge but why charge those who do not have a choice to use alternative ways to get into town? This seems harsh.</p> <p>I don't know if my comments will make any difference to what happens. Hopefully it will. Just be fair.</p>
194	Individual	N	<p>1) I think blue badge holders should pay for their parking as with everyone else (even though I am getting to the age of needing a blue badge myself).</p> <p>2) I am concerned that increasing the charges will adversely affect traders.</p> <p>3) I would suggest a 30 minutes (or even 20 minutes) rate to allow people to "pop to the shops" locally</p> <p>4) I appreciate the council needs to generate more income but I am not sure that this is a good time (when is?) to be increasing charges</p>
195	Individual	N	<p>I am writing to comment on the proposed changes to charges in off street parking.</p> <p>I think it is obvious that.....</p> <p>Raising parking charges will reduce the number of visitors to the town centre.</p> <p>Reduced visitors will reduce revenue for businesses.</p> <p>Businesses will either reduce their costs by making people unemployed or have to close altogether.</p> <p>The town centre will decline further.</p> <p>It is the accumulation of these kinds of decisions that reduce everyone's standard of living. This contributes to increased unemployment, ill health, stress. Discontent increases. Lack of trust for</p>

			those in authority increases, because they make ill thought through decisions mainly based on supporting the continuation of their own interests and that of the institutions from which they are paid. Crime increases, etc etc
196	Individual	N	<p>I am not naïve enough to think that this will do any good or that anyone will listen but for my own peace of mind I wish to register my disgust at the proposal to increase car parking charges and to introduce charges for blue badge holders. The sad thing is there is nothing I can do, at the next election I could maybe vote for a different candidate but that will make no difference as decisions like this will still go through.</p> <p>I therefore remain a tax payer who works every day to fund decisions like this over which I have no control</p>
197	Individual	N	<p>Parking prices are very expensive in Chippenham. I believe it stops people coming into the town centre which will impact the town, local businesses and community. I moved here two years ago and everyone I've met so far suggests other places for coffee/ shopping / meeting up because the parking is free or much cheaper. Places like Corsham, Lacock and Trowbridge.</p> <p>I have Fibromyalgia and can't always walk without getting tired. I used to pick up my prescription from Boots in the town but after going a number of times and my prescription wasn't ready I got fed up of paying for an hourly stay just for a 5 min pop to Boots. Maybe Chippenham could offer a short stay for free to allow people to pop into town. I've been to many other towns where your parking ticket is voided if staying for less than 2hrs and spending over £10 in local shops.</p> <p>I also travel back and forth to London for work. I would like to take the train but it's currently cheaper for me to drive and park in East Finchley than to park in Chippenham and take the train. Parking at East Finchley, which is just 20 mins or so from C. London, is £6.50 for the day.</p> <p>I run a networking group for local businesses and we hold the group in Kings Langley because the members don't want to pay Chippenham parking fees. Instead of keeping these businesses in Chippenham town we all drive to Kings Langley. If we were in town I'm sure we'd all go for lunch or coffee afterwards in a local cafe too. It also seems crazy to me, in terms of climate impact, that we all drive the extra mileage. I wish Chippenham felt more welcoming with its parking fees.</p>

			Lastly, I live in Wood Lane which is becoming very busy for parking. People coming to Chippenham for work avoid paying the parking charges by parking on Wood Lane which is near town and an unrestricted street.
198	Individual	W	I have become disabled by MS in the last 3 years and my walking and balance are compromised. Since having a Blue Badge, I have been able to get out and about with the secure knowledge that my car is parked close by so that I can get back to it safely. I have had to retire on medical grounds and my husband is now my carer - he also has taken early retirement- so our income has dramatically reduced. If free parking for Blue Badge holders is revoked, this would dissuade me from going out so freely and reducing my independence which would be very distressing.
199	Individual	S	Salisbury is no bigger than a small market town and like many other high streets throughout the country is struggling to survive. However Salisbury has an added pressure - its parking charges are astronomical in comparison to nearby towns and cities such as Devizes, Andover, Winchester and even Southampton. Yes we have plenty of tourists but they do not spend their money on food and clothing and we need to attract more shoppers into our city. But why would they come, when they can chose to go elsewhere and spend considerably less on parking? Please give Salisbury a chance! It has suffered enough over the last few years! Just make parking charges equal to these other towns and cities! Give us a level playing field in which to compete!
200	Individual	S	With regard to the proposals to increase parking charges, I would object as follows : 1. Salisbury already has the highest parking charges in the area so an increase is definitely not justified. It will put off visitors when we already have difficulty in attracting visitors to our run-down city, that has very few shops, and will put off businesses. Also, the main Central car park in particular is in a disgusting state, very uneven and full of potholes so, again this does not justify the extortionate parking charges, 2. I strongly disagree with removing the exemption for blue badge holders. Disabled/elderly people, such as my Mother, who is 90, are on very limited fixed incomes and have no opportunity to increase their incomes. In these very critical times, it would be wrong to remove the parking charge exemption. Some elderly/disabled people will be confined to their homes, not able to afford to pay for parking. This proposal, if implemented, would also stop them from keeping vital appointments with doctor, dentist, chiropodist etc

			Please reconsider these proposals. We need to be able to attract visitors and businesses to Salisbury, not deter them
201	Individual		<p>I am emailing to comment on the proposed changes to car parking charges; notably, to increase the charges.</p> <p>There has been a notable impact on the availability of a variety of retail and hospitality premises in Chippenham town centre due to closures during the pandemic. Understandably the Council needs to replace some revenue from the lost business rates. I strongly believe this is not the way to do it, and in my view this is myopic, and pushes people away from towns.</p> <p>Chippenham is not Cabot Circus. It does not have a wide range of shops that cater to many tastes, and includes well-known high end and high street brands. There is no real draw to the town centre as it is, and this will certainly reduce footfall further. Reduced footfall is not a luxury Chippenham town centre can afford, in circumstances where there are empty shop premises and few well known high street brands (in particular clothing brands).</p> <p>It's not as if Chippenham has cultivated its own brand, and has extensive (attractive) local businesses either; certainly there are a number of nail salons, vape shops etc, but take a walk along Park Street in Bristol, or Gloucester Road, or Whiteladies Road, to see how this is done successfully.</p> <p>Given the proposed development for Chippenham, which is undoubtedly designed to bring in commuters, Wiltshire Council really should think long and hard about what identity it wants Chippenham to have. More houses does not a city make. Swindon is a prime example - city in name only, there is no beating heart, no soul. It's merely a collection of housing developments off a ring road. As part of your target audience, an out-of-town commuter, it was the very last place I wanted to live. Is that really what the Council wants for Chippenham? I've lived in cities all my adult life, around the globe, and each one has been a vibrant place full to the brim with soul. Birmingham, London, Melbourne, Rio, Bristol... the list goes on. What they have all had in common is a reason to visit the centre, along with satellite local areas that each have their own community and personality. That makes a place to live attractive. Don't make the same mistake twice. Help Chippenham to rebuild its heart, let it keep its soul; bring people in to the centre,</p>

			<p>don't drive them away. And when those new neighbourhoods pop up as development grows, make sure each has its own community hub. With free parking. For a great example of how to make it work, you need look no further than Bath's Mulberry Park development.</p> <p>I should add, the postcode lottery of parking charges in Wiltshire is also really bad form. What makes Chippenham worth £1.10 an hour, when much nicer, quainter, picturesque Marlborough with a range of exciting local businesses is worth 70p?</p> <p>And finally, charging blue badge holders. Really?! That is outrageous. For those with physical disabilities, it takes longer to do what able bodied people can do. For many, they are on benefits and can't readily afford it. This is just beyond the pail.</p> <p>I trust you will take into consideration my disagreement, along with all other comments</p>
202	Individual	W	<p>My comment is this: I live in Bellefield Crescent, and every day and overnights many times too, cars park here (sometimes on the grass verge as well) as if it is a car park because there are no yellow lines or other restrictions.</p> <p>One of the results is that our crescent is turning back to woodland/ country lanes, because the gutters are never cleared out (plus Wiltshire Cabinet preferred to spend £450,000 on a bike lane that so far I have seen 3 bikes use than re-surface our pavements and roadway).</p> <p>The Halve carpark is very close, but these regular car parkers never use it, because they have to pay whereas parking outside our homes is free.</p> <p>If you increase charges, this problem will only intensify</p>
203	Individual	N	<p>We would like to object to the proposal of charging for the car park at Castle Combe. This will lead to more cars being parked on the hill, which already gets incredibly busy, especially in peak tourist season. When it is like that emergency vehicles are often unable to pass and accidents are much more likely. It needs to be seen on a sunny weekend and the problem will soon become apparent</p>
204	Individual	S	<p>I recently visited Salisbury and was horrified to find the cost of parking my car had increased. Why is it that people in Trowbridge think that it is only the wealthy who live in and around the city so</p>

			<p>feel obliged to raise all the prices. The city is struggling with lots of empty shops and there is little to attract people to come to visit, other than the Cathedral.</p> <p>I feel that it is a callous thing to do with low paid workers, and retired people struggling with paying utilities and council tax that they now have to pay a higher rate to park their vehicle. Young families like to come and enjoy the cathedral close and Elizabeth Gardens but when one has to decide where to spend their money, leisure pursuits will not be at the top of the list.</p>
205	Individual	N	<p>Objection to parking charge increases.</p> <p>I use the Calne Church St car park - to park for work. This is the only long-stay car park in Calne - so i have no choice.</p> <p>I feel very disappointed by the proposed increase in parking fees - it's just an easy target - and adds another expense to hard-pressed households at this time of a huge increase in cost of living costs.</p> <p>Especially living in a rural area where we are on oil (which no-one in government seems to care about!) and have to rely on the car also</p>
206	Individual	S	<p>Every time parking charges increase there is a corresponding decrease in footfall in Salisbury. It just doesn't help the shopkeepers.</p> <p>And the same comments will apply if you start charging blue badge holders.</p> <p>I realise the cash is needed but please don't do this to the detriment of the fewer and fewer shops that remain in Salisbury</p>
207	Individual		<p>I feel it would be a great mistake to start charging disabled badge holders a fee to park in Wiltshire car parks.</p> <p>Blue badge holders will then park on yellow lines in towns and community's which will lead to the following problems:</p> <p>Traffic being held up because they cannot overtake due to oncoming traffic on narrow streets and roads which in turn causes more air pollution which causes damage to the health of people in Wiltshire.</p>

			<p>When drivers are held up they get angry, which causes more accidents, road rage increases which leads to more problems.</p> <p>Cost of sorting out the above problems will be much greater than any fees collected by charging blue badge holders to park in Wiltshire car parks</p>
208	Individual	N	<p>Car parking charges are already too high in some Wiltshire towns, in Chippenham especially. Why is there such a difference in parking charges between Wiltshire towns? Why not standardise the charges across the county (by reducing the most expensive and increasing the cheaper ones). To charge for Blue Badge holders in all car parks is not acceptable, in my view.</p>
209	Individual		<p>The introduction of parking fees for blue badge holders is a nonsense doomed to failure of the first order.</p> <p>Why would a disabled person...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pay to park in a disabled bay. 2. Risk a parking fine for going over their permitted time displayed on the ticket. <p>The alternative is to park on double yellow lines for up to three hours...perfectly legal and perfectly free!</p> <p>I know which I would choose</p>
210	Individual	W	<p>Free Blue Badge parking is essential to enable the disabled to shop effectively.</p>
211	Individual		<p>I wish to object to the proposal to charge Blue Badge holders for parking in offstreet car parks.</p> <p>The reasons are:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are insufficient on street disabled bays and that is always going to be the case. 2. Blue Badge holders like myself often prefer to use OffStreet carparks because it causes much less inconvenience to the public getting mobility aids and scooters out of the car which far more difficult and potentially hazardous on the street. 3. Life for a disabled person is difficult enough without the added task of finding and using a ticket machine (and maybe then needing to return to the car to place the ticket behind the windscreen).

			<p>4. As a disabled person we sometimes feel more vulnerable to undesirable people so searching for and finally finding a parking space on the street but in an area I am less familiar with is not a good feeling.</p> <p>5. The location of OffStreet car parks often offer me familiarity with the areas of town I need to visit so any disincentive to use the OffStreet carpark is a negative move.</p> <p>6. Conducting day to day life is always more difficult for we disabled people and any small assistance such as waived car park charges genuinely do help us to get out and about and support the shops and eating places in town who are generally welcoming. It will be a sad day when the Council appear less welcoming of us in the towns.</p> <p>7. As for Council economics, I cannot see there is a sufficient number of Blue Badge holders to generate extra car park income to justify ignoring the negative factors I mention above.</p> <p>I hope the Council will think very seriously about the proposal and continue to help us Blue Badge holders to retain this one small but very essential privilege.</p>
212	Individual	N	<p>I write concerning the planned Traffic Regulation Order for the Dunn's Lane carpark in Castle Combe.</p> <p>I have been in residence in Castle Combe for 25 years, and consequently was living here the last time charges were implemented in the carpark at Dunn's Lane. It caused a rapid and dangerous increase in illegal parking and was quickly dropped. It is therefore unfathomable that the same charges are to be repeated.</p> <p>As things stand, particularly at weekends and on bank holidays, the very narrow lane leading into the village is illegally parked almost end to end - recently, even around the blind bend at the top of the road. Traffic is often unable to move in either direction and anything over the size of a car - be it a delivery truck, service bus or God forbid emergency vehicle, is simply unable to pass through.</p> <p>This is the situation WITHOUT charges in the car park; once these are added, the situation is going to become untenable, as people attempt to park elsewhere in the village or on the B4039 to</p>

			<p>avoid the charge. Whilst we do see wardens on occasion, they are massively overstretched, and if they are required to monitor carpark charges, this will only further reduce the time they can spend on the lane into/ out of the village. We are frequently compared to Lacock and Avebury, but any comparison will show that access to either village from their car parks is by a safe pavement placed well away from the road itself; we have no pavement AT ALL.</p> <p>We as a village community are deeply concerned, frightened, that a very serious accident between pedestrians and vehicles is inevitable. Parking violations and dangerous road-width restrictions are increasing daily as the summer approaches, and once the charges are introduced, we will endure a massive increase.</p> <p>As residents this is becoming a huge source of stress. We welcome and cope with thousands of tourists every year, but the parking situation is genuinely affecting day to day life. This proposal has been tried before and failed; I urge you to reverse this plan and consider the dangerous consequences of it is implemented.</p>
213	Individual	N	I object to the planned charges for all disabled parking.
214	Individual	N	<p>I have received the general email from Wiltshire Council which include a reference to recently agreed changes to car parking charges cross the county.</p> <p>I am not very tech-savvy but unless I have completely misunderstood you are planning to charge disabled drivers to park in Wiltshire car parks.</p> <p>I find this very difficult to understand. I only have a Blue Badge because I am disabled. If there is yet another barrier put in place preventing me from leaving my home, surely that is a tax on being ill?</p> <p>I did not choose to have my medical condition. It was diagnosed three years ago, is incurable, progressive and increasingly debilitating.</p> <p>If you charge disabled people to park, then surely there is no point in having disabled spaces available at all?</p> <p>I have had to leave work and am not yet of an age to receive my state pension. I do not receive any benefits from the public purse. I cannot be the only person in Wiltshire who would struggle</p>

			<p>to find money to pay for parking. This proposed alteration is not one universally adopted across the United Kingdom so potentially I could move across the country to visit - to Hampshire or Sussex or Yorkshire - and not know the rules applicable there. I may be identified as a law-breaker if I parked unknowingly, thinking it was a free-to-disabled-user space when in fact a fee was payable.</p> <p>We are all aware that we live in difficult times and the Council has to balance its books and continue to provide a service, but I would ask you to reconsider your decision regarding Blue Badge parking tariffs and remember that the majority of people who will park in these spaces are local residents who already pay Council Tax on their properties.</p> <p>There are very few benefits of being diagnosed with an illness such as mine, practically none really, but the Blue Badge I have has been cherished and not abused.</p> <p>Please reconsider your decision to charge disabled drivers to park in your car parks. The few street car parking bays available that you say will not be charged are in no way sufficient to cover the bays in the car parks themselves</p>
215	Individual	S	<p>I do not believe that introducing parking charges to those with disabilities will achieve anything but angst and more hardship for those suffering with mobility issues, many of whom live on benefits.</p> <p>The rise in parking charges is not going to encourage visitors or locals to shop or increase business in our city. Shops which are reducing in number steadily. So I'm against both issues proposed.</p>
216	Individual	W	<p>I'm in total disgust your considering charging blue card holders for parking in Wiltshire</p>
217	Individual	S	<p>I strongly feel an increase in Car Park charges will deter visitors to Salisbury; especially when they find we have very little in the way of interesting shopping experiences to tempt them ; also the number of empty premises - depressing eyesores. Plus the devastation of tree felling around the city.</p> <p>Our only attractions at present are The Cathedral, The Playhouse and Stonehenge.</p>
218	Individual	N	<p>I would like to place an objection to the proposed changes to the parking charges for Chippenham.</p> <p>Charging Blue Badge holders is unfair as some badge holders have severe mobility issues and will</p>

			<p>struggle to get to the parking machines. This will take away some of their much valued independence. Additionally many badge holders are elderly and are more likely to struggle with the technology as we move more to cashless parking machines.</p> <p>Increased charges for all, and especially charges on Sundays, are significantly changing my local shopping habits. I now tend to shop more on the out of town retail parks such as Hathaway where free parking is available. When I do go to the town centre I no longer browse and buy on impulse as I need to do the essential tasks and get back to the car quickly Please consider reducing the charges to bring us more in line with other small towns, and give Chippenham town centre a shot at survival</p>
219	Individual	N	<p>This will impact people with low incomes who are already suffering from the increases in the cost of living. The amount of money raised could come from elsewhere in the budget as was already proposed by various councillors at the Full Council meeting at County Hall in February.</p>
220	Individual		<p>Blue badge parking should be free as people who use them have no choice to park further away and walk to avoid the charges. That is why they have a blue badge. Please do not make us pay</p>
221	Individual	N	<p>At present the government is trying to rejuvenate High Streets all around the U.K. , however, by raising already high charges the chance of this in Chippenham are slim. Already most people I know shop out of town or only when they have four or five errands that have to run at banks, opticians, the dentist etc. No one browses after one errand any longer, parking costs almost as much as a litre of petrol already, a raise only brings that closer. Public transport is almost non existent, to get from one end of town to the other by bus I.e. the train station from the eastern side of town, you have to take a bus into the centre and another up to the station. This is ridiculous. Raising parking charges will surely reduce the number of people using cars into town but only at the demise of the town centre even further!</p>
222	Individual	S	<p>I have to use a modified Wheelchair accessible vehicle which requires a 3 meter clearance I can only use carports as most times I use on street parking car's park to close making it impossible to lower my ramp</p> <p>I'm on disability benefit with the price increase in fuel food electric ect adding parking fees as well will mean I will be unable to access medical appointment in Salisbury City centre and shop there</p>
223	Individual	N	<p>I am writing to voice my objection to the increase in parking charges for Chippenham Town Centre and surrounding car parks.</p> <p>I feel that with the cost of living rising, this is putting more strain on individuals which will put</p>

			<p>people off visiting the centre, therefore impacting small business owners who have been lucky to survive the pandemic. Every increase in parking charges by people that have no choice but to use the car parks, could be food out of children's mouths or a colder home. Every increase in parking charges is a worry for Chippenham small business owners and another reason to go elsewhere such as Corsham where parking is free for 2 hours or Trowbridge where 2 hours of parking is approximately 60p and offers more shops. The constant increase and addition of parking charges is proving to be detrimental for our town at a time when our businesses need our support and at a time when incomes are already being squeezed by council tax increases as well as energy and inflation. As a regular visitor to Chippenham Town centre, I am very concerned by this increase and urge you to reduce or maintain current charges to support businesses and your residents</p>
224	Individual	N	<p>Obviously not happy with any charges increase, but that won't make any difference to the decision!</p> <p>However, I would suggest that the council drag themselves into the 21st century and provide machines that can take card payments. These days cash transactions are decreasing rapidly, and one never seems to have sufficient coinage to pay the exact amount, forcing people to pay over the odds with no change given, which, in itself, is a very sneaky way to increase charges.</p>
225	Individual	E	<p>I strongly object to you plans to hike parking prices.</p> <p>With the cost of living crisis footfall in our towns will drop and businesses will suffer. You hiking prices will only exacerbate this.</p> <p>Perhaps you should consider trimming out some of the dead wood in the council, and stopping exuberant pay rises for councillors if you want to raise more funds before hammering the very people that bring money into our towns.</p>
226	Individual	S	<p>I am very disappointed to hear of these proposed changes to essentially start charging disabled drivers for the privilege to park in the City car parks.</p> <p>Disabled members of the Community are already disadvantaged in so many ways including increased costs in maintaining their health and homes through prescription charges, increased need to heat their homes and inability to work and of course all exacerbated by the spiralling costs with the current and ongoing cost of living crisis. So, to then have to face more costs to park in the City seems a very negative an insensitive move which will only increase the pressure on</p>

			<p>disabled members of the community and lead to increased isolation and lack of mobility and their limited finances.</p> <p>I drove into Salisbury only this last week and was saddened and appalled at the number of commercial/Works vehicles (white vans/ delivery drivers) parked in disabled on-street parking areas which should be reserved for Blue badge holders. What if any plans do you have in place to stop the abuse of disabled on-street parking areas so if this mean-minded policy goes ahead that the limited on-street disabled bays are available to those that need them and not those able bodied that are too lazy to walk a few extra metres or wait to park in delivery/loading areas just because they have a deadline to meet or do not care.</p>
227	Individual	N	<p>While I can accept small price rises I find the removal of the exemptions for 'disabled badge holders, invalid carriages, vehicles in lieu of invalid carriages and drivers with a severe disability issued with a note from Wiltshire Council' to be totally needless and unacceptable. This action would be very detrimental to the physical and mental health of many disabled people. I feel such action is outright discrimination against disabled persons and the council ought to be ashamed of itself for even contemplating such a change.</p>
228	Individual	N	<p>I strongly object to the attempt to reintroduce parking charges for the Castle Combe car park. The last time you imposed charges there was complete chaos between the village and the car park; the situation eased considerably after the charges were removed although illegal parking on The Hill can still cause quite a problem, by people who think double yellow lines do not apply to them. This road (The Hill and then The Street) is used by cars, pedestrians, horse riders, children on bikes and lycra louts (who use the hill as a racetrack, endangering themselves and everybody else) and parking anywhere but the designated part of the road, which people will do rather than pay a charge, can still create mayhem.</p> <p>To raise a bit of extra cash you are thus trashing the quality of life for residents and our visitors, and, in the worst case scenario, possibly causing an accident. To which an ambulance would not be able to get. Or a fire engine. Or for that matter, the police</p>
229	Individual	S	<p>I wish to object to the time restriction newly placed on Salt Lane Car Park for Sunday parking. Previously one could park all day on a Sunday (charge £1.90). Now the Sunday time restriction is reduced to 3 hours maximum.</p>

			<p>South Wiltshire Ramblers used to meet at Salt Lane Car Park on Sunday mornings to maximise car sharing arrangements for travelling to the start of a walk. Many left their vehicles at Salt Lane all day. This greatly reduced the number of car journeys and consequent emissions. Salt Lane was also the most convenient and easily accessible car park for residents of Salisbury and the local villages. There were always plenty of spaces spare.</p> <p>I see no rationale whatsoever for introducing an unnecessary time restriction for Sunday. A modest increase in parking charges for all day Sunday parking at Salt Lane would be far more acceptable. Please review this decision.</p>
230	Individual		Do not increase the parking fee
231	Individual	N	to the exemption of Blue Badge and parking increases, Is the cost of living not high enough? WE ARE ALL BEING STRANG;ED WITH INCREASES.
232	Individual		<p>I feel that a rise in parking costs will negatively impact the town, which is struggling for people to come, why we can't offer an hour free and then paid parking to encourage people to stay in town and spend more in the local shops.</p> <p>With cost of living rising we need to help the shops and market to thrive. This is not a needed rise</p>
233	Individual		It is a disgrace the charges for car parking in Chippenham and to put charges back on a Sunday is just appalling. Why can't Chippenham do the same as Corsham and have the first two hours free. The amount of increased shopping at Corsham is well worth the cost. The shops in Chippenham are on the whole a disgrace and are either phone, charity or coffee shops. For once have some foresight and business would be much better served if we could park even for an hour free of charge. The cost is exhorbitant particuarly in this day and age do have some thought for people who are not paid the enormous salaries of the Councillors and staff.
234	Individual	W	<p>Consultation on charging for blue badge parking.</p> <p>I would like to register my opposition to this proposal as a disabled person who lives in a very rural area.</p> <p>The cost of the badge itself - this is not a levy that appears to happen with other permits.</p> <p>The lessening of access by cost.</p>

			<p>Lack of facilities <u>if</u> I could access public transport at times I need it - toilets, accessible buses etc. The appalling lack of information and timescale of the process, seeming to aim to make it as inaccessible as possible particularly to those who need assistance or don't use the internet - by nature of those to be affected, local radio, easy read options etc should be used.</p> <p>The overall discriminatory nature of this proposal on a sector which does not choose to be where it finds itself.</p> <p>I question this proposal and it's legality under the Equality Act 2010</p>
235	Individual	N	<p>Why are some urban areas in Wiltshire able to offer two hours free parking when visiting their town centre, whilst in Chippenham this is not available.</p> <p>I am a pensioner, and visit Chippenham Town centre to under take bill payments at my local bank, very often this only takes minutes. I believe having to pay a minimum of £1.10 pence, is unfair and I think the council should re - assess this policy.</p> <p>I would welcome your response</p>
236	Individual	N	<p>I am writing to comment on the proposed car parking increases in the wider Wiltshire Council but specifically in Chippenham where I live.</p> <p>I live in Tugela Road which bounds Langley Park and along with Hawthorne Road. In the entire Monkton Park area and surrounding streets of the Chippenham Railway Station, we already have a significant car parking issue, caused by commuters for the train station and anybody accessing the town centre, local work places and amenities. The council has repeatedly failed to address this and this proposal will only exacerbate the issues.</p> <p>Users of The Olympiad Leisure Centre, Monkton Park (especially on Saturday mornings to attend Park Run), routinely use our street as well as the others mentioned to park their vehicles. Also Bath RFC fans use the streets for 'free parking' on match days.</p> <p>This is a significant issue for the residents and we can have upward to 30 vehicles in our street from drivers who do not live here or are not visiting residents of the street. Indeed there has also been incidences where cars are parked by people going on holiday using the train service and as such those vehicles are 'abandoned' in our street for a week or more.</p> <p>I fear your proposals are only going to drive more vehicles to seek places to park that won't incur charges and this will make, what is currently, a difficult situation even worse. There are frequent</p>

			<p>incidences of vehicles being damaged by these people as they try and park their own vehicles in the street and also residents have become so frustrated that they have also damaged/scratched the vehicles of people who park in the street. Given the recent awful tragedy where a resident was murdered in Somerset over a parking issue, this can and is a very real concern and one that should be addressed.</p> <p>Cars also end up being illegally parked on yellow lines which has on occasion prevented access to waste collection vehicles.</p> <p>I have enquired about the process to obtain Residents Parking status for our street but during and since the pandemic have received no information, I would appreciate information/feedback on how to commence this process. I actually feel the council should drive this initiative otherwise it will loose revenue unless it restricts where people can park and effectively limit parking to chargeable areas, like car parks.</p> <p>I have noted over recent years that the streets surrounding Swindon Railway Station all have Residents Parking Zones and the issues there appear to be completely fine. The main deterrent to prevent people parking in adjacent streets is as easy as signage posted in the streets concerned which would not be cost prohibitive.</p> <p>I would appreciate feedback and guidance on these concerns</p>
237	Individual	N	<p>What a shame we are losing the free parking. I so often pop into Corsham to support local shops for little bits and bobs because the parking is free. I fear, I and others will use big supermarkets out of town where there is no charge. Could there not be a FREE 30 MINUTES ? instead of the current 2 hours.</p> <p>I think it is so important to support small town shops that give such individual and caring service to their customers. Not every one uses online shopping or big supermarkets.</p>
238	Individual	N	<p>I have no problem with paying to park. I have always had a problem that Chippenham is more expensive than other towns in Wiltshire. I would like to know the justification of this. We don't have more or better shops.</p> <p>Regarding the proposed increases a small increase in charges is not a problem for me but I object</p>

			<p>to the following :</p> <p>Charging for disabled parking - disabled people often need much longer to manage the same amount of shopping than non-disabled people so would be disadvantaged paying the same. This amounts to discrimination. I propose keeping free or if you are very desperate that they contribute then they should pay for one hour but may stay longer.</p> <p>Sunday charges - I cannot understand why I should have to pay more for a quick pop to the shops on a Sunday, when less shops and services are open, than on a weekday. If you must charge on a Sunday why not fix the rate at the one hour rate?</p> <p>Regarding Chippenham paying more I think you should freeze Chippenham charges until the other towns catch up through future cost of living increases</p>
239	Individual	N	<p>I am writing to object to the proposed changed in parking charges in Chippenham. I feel that these are desperately inappropriate when retailers in the town are already struggling for business. It's guaranteed that higher charges WILL PUT PEOPLE OFF COMING INTO TOWN! The Council should be encouraging shoppers into the centre of Chippenham rather than driving them away. The increases, particularly in this time of increasing economic hardship, show no concern for the rate-paying public or retailers!</p> <p>As for doing away with free parking for blue badge holders, this is abysmal!!! Having to 'prove' they are severely disabled enough to qualify for a 'note from the council' for free parking is humiliating. Why subject vulnerable people to further 'vetting' when they have already gone through an assessment process to obtain the blue badge? Many holders are elderly and vulnerable and will not be aware of or know how to go through another process to qualify them for free-parking and puts them under needless stress.</p> <p>The proposal also hits hard those working in town who need season tickets for parking all day. Why not think wider and keep their rates the same but direct them to use the under-used multi storey car park on Sadlers Mead keeping the central car parks freer for shoppers? That car park have cost thousands of rate-payer's money to build but is totally under-utilised which is crazy!!!</p>

			As a Chippenham rate-payer paying ever-increasing rates I feel my opinions should carry weight. I love living in Chippenham but feel the Council are continuing to rip the heart out of the town centre with this current proposal
240	Individual	N	<p>While some councils have imposed charges on the disabled, it is by no means all of them. Most importantly, of those that have done so, many have introduced accompanying concessions, e.g. maintaining an initial period of free parking (Waverley, Chelmsford, Malvern Hills) or extending ticket expiry times (Mid Devon, Norwich, Newcastle, Bromsgrove, Lincoln, Rochford, Pembrokeshire, Epsom and Ewell) for badge holders.</p> <p>Under the Equality Act 2010, a duty exists to make reasonable adjustments for the disabled. Grounds for the issue of a blue badge include a PIP award; points would be awarded if the claimant took twice as long to complete an activity as it would take someone who did not have their condition. I am sure many would agree that this would constitute a substantial disadvantage in accessing local services under the changes proposed, as an able bodied motorist would pay to park for 1 hour while the disabled are not only left paying for the extra time that they have no choice but to need, but being expected to stump up a premium for it since additional time is charged disproportionately compared to the initial tariff.</p> <p>I understand that this would have been done to manage capacity, in which case I would suggest that a 30 minute tariff should be offered: an able bodied person does not need an hour to post a parcel, for example. And as our towns continue to be decimated, a 1 hour minimum will become an even worse deal for them, fuelling the decline of the high street further. It is notable that Darlington Council, which had previously offered badge holders the concessions of an initial hour free and the transfer of tickets between its car parks when it introduced charges are now among a number of councils in the North offering a period of free parking to all.</p> <p>The disabled are further let down by those councils who have introduced charges and refused to allow tickets to be transferred between their car parks. Let's assume that a badge holder needs to visit their building society and return a library book. In Melksham that would mean parking in Church Street before moving the vehicle to Lowbourn and paying 90p in the process. Meanwhile, everyone else has the option to walk into town and pay nothing, or to walk between one car park and their destinations. Driving badge holders to park on the road in increasing numbers could become dangerous and a nuisance; drivers already flout the rules and do this</p>

			<p>without a badge.</p> <p>Blue badge holders already pay a fee, which I once thought fair given that the money that would have been used for parking had they not been exempt could be put toward this. They have long been told that this was to cover the costs of a scheme that was less open to fraud and misuse than the orange badges they replaced. Reading the statement of reasons, it seems that having exercised their right to make this charge, the council have now decided that this is not good enough as ineligible users may be using the bays and parking without payment. Once again the disabled are seemingly expected to bear the brunt of an attempt to resolve something that is not of their making. I would add that I have only once in four and a half years been unable to get a disabled bay in a council car park. Ultimately it is those misusing the scheme who should be punished, and it is not the fault of the disabled if patrols and others have failed to catch those responsible.</p> <p>Despite the “where everybody matters” slogan, I am seeing no evidence of that in the plans to continue to exempt motorcyclists from charges while imposing them on the disabled, apparently without any concessions. Those that I know with motorcycles will take them in preference to their cars wherever possible, to avoid incurring charges. The disabled would be physically unable to do the same, and face being required to walk to pay and display machines which are often closer to normal bays (Church Street, King Street) or paying an amount on top to park by phone at a time when they too are having to make challenging budgets work</p>
241	Individual	W	<p>You may have noticed that lots of shops and business properties are empty in Melksham & Trowbridge, and many other Wiltshire towns.</p> <p>This has happened because many people avoid visiting these shops and businesses due to the excessive parking charges.</p> <p>If you want to encourage more visitors you MUST give free parking, even if it is just for 2 or 3 hrs.</p>
242	Individual	S	<p>I am deaf so a smart phone or any movies is irrelevant and useless. Many oder people are deaf and even more do not have smart technology so you are basically using the aged as a cash cow to pay for parking via fines.</p> <p>Is this fair??</p>
243	Individual	N	<p>I wish to register my strong objection at the proposal to introduce charges for blue badge holders. As blue badge holders many people have disabilities or health conditions which means we need to be able to park near to our destinations. We already pay for the blue badge which</p>

			allows us freedom to park near to shops, hospitals etc. giving us access without to many difficulties. The proposed decision by the council to introduce these charges is intimidating and discriminatory as many are elderly, people on benefits or limited income. Add this the current cost of living squeeze many will not or choose not to visit Chippenham. Trying to raise income from disabled people is repugnant and immoral given the large salaries paid to some positions within Wiltshire council. I shall think hard on who I vote for in the future .
244	Individual	N	<p>I object to the proposed parking rises in Chippenham, I feel this will push more and more shoppers out of the area. There are other nearby towns in Chippenham that do not charge anywhere near as much as the tariffs that Chippenham already have, it seems parking charges are like a postcode lottery.</p> <p>I for one will not be visiting the town centre if the prices increase, I live on Sheldon Road but can not walk to town due to my health issues and I certainly can not afford to go into town with the parking prices. I can visit many any of the supermarkets and retail parks where I can park for free, so its an easy choice to drive to those instead.</p> <p>We have a cost of living crisis at the moment and you are asking us to pay more to park, I really feel you should be lowering the cost to bring more shoppers in.</p> <p>My mum is registered as disabled, I feel its an utter disgrace that you are even considering charging blue badge holders. Many Blue badge holders can not work and therefore on a very low income. Popping into town for many helps them to stay socially active, and for many the only people they will speak to outside of their homes. Don't make it unaffordable and take this away from them! Shame on you for even considering charging blue badge holders. My mum likes to go into town and get a coffee now and again, its the only leisurely thing she can just about afford. She can not park on the side roads as they are too far for her to walk into town. Charge her parking and you are taking away her coffee money, taking away her one social event</p>
245	Individual	W	No increase to parking charges, especially for blue badge holders.
246	Individual	N	<p>I am emailing to object to the proposed new parking charges within Chippenham.</p> <p>With the current extortionate cost of living, this will be the tipping point for many who will no</p>

			<p>longer see it as worthwhile or viable to visit Chippenham Town. Not to mention the strain the shops themselves are under due to current visitor numbers, rent costs and the lasting effects of the last few years. A decision such as this will likely have dire effects for the future of the highstreet.</p> <p>I hope you change your mind on this issue</p>
247	Individual	N	<p>I am writing further to your public consultation on the parking charge changes planned for Wiltshire and in particular in regard to those charges in Chippenham as the town in which I live. I object to any increase and as is already evident the increases and introduction of Sunday charges has already had a negative impact on businesses in the town. At a time when all households are facing extreme budgeting issues and a cost of living crisis with predictions of extreme recession imminent I am shocked and appalled that this move is even being considered. However, from an individual point of you I am most appalled by the consideration of introducing charges for blue badge holders. As a blue badge holder I am unable to choose to walk, cycle or take public transport for obvious reasons and therefore have no choice but to use the parking facilities. Furthermore I am unable to mobilise at anything approaching normal speed and so tasks take at least twice as long for me to complete as they would an able bodied person. Therefore introducing charges for such parking is discriminatory not only on the basis that it is a charge unavoidable to persons such as myself, but also because it fails to consider that those charges to individuals like myself will in effect be creating a heightened charge based upon my disability.</p> <p>This will leave me and others like myself unable to use the facilities in the town centre. Effectively creating barriers which bar disabled persons from accessing vital services like opticians and pharmacies. It will also only serve to further dissuade visitors to our town and ergo have a detrimental impact on businesses aswell as individuals.</p> <p>I sincerely hope that you will reconsider this proposal immediately and withdraw this proposal with immediate effect</p>
248	Individual	N	<p>As a disabled person who is unable to walk distances it is a life saver that I am able to park close to where I am going without having to go back and forth to a pay machine.</p> <p>I have limited finances due to my inability to work full time so to have to pay for parking would be a charge I could not afford. I already pay for a blue badge so this would be in additional expense. Charging parking fees would place a barrier to me being able to access services and I would be put at a disadvantage and isolated.</p>

249	Individual	N	<p>What a clever idea! increase the parking charges for town centers that are already struggling. This will of course drive more and more people away from shopping in town, instead using online super stores. With all the stores in town shutting down as they have no customers, I assume that the real estate will be nice and cheep. I assume you will personally be turning these into flats and houses and making a tidy profit from the change of use ?</p>
250	Individual	N	<p>I understand that there is currently a consultation on the issue of introducing parking fees for blue badge disabled parking. I have a blue badge and find it invaluable for me to be able to maintain some independence. The introduction of parking fees in off street car parks will have a significant impact on my ability to maintain this independence.</p> <p>Currently I go to town and park appropriately knowing that I am able to stay there as long as required to fulfill my tasks. If parking fees are introduced I am concerned that a time limit will be set and I will feel pressurised to get back to my vehicle to ensure there is no fine. Getting to and from the vehicle is tricky and much more time consuming compared to an able bodied person so for instance an 1 hour slot may be curtailed to just about 30 mins by the time one has prepared and returned to vehicle Secondly the whole nation is being exposed to a rise in the cost of living. Introducing parking fees will further disadvantage individuals who are already in many circumstances living on a very tight budget. Being able to go out in the car and park safely having sufficient time to undertake activities is key to individuals maintaining independence and therefore has a significant positive impact on enhancing their mental health and well being.</p>
251	Individual	N	<p>Increasing car parking charges has a deleterious effect on trade in the town, causes increased pollution, and increased greenhouse gas emissions because drivers circulate free on-road parking places seeking a space when making short visits. Any increase is therefore completely counter-productive.</p>
252	Individual	S	<p>I looked through all your proposals for Salisbury area and really feel that the charges will only put off tourists from wanting either to visit Salisbury or remain for more than an hour or two in the city.</p> <p>Whilst I walk and cycle myself and hardly ever take the car into town, I think that we are losing the edge over other places by making the car parking charges so high. The centre of Salisbury does not have the attractions which it used to have - i.e. quirky independent shops like Beach's</p>

			bookshop, Mace and Nairn on Crane Street and The Compleat Artist. It lacks any broadly relevant department store and increasingly the place looks bereft of interest, unless you want a coffee shop or a barber. People need to be encouraged to come here and parking is a major consideration. Brown Street is vital because of its proximity to the cathedral and I do hope that it will be retained for parking rather than turned into yet another retirement complex
253	Individual	N	I totally disapprove of charging for blue badge holders although this does not affect me. Also just in general when cost of living increases are affecting so many people, this is not the time to add to their burden by car parking increases. Do your bit to help. All this will do is deter shoppers so almost everyone loses
254	Bettles - Castle Combe Parish Council	N	Castle Combe Parish Council is unanimous in its opposition to this poorly devised and flawed Traffic Regulation Order submission. The premise of a TRO is that it will improve the safety of road users, for which the Highways Authority is responsible under the 1980 Highways Act. Section 1 (1) of The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1994 provides as follows: "The traffic authority for a road outside Greater London may make an order under this section (referred to in this Act as a "traffic regulation order") in respect of the road where it appears to the authority making the order that it is expedient to make it for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising". This proposal manifestly fails that test. Not only does the proposal fail to avoid danger to persons or other traffic, it actually increases the risks exponentially. There is substantial documented evidence that this proposal will in practice endanger pedestrians on the village hill, motorists on the B4039, and village residents, with a strong likelihood that emergency vehicles would be unable to gain access in a life or death situation. Lives will be at risk if this TRO proceeds in its current form and Unitary Council officers and elected representatives have been made aware of this on numerous occasions. The reasons have been made known to them in voluminous correspondence. On our part such correspondence is available for full review. The Unitary Council has elected to issue a very heavily redacted response to our Freedom of Information request covering their correspondence on this TRO, both prior to and subsequent to the submission to Cabinet. This redaction is based on the assumption that to release full information would "inhibit the Council from engaging in free and frank discussions in the future which would damage the quality of advice leading to poorer decision making". As a Parish Council we ensure that any internal communications are robust and can be fully justified. We would expect the Unitary Council to behave in the same manner. It is vital that the safety of the public should take priority in such matters and we are separately requesting an independent internal review of this unsatisfactory

			<p>response, followed if necessary by reference to the Information Commissioner's Office under the terms of the legislation. We may also submit a further Freedom of Information request relating to specific officers of the Council rather than elected representatives. It is essential that evidence is provided that the deep rooted safety concerns expressed by the Parish Council have been rigorously considered and that steps are implemented to extinguish such risks prior to any consideration to the implementation of a TRO. Although heavily redacted, the FOI response contained sufficient information to show that the current recommendation for a TRO was based on inadequate and invalid financial data. The basis for Income projections has not been substantiated and no allowance has been made for costs, although likely to be significant. A further requirement for implementation of a TRO is the level of community buy in to the scheme. This is non-existent, as illustrated by the 100% adverse response to the previous consultation exercise on the same issue. No detailed risk analysis has been undertaken. Our Unitary Councillor has expressed numerous concerns regarding this TRO proposal and has offered to act as a facilitator to review a number of options for consideration. The current proposal does not meet the requirements of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and should be withdrawn until such time as a proper detailed analysis has been undertaken in conjunction with those most affected</p>
255	Individual	N	<p>I object strongly to this proposal which would have a severe detrimental impact on the safety of road users and villagers.</p> <p>I have lived in the parish for 27 years and parking is already a major issue which needs a consultation on the way forward</p>
256	Individual	W	<p>I am writing to express my concern about the revoking of free disabled badge parking. St Margaret's Hall Bradford on Avon and Station approach in Bradford on avon are areas where charges for parking would be made. These are areas a lot of elderly and disabled people have to use on a frequent basis due to their medical needs.</p> <p>I myself have to take 5 adults and 3 children at various times throughout the month to the GP for medical reasons and rely on being able to park free of charge so that these adults and children can get to their appointments both conveniently and safely. The charges that I would have to pay are quite a lot as they can be there for an hour or more for leg clinic, and hour due to GP appointments including blood test and pharmacy pick up afterwards. There are a lot of people that do not carry cash anymore and I know my elderly grandparents, and parents in-law don't have the knowledge of how to pay over an app. There are a lot of elderly people I have had to help to do this locally when the coin machines don't work, this has resulted in some of them</p>

			<p>being late for appointments or having to risk getting a fine as they don't have the ability to pay. This then means people are late to their appointments which has an impact on the NHS itself.</p> <p>I understand that it is perceived that this would reduce misuse of the disabled badges but I think it would just in fact hit people who are already struggling to pay due to costs in living generally and prevent them going to appointments or indeed going out at all. I think you need to consider where these charges would have the least detrimental impact especially to the people who volunteer locally via The Hub to take disabled and elderly people to appointments as this would impact their ability and willingness to do thi</p>
257	Individual	N	<p>I am concerned to learn of a report to consider the re-implementation of charges for users of the Dunn's Lane Car Park in Castle Combe.</p> <p>Please reconsider this proposal.</p> <p>The village of Castle Combe has a very narrow hill and street built before the 17th Century and without any consideration of the width of roads now needed by 21st Century motorists.</p> <p>The car park must be available for car drivers to park freely in the car park. If charged to park the drivers have in the past been seen to revert to park on yellow lines causing risk of fatality to passing pedestrians, cyclists and other vehicles.</p> <p>Many walkers use the road to walk to the village. If car drivers revert to seeking a space at the foot of the hill it shall be increasingly dangerous for the pedestrians walking by the hill side. With free parking at Dunn's Lane there is less likely to be vehicles driving down to the village and so better safety for pedestrians.</p> <p>More vehicles in the car park leaves better space for emergency vehicles to have access to pass through and attend to residents in the village.</p> <p>Please retain the car park for free parking for the benefit of everyone's safety</p>
258	Individual	N	<p>I'm replying to the consultation on the increase in car parking charges. I think this will have a very negative impact on High Street businesses in Malmesbury and the other market towns of Wiltshire. Most of their customers will pay for parking (particularly those visiting from</p>

			<p>neighbouring villages). These businesses, many of them independent stores, have to compete with out of town supermarkets which provide free parking.</p> <p>With the cost of living crisis, high street businesses are struggling enough, without making the shopping experience more expensive for their customers</p>
259	Individual	N	<p>I oppose the introduction of Car Parking changes into the Dunn’s Lane Car Park at Castle Combe. The premise of a TRO is that it will improve the safety of road users, for which the Highways Authority is responsible under the 1980 Highways Act.</p> <p>Section 1 (1) of The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1994 provides as follows: “The traffic authority for a road outside Greater London may make an order under this section (referred to in this Act as a “traffic regulation order”) in respect of the road where it appears to the authority making the order that it is expedient to make it for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising”.</p> <p>This proposal manifestly fails that test. Not only does the proposal fail to avoid danger to persons or other traffic, it actually increases the risks exponentially. There is substantial documented evidence that this proposal will in practice endanger pedestrians on the village hill, motorists on the B4039, and village residents, with a strong likelihood that emergency vehicles would be unable to gain access in a life or death situation.</p> <p>Lives will be at risk if this TRO proceeds in its current form and Unitary Council officers and elected representatives have been made aware of this on numerous occasions. It is vital that the safety of the public should take priority in such matters.</p> <p>No detailed risk analysis has been undertaken.</p> <p>The current proposal does not meet the requirements of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and should be withdrawn until such time as a proper detailed analysis has been undertaken in conjunction with those most affected.</p> <p>If there is an incident as a result of this introduction then I will make sure that Wiltshire Council's</p>

			role in the introduction is fully understood by anyone who will listen; it appears that, to date, despite parking charges being withdrawn previously for this reason, the safety aspects have simply been ignored by the Council. This is absolutely unacceptable and negligent for a village that is known world wide and visited by hundred's of thousands of people
260	Individual	S	<p>I object to the parking in Salisbury being so much higher than any other location in Wiltshire. I am aware that there has been a significant level of visitor traffic to Salisbury, especially during the summer months, which will bring income to Wiltshire Council from parking charges but this disadvantages Salisbury residents disproportionately compared to those in other parts of Wiltshire.</p> <p>I have already started to shop predominantly outside of the city centre in free car parks on the Southampton Road, even though this is the opposite side of the city to where I live and further for me to drive but still cheaper over all despite higher fuel costs than paying for parking in the city centre. This parking charge rise, at a time when household bills continue to rise steeply, will further discourage residents from parking in the city centre and frequenting businesses there.</p>
261	Malmesbury Town Council	N	<p>THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (NORTHERN WILTSHIRE) (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2022</p> <p>At the P&E Meeting on 19th May 2022 the following comments were agreed:-</p> <p><u>Disabled Parking</u></p> <p><i>We object to the removal of exemption from charging for our disabled residents and visitors and feel that paying for parking could become a barrier to disabled people being active in our community. This in turn could impact on their health and well being.</i></p> <p><i>The Enforcement process to this new system (disabled blue badges replaced with 'a note' from Wiltshire Council) should be subject to vigorous scrutiny by those managing the service.</i></p> <p><u>Pricing Increase</u></p> <p><i>We are disappointed that there is no mention in the order or in signage at Station Road Car Park, of Malmesbury Town Council subsidising the first 2 hours parking.</i></p> <p><i>Although Cross Hayes Car Park is not included in this TRO we would like it noted that there is no</i></p>

			<p><i>signage of our subsidy to this car park either and we will also be seeking permission to display this on signage.</i></p> <p><i>We feel the large price increase in season ticket costs should be phased in gradually and this would be better received by those on restricted income and would assist with their financial planning.</i></p> <p><u>Removal of Concessionary Parking Spaces – Comment by Malmesbury Town Council</u></p> <p><i>We object to the removal of these spaces previously used for community events which promotes the town, encourages tourism which in turn contributes to our local economy. This is especially important in our post-Covid recovery</i></p>
262	Individual	N	<p>I am totally in disagreement of the hike in parking charges and you are killing the town centres as well as not many people carrying cash these day a fair few dont use modern technology to pay via their phone. If anything you should be allowing 20mins free parking in all towns for people to nip into their chosen shop or bank which will increase trade and business rates for the council by having less empty shops! The fact you want to charge blue badge holders is disgusting many blue badge holders have mobility issues yet you expect them to walk to a machine and purchase a ticket!. The older generation do not use mobile phone apps or modern technology! Wiltshire Council needs to seriously wake up to what the people of Wiltshire need in the real world instead of trying to take every last penny from those who already pay hefty council tax bills!</p> <p>Fiona Manners</p>
263	Individual	N	<p>I object most strongly to the proposed TRO which would result in greatly increased risk to the general public for the reasons already advised to the Portfolio holder and Director Place. This is ill conceived and the Unitary Council will be held responsible in the event of a serious event occurring</p>
264	Marlborough Town Council	N	<p>Marlborough Town Council considered Wiltshire Councils proposals for off street parking in Marlborough. Marlborough Town Council have asked me to convey on their behalf that they strongly object to the removal of exemption for charging for disabled badge holders, as they consider this will be discriminatory towards people who are already disadvantaged and could lead to the exclusion of residents who have additional mobility requirements</p>
265	Individual	S	<p>I want to let you know that I object most strongly to increasing parking costs. They are already expensive and there doesn't seem to be a price for just 30 mins or an hour. It appears that the minimum is for 2 hours. Once again it seems the disabled are going to be penalised and should be</p>

			<p>left free for them.</p> <p>Also whilst communicating with you about car parks. Amesbury town car park (or the land) was donated to the council on the proviso that it remained free car parking for the local residents. But that is being charged for now and will probably be hit with increasing costs.</p> <p>If you go ahead and charge for disable and also increase the charges you lose more people travelling into Salisbury to shop. It will become a ghost town. It is cheaper to travel elsewhere for their shopping. I hope you take my comments on board</p>
266	Individual	S	All parking should be free. This would support business and help with cost of living. Councils need to cut costs not raise charges /taxes
267	Business	N	Scanned letter
268	Individual	W	<p>Parking charges are already too high leading to under-utilised car parks and empty town centres. Raising charges will lead to less income from car parks and town centre shops. Drivers will go to out of town stores or ones with their own parking space. The proposal is simple for the council but lacks any real thought or purpose. It also makes shopping more expensive for handicapped people.</p> <p>The people of Wiltshire deserve better than this.</p>
269	Individual	N	<p>As a Wilts residents for over 40 years whose local town is Malmesbury I totally object to the proposed increases to carparking charges in the town, particularly the change to the free 2 hour slot in Station Road. Over the last few years I have seen the demise of the once vibrant High Street businesses. The 2 hour slot has been a boon to those in the outlying villages allowing us to still shop locally, use the local services of dentists, hairdressers , Friday markets, library, & some leisure activities which use the town's various halls.</p> <p>With the increase in the national cost of living anyway at the moment adding an extra couple of pounds to every town visit will be no longer affordable.</p> <p>I do not want to see any more empty shops & businesses with the inevitable loss of local employment it will bring.</p>
270	Individual	N	I am writing to you with great concern over your new proposed plan to increase prices for parking – especially in reference to Bath Road Car Park in the centre of Chippenham. I run a small business in the centre of town, The Santosha Studio. My business is still suffering from post

			<p>Brexit (our European clients opted to go home), post Covid Lockdown (not only have clients “lost” the habit of regularly practising Yoga and Pilates but those who have returned are still having to drop out of classes because they are either ill themselves or they have a family member who is ill with Covid) and so anything like the “increase to the cost of parking” will only make matters worse for my business and its survival.</p> <p>As it is, some clients are preferring to go to another Studio in Corsham where they can take advantage of their 2 hour free parking rather than have the challenge of 1. Parking in Bath Road Car Park and 2. Endure increased parking prices. I have even lost a very good teacher recently to work in Corsham as she worked out that because she didn’t have to pay for parking in Corsham she would make more money working there rather than coming into Chippenham.</p> <p>On another note I do not think it is fair to Blue Badge Holders to start charging them for parking. I don’t know the percentage of BB holders who are living on a pension but I would imagine it would be rather a large number and if not living on a pension I suspect many BB holders are living on disability allowances – neither of which, especially with the increase in inflation (food, energy, TV licence), go very far to cover all their present bills let alone new costs such as parking. Surely introducing charges to BB Holders puts a further obstacle in their way to go out and visit the town?</p> <p>I hope you take my concerns on board</p>
271	Individual	W	<p>I am horrified to know that this is still a probability. Has anyone thought how a blue badge holder can manage to park their car, walk to a pay machine and then walk back to one’s car. Quite apart from the costs it’s the walking, at least it would be for me which would be very difficult</p>
272	Individual	W	<p>My objection is that this is a sledgehammer to crack a nut and is putting off the day (which is already long overdue) for a complete rethink on parking charges. While I agree with the principle that service users should pay for the service that they use, and therefore that ALL people choosing to park in a public car park should pay a small amount for the privilege (including disabled badge holders), I believe the collection of fees via parking meters is completely outdated, expensive to run and not fit for purpose. Number plate recognition should be introduced with immediate effect in all Wiltshire Council car parks. Every household should</p>

			<p>register one vehicle with Wiltshire Council. Each household pays £180 a year extra on their rates which entitles them to two hours a day (50p) free parking in any Wiltshire Council car park (where 50p x 360 days = £180). Households that have no car can choose not to pay the extra £180, a bit like the green bin "tax". All vehicles have to register on arrival at the car park if they want to avoid a fine, much as they do at hospitals and other locations with ANPR. Registered cars benefit from the two hours free (but pay standard rate above that). Second cars, visitors, and all unregistered cars have to pay 50p an hour - which is twice the cost of registering.</p> <p>This system can be made far more complicated by allowing (for example) people to park for 8 hours one day if they haven't parked for 2 hours the previous 4 days, in other words giving them an allowance of hours per period rather than a straight 2 hours per day; but that's detail that can be worked out and implemented if possible by the statisticians and computer geeks. The very simplest system is the best one to start with!</p>
273	Individual	N	<p>Please note my concern about the treatment of Blue Badge holders proposed under this revision to off street parking charges.</p> <p>It is with regret that I note that you have decided that these parking spaces should now be subject to charges. Given however that seems to be the direction the Council will be going to raise money there are two points I wish to raise.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Often Blue Badges are issued to people who have very limited mobility. Looking at the proposed charges there are often different tariffs in one town such as – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devizes, Sheep Street Car Park: 1hr - £0.80, 2hrs - £1.70, 3hrs - £2.50, 4hrs - £3.20, 5hrs - £4.10, All Day - £7.70 Devizes, Station Road Car Park: 1hr - £0.40, 2hrs - £1.10, 3hrs - £2.00, 4hrs - £2.60, 5hrs - £3.30, All Day - £5.50. <p>Within the above example, which is indicative of the situation in many other Wiltshire towns, an able-bodied person can select where to park and choose to opt for Station Road for the day for cheaper parking. That is not an option for a mobility impaired Blue Badge holder who must use the nearest car park to the business they wish to undertake (be that shopping, work or whatsoever).</p>

			<p>It would seem more reasonable if Blue Badge holders could park in any car parking spot at the minimum tariff for that town. In the above example they would be able to use Sheep Street Car park on the same tariff as for Station Road (ie a Blue Badge would be £5.50 for the day). This would thus not discriminate against any disabled Blue Badge holder who are unable to make their way up the hill from the Station Road car park into the town. It is so important that disabled people are not discriminated against.</p> <p>2. Blue Badge Holders are allowed to park freely for three hours on yellow lines. The removal of free parking for Blue Badge Holders will lead to a number using this option when going into town. This will cause far greater traffic disruption than there is now, with extended journeys times for all motorist caused by such parking and the associated congestion. This seems an odd move to introduce charging when free parking is readily available, just outside the car parks, but in areas that will cause greater disruption to the traffic flow. There would seem a logic to retaining 3 free hours for Blue Badge Holders to remove the need for greater on street parking on yellow lines.</p> <p>I would be grateful if you could consider the above points and provide me with your thoughts on them. I am concerned that such discriminatory proposals have been suggested by Wiltshire council who used to use the slogan "Where everybody matters". Perhaps now we can see why it has been recently dropped</p>
274	Individual	N	<p>I am writing in regards to the potential car parking charges in Chippenham. I will start by saying that it is absolutely appalling that even the <i>thought</i> of charging blue badge holders, has come across the minds of those in Wiltshire council. The economy is tough enough at this current climate. With people choosing between eating or heating their houses. How can you expect our dependent population to pay? My brother is a blue badge holder and it makes the world of a difference being able to park accessibly AND for it to be free of charge. We have a 3 income household and a dependent, and yet we still struggle to make ends meet.</p> <p>Aside from charging blue badge holders, my point stands when raising prices for the general public yet again. As everyone knows, Chippenham's CBD has been struggling for quite a while. With empty shops and a growing population in chippenham, raising the prices is not a sustainable solution, if we are to keep the town centre going. We do not want the people of chippenham</p>

			<p>going into other towns for shops and recreational purposes, we want them in our own town, to support not only the CBD, but small business that keep the town alive.</p> <p>Please, I am begging you, do not make Chippenham the ghost town that it could, potentially become, if these charges are imposed.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to read this email, and I sincerely hope the right decision is made</p>
275	Individual	W	<p>I write to express my opposition to the imposition of parking charges for Blue Badge holders. Despite the current economic climate this measure would only increase revenue marginally and would be a severe blow to disabled and frail people who are often in the greatest need</p>
276	Individual	N	<p>I am writing to say that I am AGAINST an increase to Parking Charges in Chippenham & local Wiltshire towns & villages.</p> <p>As a family living in Chippenham for many years, we had only been venturing into town on a Sunday when it was FREE parking. The atmosphere on a Sunday was lovely - people taking a leisurely stroll by the river, enjoying the alfresco cafe tables & a lovely relaxed family vibe.</p> <p>Chippenham town centre has been struggling for years & the last thing it needs now with the current cost of living increases is to deter people from visiting. I think that if the Council increase Parking charges now, then Chippenham town centre will die completely. It's a very short-sighted plan.</p> <p>For the long-term good of Wiltshire towns the Council should be looking to encourage small, specialist shops & small businesses into town centres & increase the footfall of visitors. The best way to encourage people into town is via FREE or cheaper parking charges.</p> <p>I'd go into Chippenham 2 or 3 times a week if I didn't have to pay £1+ to park every time. I'd be tempted to stay longer, browse more shops, spend more money & have a coffee, meet up with friends etc. As it is, I shop at out-of-town shops & supermarkets, meet up with friends at village coffee shops or garden centres with FREE parking.</p> <p>I hope that you take these comments on board. Chippenham needs regenerating & the only way to do this is to encourage people to visit</p>
277	Individual	N	<p>I live in Malmesbury and have an annual season ticket at the Station Road car park. I'm interested to know where the price is headed in the next couple of years. The successive high</p>

			<p>% price increases in the last two years suggest that you still have a way to go.</p> <p>Over the last three years I've suffered more than £1000 of damage to cars I've parked there, including having all four tyres slashed overnight. I see no signs of CCTV being installed. Is CCTV going to be installed at some point?</p> <p>Resident parking in Malmesbury is a problem as I'm sure you appreciate and some of us are 'captive', so to speak, with little choice but to use Station Road, but I go there each morning, wondering what state my car will be in.</p> <p>Please consider allowing season ticket payment by standing order. Asking for a cheque seems quaint in this day and age! I know you will phone to take a debit/credit card details but even that seems inefficient. Also - the amount you are now asking for is getting so large, budgeting through monthly payments would be a help</p>
278	Individual	S	<p>The Lush house Carpark is used regularly by attendees of the Harcourt medical centre. There is no other nearby parking and only a few on-street spaces on crane bridge Road. All other on-street carparking in the vicinity is residents Permit only.</p> <p>It is very unreasonable to increase the parking charges at this carpark, especially as many visits are only for say 20 minutes or to visit the pharmacy. please reconsider the charging increase and evaluate whether there could be a £1 charge for 30 minutes please?</p> <p>This would make it a reasonable charge, encourage quicker vacation of spaces and allow the elderly and mothers with Children to attend the surgery . A minimum £1.70 charge os too much to pay when you have to visit the doctor.</p>
279	Individual	N	<p>Regarding charging for Blue Badge Holders (BBH) care must be taken to ensure that BBH can, in fact , easily access the pay machines . Also consideration should be given to the difficulty caused to BBH when there are no available Disabled Parking Spaces as in these circumstances as it is difficult to simply get into or out of a car let alone having to do it to return with a parking ticket. It seems to me that the few pennies gained by introducing charges would not be under the value for money heading - also, the extra difficulties imposed on a BBH could deter parking in a car park and make drivers use the full power of the Blue Badge to park elsewhere!</p>
280	Individual	N	<p>Wood Street - season tickets increased charges.</p> <p>The charges for season tickets to those of us who live in Wood Street and The Barton are extremely unfair. Some in the area appear to have been issued with free Residents Permits and</p>

			<p>some of us have to pay. We have no access to other parking and have to park in the Wood Street car park. A modest charge for all would not be unreasonable yet this discriminatory policy certainly is. The cost to the council of maintaining the Wood Street car park is extremely low as it is very small and does not have heavy traffic so its simply a cash cow for the council. We are not even guaranteed a parking space nor is there any security</p>
281	Individual	N	<p>I note the charges increasing by 25%. I visit this town 2-3 times a week and stay usually 10-20 minutes. There are no public transport links of note from Minety (where I live) to anywhere meaning I have to use a car. If you are going to do this I will like many others use an outside free parking retailer (ALDI) in future. A better option is to give 30 minutes free then charge for parking. This is more likely to help retailers in RWB rather than drive them out of business</p>
282	Individual	N	<p>Why does Chippenham have car parking charges for under 2 hours, when Calne and Corsham do not?</p> <p>It encourages pollution as I have to drive further to get free parking.</p> <p>It affects the traders in Chippenham as they lose trade. Many of the shops in Chippenham are now shut, it is the saddest looking town centre in the area.</p> <p>Please consider giving the first hour free, and then charging.</p>
283	Individual	N	<p>I must strongly object to the change of tariffs in off street car parks in and around the Chippenham area. As a small retail business we are already noticing the effect of the increase of the cost of living and additional charges in and around the town car parks are now having huge detrimental effects on the High Street.</p> <p>Chippenham car parking charges are already one of the highest in Wiltshire and since the free parking on Sundays and Bank Holidays have begun, our trading figures have shown a significant drop in footfall.</p> <p>An increase in charges is not only shortsighted but sends a message to both customers and businesses that their custom is not wanted. Undoubtedly you will get an increase in funding for a short while, but both customers and businesses will begin to take thier custom elsewhere. Not only that, you will suffer from a significant reduction in business rate income from the retail stores remaining vacant.</p> <p>Please reconsider these changes and begin to support the already struggling High Streets of Wiltshire</p>

284	Individual	N	<p>When we first moved to Chippenham some 20 years ago. There was an hours free parking this was normally sufficient to pop into town get the things you needed and leave. So we were regular users of the town for shopping. It's no longer cost effective to pop into town for bits and pieces, so we either go to Corsham or Malmesbury where we get a free hour or we simply turn to Amazon.</p> <p>The town centre urgently needs to attract more shoppers that could encourage shops to consider moving into town. Otherwise more shops are going to close or become just a home for charity / phone / barbers and the town is going to suffer a more hasty decline then it already is.</p> <p>Castle Coombe</p> <p>By charging to use the car park you are simply going to encourage more people to try and drive into the village causing gridlock and / or illegal parking down the narrow roads. Alternatively people will no longer go there for a walk around the many footpaths, local business will decline and leave.</p> <p>There seems to me a lot of money wasted on non sensical road improvements which again is another reason to avoid the town, which could be diverted to reinstate an hours free parking, even this was trialed for 12 months to asses the impact on the town's footfall.</p>
285	Individual	S	<p>Costs are becoming ridiculous, Wiltshire Council need to find a way to raise income somewhere else than just raising car parking tariffs. It is cheaper in places like Southampton and Winchester. My mum is going to have to change jobs because of how expensive the parking charges are.</p>
286	Individual	W	<p>Disabled people incur more costs for living and care, and have reduced earning capacity. Imposing these extra parking costs could mean that some disabled people will now even be excluded from the simple, free pleasure of going to town, along with many other activities that they are already excluded from. Disabled people also attend more appointments for medical, social care etc and paying to park will add extra hardship.</p> <p>I understand that WC needs to start recouping costs, but blue badge holders should not be disproportionately burdened with this</p>
287	Individual	N	<p>I am writing to object to the reintroduction of parking charges.</p> <p>Charging so much, in so many car parks, will simply mean that people will park on the side</p>

			<p>roads where they can find spaces. Meaning that car parks will be under used, and local residents unfairly having to put up with cars outside their homes - often not able for them, or their friends and family to park.</p> <p>Or, people will avoid shopping in Chippenham and go elsewhere where there are no charges. I visited Trowbridge recently, and was very impressed that there were <i>some</i> levels in a multi-story car park where it is possible to park for free. Surely something like this could be considered for Chippenham.</p>
288	Individual	N	<p>1. I am writing to express my concern at the plan to increase the cost of car parking, even for disabled drivers.</p> <p>The High Street is already on its knees and many people are only now starting to go out again after isolating because of the pandemic.</p> <p>There has to be better ways of increasing revenue. This plan will only increase Council costs elsewhere- such as reduced revenue because of shops closing and increased costs due to an increase in the need for social care.</p> <p>I live in Castle Combe and an increase in parking costs will certainly deter me from visiting</p> <p>I am a resident in Castle Combe and am writing to you to object to the likelihood of increased parking on the hill and the B4039 as a consequence of the introduction of car park charges</p> <p>2. While we are virtually the only free car park in Wiltshire we also have the most dangerous route of any to the village centre. At busy times it is already impossible for emergency vehicles to reach the village centre and this will only get worse. Recently we had to call out an ambulance after my partner suffered a serious fall and I hate to think what the consequences might have been had there been a problem getting thought the village.</p> <p>Please reconsider this matter and allow the car park to remain free of charge</p>
289	Individual	W	<p>This is a pointless exercise and a waste of public money. You know what you will be doing and nothing I say will have the slightest effect</p>
290	Individual	N	<p>I hereby respond as invited so to do on your website, to the only address there displayed.</p>

		<p>Your proposals, predictably, show little consideration for the future of Marlborough town centre, no doubt in a similar way other localities will be affected. By raising your charges, you are dissuading both visitors to the town and local residents who prefer to support the many independent businesses who operate from the High Street area. Tesco must be rubbing their hands at the prospect of increased trade to their free OUT-OF-TOWN car park, conversely, how long do you think Waitrose will be willing to accrue their losses? Similarly, online grocery deliverers can only view your proposals with glee. The recent introduction of Sunday parking charges, albeit limited, has already led to a noticeable diminishing in the number of vehicles parked in my area of choice: indeed, I myself have also begun to limit my visits, which used to be weekly for shopping and eating-out, but no longer. I have lived in other towns, not in Wilts, where a similar process of raising charges has soon been reversed, due to pressure from ailing businesses and the fact that higher charges with fewer vehicles results in less overall income. In the current situation, you should be acting in the best interests of the town's residents and to promote these businesses, rather than making a desperate attempt to balance the books by squeezing their wallets to bursting point - clearly, for shopper and trader alike, elsewhere is where they will be heading!</p> <p>Perhaps you might consider following the example of those more enlightened and proactive councils around the country, by actually reducing your charges, over an extended length of time, in order to compare fairly the outcomes in sustainable incomes. You might also consider enacting a vehicle census in order to establish whether target figures are being reached. Under your current proposals, I estimate that if only one shopper in 15 diverted to a free car park, your income would see a downturn, resultantly shops and cafes also would suffer - why would anyone add several pounds to their lunch bill when there are so many good and popular "eateries" with free parking outside the town centre?</p> <p>In short, your proposals are potentially destructive to the town and are in urgent need of more constructive, sensible and realistic re-appraisal. And all this at a moment where most people are trying to reduce their outgoings. In fact, your approach puts me in mind of 18th century Regency politics</p>
291	Individual	I do not believe with all the current price rises Wiltshire Council should be changing the parking conditions and increasing charges to all residents who are trying hard to manage their personal

			<p>budgets and providing support to the local retailers all you will achieve is to further lower the footfall in the town centres and drive customers away to out of town stores. This will also impact your profits by reducing the overall usage.</p> <p>I trust you will reconsider this given the economic situation</p>
292	Individual	S	<p>I would like to object to the proposed parking charge for disabled drivers who display a blue badge. Disabled parking is difficult enough as it is in Salisbury, with able-bodied people parking in disabled slots. The proposed charge would mean that, having found a parking slot, the disabled person would then have to stagger out and about to find a payment meter, which could be some distance away</p>
293	Individual	N	<p>I appreciate that the deadline for this consultation was Monday 23rd may, but I would like to add my comments.</p> <p>My wife has Multiple Sclerosis. Occasionally she will op into Chippenham town centre to do some shopping (usually essential). You now plan to punish her for this, at a time when costs are rising everywhere. I am appalled by this.</p> <p>I suspect you will lose out by this, as my wife, and others like her, will be less likely to use the towns facilities now. A lose-lose situation</p>
294	Individual	S	<p>We can go to local towns and cities such as Chichester, Winchester and Romsey etc and pay far less than the charges in Salisbury as they are now let alone when and if the proposed increases are applied in Salisbury.</p> <p>No wonder people shop on line or go to the out of town shopping units where there is free parking.</p> <p>We can see the town is dying and how much longer some of the shops will survive after and if the proposed parking increase is implemented goodness knows We have lived locally to Salisbury all our lives(we are both 75 years old) and as such have used Salisbury as our shopping centre but are very hesitant to journey into Salisbury even now because the parking charges are so high already</p> <p>As for the proposal to charge the blue badge holders when they park in any of the car parks - this leaves us speechless.How can this even be contemplated.</p> <p>Usually blue badge holders have enough to contend with because of restricted mobility so for them to struggle out of their vehicle and get to and from the ticket machine is totally</p>

			<p>unacceptable. Also most are elderly and do not understand the technology of using a mobile phone to get a ticket and use coins hence they have to get to and from the machine.</p> <p>One last comment - If the parking charges do increase we along with a lot of local people we have spoken to ,will use other towns where the parking costs are more reasonable (although it will cost us more in travelling) just out of principle</p>
295	Individual	N	<p>My major objection concerns the proposal to remove the exemption from charging for disabled ('Blue Badge') badge holders.</p> <p>If implemented, this would have a very adverse effect on both the disabled and/or their carers (paid or unpaid) and succeed only in making life even more difficult for these unfortunate groups of people. Many unpaid carers and/or their cared for are amongst the lowest income groups in the county. This is often because the causes of their disability necessitate high levels of care – this, in turn, makes it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to undertake gainful employment. The proposal to charge for Blue Badge parking can be viewed as a tax on some of the most disadvantaged people in society. The essence of the Blue Badge scheme is to allow the disabled appropriate proximity to the facilities they require and so alleviate stress on their already fractious lives.</p> <p>If a charge was introduced, there is also the practical task of how the disabled would achieve payment. Given their mobility issues and/or that lack of IT awareness/expertise is disproportionately prevalent among Blue Badge holders, this proposal will impose added onerous burdens, e.g., needing to get to and from the pay machine (with the right coins?), being faced with the distinct possibility of payment only by card or via text on a mobile 'phone.</p> <p>This proposal seems particularly mean-spirited. Whilst I am in total agreement with the need to 'clamp down' on people who mis-use the Blue Badge, I am told that the financial return to the Council on this measure will be relatively very small. It does not appear that the Council have given much thought to the wide-ranging and profound impact of this proposal and I urge the Council to drop it</p>
296	Individual	W	<p>I do NOT agree with the changes. I can understand some increase in charges but I cannot agree with restricting the ability of disabled badge holders to park in official car parks. These are some of the most vulnerable people in our community and we should be doing all we can to help them,</p> <p>. Restricting their car parking will mean many cannot go shopping on our high streets and that is</p>

			<p>just not acceptable. Many of these people prefer to use a proper car park and not obstruct the roads. Your proposed policy means they cannot use car parks as before and as is the case in many towns and cities in the UK.</p>
297	Individual	S	<p>We think to increase the charging for off street car parks to this extent conflicts with your responsibility to encourage local businesses. In these times of austerity you should instead be reducing the car park charges. Anyone like us that lives a dozen or so miles from Salisbury will increasingly look at the overall cost of a car trip – in the absence of a regular bus service – combined with the parking charge in Salisbury, and decide to save the money and buy off the web instead. Or in our case, as we are equidistant from Shaftesbury, we will go there where the parking charges are half as much.</p> <p>We appreciated our trips to Salisbury much more during the worst of the Covid era when parking was free.</p> <p>Think about it please</p>
298	Individual	S	<p>I am unclear as to whether Disabled drivers will have to pay parking charges in Council car parks in Salisbury when the proposed changes are adopted.</p> <p>It is bad enough being disabled without the additional burden of extra payments. Your consultation website provides no clear way to make a comment about this particular issue.</p> <p>Please record my opposition to levying charges for Disabled Drivers</p>
299	Individual		<p>I am writing to object to the proposal to increase car parking charges, and also to start charging disabled parking also. The mere fact that families are already struggling in the present times is bad enough, but the increase will no doubt cause families to shop online, thus affecting already struggling businesses in our towns.</p> <p>I also object to the proposal to charge disabled to park too. Disabled people already have to pay £10 for badges, and believe me, there aren't enough disabled spaces for us as it is. But this is nothing short of double dipping in my eyes. Disabled and elderly are among some of the poorest in society, and after hearing a Councillor recently at a meeting, stating that he witnessed a disabled/blue badge holder getting out of a porche as a reason for charging disabled is ludicrous.</p> <p>If these proposals go ahead, it will be another nail in the coffin for our towns.</p>

			I await your reply
300	Individual	N	<p>Regarding the potential charging of castle combe visitors car park.</p> <p>This is a daft idea that was tried previously and quickly scrapped as became dangerous to visitors and residents. We now have more visitors and more cars so what now makes this a good idea to charge?</p>
301	Individual	N	<p>My name is [REDACTED], I own [REDACTED]. At the moment i am living/working in [REDACTED], and rent my property out, but i will then be returning to live in [REDACTED].</p> <p>I find it very frustrating the exhorbitant costs being charged for parking. The increase is unacceptable. You are driving people away from being able to live in the older properties in Wootton Bassett. It also creates the wrong behaviours as people park outside other peoples houses and create navigational issues.</p> <p>A reasonable charge, when it was less than £200 for a year, is much more realistic and acceptable for people to have the ability to park near their properties. I think for that charge each person should be given a booklet with a number of passes to allow family and friends to visit. This is a practical and non-greedy approach which I believe would be a positive one for the local Council to adopt.</p> <p>Please dont ignore what people are saying</p>
302	Individual	N	<p>I strongly object to the rises in car parking charges.</p> <p>Sunday parking should be free.</p> <p>Blue badge free.</p> <p>What do the charges benefi???</p> <p>Why not first hour free?? Someone needing to pop to bank etc this would be helpful.</p> <p>How come some towns can offer one or two hours free??</p> <p>CHIPPENHAM doesn't deserve custom thanks to the availability for parking.</p> <p>I now shop where I get free parking</p>
303	Individual		<p>Appreciate the need for revenue, don't we all wish for an increase in our pension.</p> <p>However increased parking charges are often detrimental to local businesses.</p> <p>And</p>

			<p>Wiltshire has failed to offer the Motorhome touring community any parking facilities. It is sad to think significant income for local business is prevented from receiving income from legitimate tourists in motorhomes due to lack of facility or consideration by the council.</p> <p>A Number of authorities now recognise the value to the business community by offering parking and even overnight facilities in their areas.</p> <p>Perhaps Wiltshire could reconsider</p>
304	Individual	N	<p>I strongly object to the proposed increase in parking charges in the town of Chippenham, simply to visit a few charity shops.</p> <p>When I first moved to the town in the late 1980's Chippenham was a vibrant market town, now it has very little to offer and instead of visiting the town centre every week, I can count my visits in a year on one hand, i.e. once every three months or so.</p> <p>Many street parking bays have been removed, i.e. in the Market Place by The Angel. Why? It is not as if the area is regularly used.</p> <p>I'd rather drive further, Corsham has free parking for two hours, parking is free in Yate and has a good variety of shops. Parking in Bath doesn't cost me (personally) anything.</p> <p>Why can't we have free parking for a couple of hours to encourage people to visit the town?</p> <p>We have been warned the library is likely to close if it is not used and yet we are being encouraged to stay away from the town centre.</p> <p>We have also got some stupid traffic lights which have done nothing to help traffic flow and increase exhaust emissions (bottom of station Hill and top of New Road which is now a very dangerous junction) we stop at red traffic lights and nothing comes through the green light.</p> <p>Please think before increasing parking charges, they are slowly killing the town centre</p>
305	Individual		<p>Increasing charges will not work for the community or increase revenue. Choices will though. By</p>

			<p>allowing people to pay for the time they use. For instance I may only need 20 minutes, register on the parking app, and pay per minute, or I may need longer, charging a fixed in this day and age is ridiculous and lazy, let's face it we can always go somewhere else, and another benefits</p>
306	Individual		<p>As a blue badge holder I find it crazy that the council will be charging for parking in your car parks. Will this not just make blue badge holders park on double yellow lines or not use our town which is already struggling. On a Sunday charges are to be introduced when not as many shops are open yet it's a blanket charge.</p> <p>I care for my son who is in specialist education and can not work more hours. We as a family are at least 20k down due to caring issues and no appropriate care available or even affordable.</p> <p>I feel as a career we are not valued or listened too, many parents are in this position through no fault of their own.</p> <p>After being on reduced income due to covid for my self and husband, things are going to be very difficult for us and other families resulting in a choice of heating/lighting or eating</p>
307	Name withheld		<p>Please note that I wish this to be anonymous.</p> <p>I am not apposed to the charges but have concerns as a blue badge holder.</p> <p>Not all machines are assessable, some are on pedestals. Mi permit is fine but not all people are comfortable with using this. We need to remember equality and make sure disabled people have the same choices.</p> <p>Secondly is the time limits in the car parks closest to town.</p> <p>2hrs for disabled people is not enough. We struggle to walk distances and things take a long time. Maybe consider allowing additional time or have a tariff that is suitable for blue badge holders</p>
308	Individual	N	<p>I cannot believe this is a serious proposal from a conservative led council. Frankly I believe it is disgusting and extremely unfair on a section of the community who have been deemed by medical professionals and the council vetting process as unable to walk without severe discomfort at best and just can't at worse.</p>

			<p>Trying to raise money from disabled people out of parking revenue seems cruel and insensitive. I believe this will force disabled drivers to park on double-yellow lines, which will cause traffic chaos.</p> <p>People just simply will not use the car parks when they start charging and will cause road issues by parking on the double yellow lines.</p> <p>I hope Wiltshire Council will have a serious re-think over this terrible policy to hit those most in need to make up for misspent budget's and overinflated council officers salary's.</p>
309	Individual		<p>Increasing charges for parking is discouraging use of car parks, it would be more practical to decrease charges so that users can afford to park in designated car parks and not look for alternative places. Many town car parks are under used at the moment , a snap shot, view which is all that I can give, leaves an impression that Wiltshire Council needs to assess the current use before increasing the charges</p>
310	Individual	N	<p>I am writing to express my strong opposition to the introduction of charging in the Dunns Lane car park.</p> <p>The residents of Castle Combe are already plagued by the anti-social behaviour of motorists who park illegally on the hill into the village and within the village itself. This will only get worse if a charge is introduced.</p> <p>This creates huge inconvenience for residents, but ultimately it is dangerous, both to pedestrians on the hill, but also due to likely delays to emergency vehicles. You have a duty to consider safety first and foremost and it is quite clear that you have not done this</p>
311	Individual	N	<p>In Corsham we have paid indirectly for the first two hours to be free in the local car parking areas. I know the town is busier due to that and as such to maintain a relative health of the high street we need to reduce not increase parking charges to make them more effective. This will allow shoppers some time to get to shops without needing to pay for the priviledge. Please consider that option and do not raise prices unless you firmly state what the monies will be utilised for and what benefits will be noticed by the public.</p>
312	Individual	N	<p>I feel that the introduction of charges to those unfortunate enough to need Blue Badges is unnecessary. Many of them may be on reduced incomes because of their disability. It's grossly unfair. I have no objection to paying so that they can park without charge.</p>

313	Individual	W	<p>I moved to Melksham in late 2015 having bought [REDACTED] in the conservation zone. I fully understood that this house was in a restricted parking zone and had no parking of its own in the curtilage of the property.</p> <p>There was a resident's parking scheme which allowed the purchase of a permit for use in the Church Street Car Park. It was explained to me, by someone in your parking department, that the permit for Church Street was only available to residents in Canon Square and Church Walk who had no parking at their properties which seems perfectly reasonable and sensible. The first permit which I purchased cost £154 for a full year.</p> <p>In 2018 the Council abolished the residents parking permit and replaced it with a season ticket though miPermit. I currently have one of these and the annual charge is £540 for Church Street Car Park. Whilst this is a significant cost for a pensioner there is no other option for any convenient parking.</p> <p>Your latest proposal is to raise this charge to £669 for an annual permit, which is a 23.8% increase. I cannot understand why you wish to penalise residents of Canon Square by such a rise particularly when the Church Street car park, in my experience, is rarely more than a third occupied and I would think that you would wish to encourage its use.</p> <p>Please take this into consideration and explain why the steep rise and when you are proposing such charge be implemented</p>
314	Individual	N	<p>Blue Badge holders have always had preference with parking spaces near shopping centres, etc but the increased costs will drive people out. And why is there no increase to Street Parking, that does not make any sense. You may be aware that Blue Badge holders are legally able to park on double yellow lines, so there could be an increase in this, which would no doubt cause some problems. It would make far more sense to leave things as they are and give the Blue Badge holders some assistance.</p>
315	Individual	N	<p>I strongly object to this proposal which will have a severe detrimental impact on the safety of road users, pedestrians, villagers and the access of emergency vehicles as outlined in the</p>

			response of Castle Combe Parish Council.
316	Individual	N	<p>I object strongly to this proposal which would have a severe detrimental impact on the safety of road users and villagers.</p> <p>I have lived in the parish for 27 years and parking is already a major issue which needs consultation on the way forward.</p> <p>I have been Church Warden at [REDACTED] for 25 years so have significant knowledge of parking, safety on the hill into the village and the adverse effect your proposal will have. Please re think and discuss with the village.</p>
317	Individual		<p>I strongly disagree with increasing parking charges this will put people off shopping in Salisbury when in times like these shops need all the help they can get, as for taking away the blue badge this could make shopping in Salisbury for some disabled people impossible, so what you would gain on the roundabouts you would lose on on the swings, making the whole thing a waste of time and money, more people would shop if you gave parking free days NOT Increase charges</p>
318	Individual	W	<p>Charges for parking on a Sunday: Are you actually going to have any worthwhile income given bank and credit card charges? And the extra having to pay enforcement officers?</p> <p>Disabled Parking Bay charges: You are penalising those who rely on these bays to enable them to attend appointments and go about their daily lives without the extra worry of having to find funds to pay.</p> <p>Parking machines: Converting to a cashless system is beyond doubt perverse behaviour. Not everyone has a smartphone, not everyone even has the ability to use a smartphone, not everyone is IT literate, some still only use cash!</p>
319	Individual	N	<p>I am writing to voice my objection to the increase in parking charges for Chippenham Town Centre and surrounding car parks.</p> <p>I feel that with the cost of living rising, this is putting more strain on individuals which will put people off visiting the centre, therefore impacting small business owners who have been lucky to survive the pandemic. Every increase in parking charges by people that have no choice but to use the car parks, could be food out of children's mouths or a colder home. Every increase in parking charges is a worry for Chippenham small business owners and another reason to go elsewhere such as Corsham where parking is free for 2 hours or Trowbridge where 2 hours of parking is</p>

			<p>approximately 60p and offers more shops. The constant increase and addition of parking charges is proving to be detrimental for our town at a time when our businesses need our support and at a time when incomes are already being squeezed by council tax increases as well as energy and inflation. As a regular visitor to Chippenham Town centre, I am very concerned by this increase and urge you to reduce or maintain current charges to support businesses and your residents</p>
320	Individual	S	<p>I live in Salisbury , possibly the highest parking fees in Wiltshirewhy</p> <p>Salisbury - £1.80 Marlborough - 70p an hour Devizes - peanuts</p> <p>Salisbury seems to be a cash cow . Be fair across the board and make them all the same or reduce the cash cow - Salisbury</p>
321	Individual	N	<p>As a resident of Castle Castle, I am writing to object to the proposed introduction of parking charges at Dunn's Lane Car Park, Castle Combe.</p> <p>My reason for objecting is that these parking charges will encourage even more illegal (on double yellow lines) parking down The Hill into the main village. This already regularly happens on weekends and holidays and has often caused serious traffic congestion on The Hill, which has obstructed access for emergency vehicles. If parking charges are introduced, it is expected that visitors will be discouraged from using the car park to the extent that the incidence of illegal parking will become even more frequent. This, in turn, will increase the likelihood of traffic accidents, injury to visitors and access problems preventing the emergency services from attending emergencies on The Hill and in the village.</p> <p>In light of the above, I ask that the proposed charges not be implemented in Dunn's Lane Car Park, Castle Combe.</p>
322	Individual	E	<p>Devizes is the area I use most however my objection applies to all of Wiltshire.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council should be doing all it can to promote local shopping and tourism. Charging high charges for parking will only drive visitors to out-of-town shopping and deter tourists.</p>

			<p>A more thought out strategy is required. I would suggest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - remove town square / shopping centre car parks to make pedestrian friendly areas to attract visitors to shops - make nearby car parks free for 2 hours then charge higher prices for longer periods - invest in active travel to town centres e.g. pavements and segregated cycle paths <p>Wiltshire will benefit from increased revenue in local businesses and increased tourism</p>
323	Individual	W	<p>I am a bit concerned about the charging for blue badge holders in your carparks. This seems unfair on those who have to rely on their car to park near the facility they are visiting. In the case of Bradford on Avon the facilities include Dr. surgery, pharmacy, swimming pool and library as well as local shops. There is very little on road parking as the town is choked with through traffic. Why not allow all local council tax payers at least an hour or two of free parking? Also perhaps you could consider at least some free parking for blue badge holders who already struggle with day to day activities.</p> <p>I will think twice about using the town centres if parking charges increase and then the towns will die. Is this what you want? In a rural area the car is essential as local shops close and your proposal to increase charging for all is not going to support the local economy.</p>
324	Individual	N	<p>Elevating parking charges is totally short sighted, as whilst generating income in the short term, will only lead to more businesses closing, more empty shops, and more traffic on the roads. Shoppers will naturally gravitate towards towns with lower, or free, charges. This policy is not green, and not forward looking. Wake up Wiltshire</p>
325	Individual	S	<p>The Council should be encouraging people back into town centres.</p> <p>First 20 minutes should be free</p> <p>Subsequent charges should be kept at same previous rates - with the exception that the charges should be the same throughout the County ie: the charges in Salisbury should not be higher than elsewhere</p>
326	Individual	S	<p>In the present climate, increasing parking charges will have a detrimental affect on footfall in Salisbury and, in my case, reduce the numbers of times I use the car park. I think, if the charges</p>

			remain as they are at present, more people will use the car parks.
327	Individual		My only objection is the proposed charging of disabled people. They struggle enough trying to assimilate into the lives of the able bodied as it is. This proposal is very mean spirited
328	Individual		<p>How disappointing - not only have you upped the parking charges - you have excluded a large proportion of drivers taking away access to being able to legally park their car. They are :- the elderly who mostly don't own a mobile let alone a smart phone , technophobes, those who can't afford mobile phones and the rest!</p> <p>Please consider options for these people. (maybe buy a parking ticket in a shop to display in car window) it's cruel to put people through this.</p> <p>Many do not like having any unnecessary apps on their phones OR don't have enough room for another app because their phones are older. NO THIS CHANGE IS NOT FAIR - ITS NOT INCLUSIVE.</p> <p>Be considerate think of all in society not just those that have</p>
329	Individual	W	Parking charges for car parks that are the gateways to public transport, such as the car park at the railway station in Bradford on Avon (Station Approach) should not be increased. Really they should be reduced so as to incentivise people to use public transport rather than as a cash generation scheme for Wiltshire County Council.
330	Individual		<p>I wish to voice my objection to introducing charges for Blue Badge holders across Wiltshires car parks.</p> <p>This will cause hardship to people with a disability as alot of people depend on their cars to get their necessities. And by using the car parks it means they are not obstructing the highway.</p> <p>Introducing these fees will mean that more people will avoid coming into town. Charging for parking on a Sunday was a big mistake as people will now not come into town but drive to out of town shopping centres where there is free parking.</p> <p>The Council should be encouraging people to come into town to spend their money not driving us away.</p> <p>I do hope you will listen to the public and leave blue badge parking free of charge</p>
331	Individual		<p>As usual WILTSHIRE council goes to its cash cow to raise money.</p> <p>Can none of these overpaid people come up with any other ideas to cut costs and improve services. As usual a complete joke!</p> <p>I'm really sick of it</p>
332	Individual	S	I'm writing to comment on the prospect changes to the parking rules in Salisbury.

Specifically, I'd like to comment on the proposed idea to start charging blue badge users in the city.

My disabled daughter uses a blue badge and I drive her around daily, to her various activities, clubs and appointments. My daughter lacks capacity and has no basic road sense, so she is completely reliant on someone supporting her so that she can access our community.

My daughter is in receipt of Universal Credit. She cannot work.

I think that parking in Salisbury should continue to be free for blue badge holders, who display a valid badge clearly.

It's incredibly unfair to suddenly start charging the most vulnerable in our community for parking.

Accessible parking, in the city centre, is, for my daughter, a basic necessity. Sometimes we have to use the disabled parking more than once in the same day. And sometimes we can go for a number of days without using it at all. But knowing that we can park for free, using her disabled badge, is such a relief: it's a huge help and one simple thing that, as a parent carer, I don't currently have to worry about.

There's also the issue of paying for parking because my daughter has no concept of money or its value. She lacks capacity and cannot manage her own money. Setting up an account that allows ME to manage my daughter's money is EXTREMELY difficult. And involves constantly juggling money from her account into mine in order that she pays me back for things I've paid for. If we have to pay for parking in our home city (we live in Salisbury), it will simply add to my stress and add to my workload. I'm an unpaid carer and am permanently exhausted and stressed because of my caring role.

It may sound dramatic but making blue badge holders pay for parking will add to my stress and also my work load as an unpaid carer.

Please, please re consider this proposed change.

Our blue badge actually means the world to us. It enables us to park in wider bays and for free. And the fact that parking is free is simply paradise! It's such a small thing but it means so much to all the carers I know. We all really appreciate it.

333	Individual		<p>I object to disabled drivers having to pay for parking.</p> <p>Although the traffic orders have already been set out, I hope a change can please be made and the charges for disabled drivers are dropped</p>
334	Individual		<p>I would like to share my view that parking charges should be the same across the county, otherwise you are being unfair to local residents of the county where the charges are higher, and you are disadvantaging those local businesses as customers will think several times about going into those town centres to shop.</p> <p>Salisbury has the highest deprivation in the county yet the most expensive parking , so far as I can see. Marlborough is surely wealthier and certainly has a wealthy clientele using the public school there- why is parking so much cheaper there?</p> <p>If you have to have a differential across the county for parking fees, then it should be a great deal smaller than currently. If you are trying to get money from visitors or tourists to Salisbury, then perhaps you could try to direct them to one specific carpark in Salisbury where the charges could be higher, and locals would not need to use that car park</p>
335	Individual	S	<p>I would like to object strongly to your proposal to charge Blue Badge Holders for parking in Carparks.</p> <p>Is it not more sensible to help disabled car drivers to park off the road rather than on double yellow lines which, I am sure, would be the obvious choice when all the free street spaces are full?</p> <p>It strikes me that the Council sees disabled people as a cash cow that has little choice as far as car use is concerned. Nearby towns just over the boarder are much more welcoming and accommodating. This must encourage visitors. You would think that a city like Salisbury, with the amount of old people's housing that is being built, would recognise the problems that charging would cause. Please do not make this change.</p>
336	Individual	N	<p>We have been using the free car park at Castle Combe for many years and have always</p>

			<p>considered it a very sensible solution for parking to visit the village. If you charge for the car park you will encourage parking in inappropriate places.</p> <p>As we walk to the village we pass many cars parked on the side of the road, many on double yellow lines. Would it not be sensible to charge for parking on the road and encourage people to do the right thing and park in the car park?</p>
337	Individual	N	<p>Surely it is better for Blue Badge holders to continue with free parking in Council car parks rather than parking for free on double yellow lines wherever takes their fancy? The effect on free flowing traffic will be significant</p>
338	Individual	W	<p>These comments are specifically about the proposed removal of exemption from charging for disabled badge holders, invalid carriages, vehicles in lieu of invalid carriages and drivers with a severe disability issued with a note from Wiltshire Council and are as follows:</p> <p>This will lead to an increase in on road parking by Blue Badge Holders as an alternative to using the car parks leading to traffic flow and other issues on roads near the car parks. Especially as Disabled Blue Badge Holders are very likely to be in groups with restricted incomes and so be unable to or struggle to afford the charges.</p> <p>A number of the car parks enable Blue Badge Holders to access essential services e.g. Medical (e.g. Bradford-on-Avon) or council services (e.g. Trowbridge) and charging will restrict or limit the ability to do so due to the cost of doing so and in some cases the uncertainty as to how much time is needed.</p> <p>Not all payment machines are easily accessible to people with disabilities - for example from a wheelchair especially where the disabled person is relatively independent and alone</p>
339	Individual	N	<p>Whilst I understand that the council needs to generate funds these parking charges are unfair to Chippenham visitors. Last time I went to Trowbridge I could park for free for 3 hours. If I visit Corsham I get an hour's parking. It seems that the council (Trowbridge based) get free parking in their town and the people of Chippenham have to pay.</p>
340	Individual	S	<p>I wish to object strongly to the introduction of charges for blue badge parking.</p> <p>It's hard enough when you are disabled or the carer of a disabled person. We don't have the</p>

			<p>option of park and ride as using public transport is impossible. A short trip into Salisbury is a treat for my husband, older people are often isolated and with the horrendous increases in the cost of living, energy, petrol etc., I fear that these proposed charges will just mean we wont come to Salisbury.</p> <p>It's very easy to sit in a Council chamber and say that it's not much to pay and surely we need to be fair to all, but being disabled is not fair. There are few disabled spaces in central car park in relation to the vast majority of standard spaces. I can't believe that charging for the few spaces there, or in any other Council car park, is going to vastly impact Wiltshire Council income, but it will be very hard for the disabled already on very limited incomes where the car is their lifeline.</p> <p>Please reconsider this unfair change</p>
341	Individual	N	<p>I worry with the blue badge scheme and charges against it. If the system is being abused, are blue badges being issued correctly?</p> <p>Some car parks seem to have unlimited time for blue badge holders to stay, some don't. Maybe introduce time limited parking first, before charging first?</p> <p>Also, as the standard cost of living has gone up so much, is it fair to put our carparks up too? I live in Chippenham, but I could drive to any of my surrounding towns and pay much less to park.</p> <p>I know people on my street, that have decided not to bother going into the town centre any more as the charges are already too high.</p>
342	Individual	N	<p>I hold a blue badge myself and feel if we have to pay for parking then you should remove the £10 fee for the blue badge as we pay for the privilege to use disabled spaces without the additional charges.</p> <p>Also the idea of a disabled parking space is to enable the disabled person closer parking to shops. For many it will make life more difficult to walk or use a mobility scooter or wheelchair to find a parking meter which in many places means having to manoeuvre between parked cars or take a longer route to parking machines or mount a kerb to reach the machines!!!!</p> <p>Please reconsider the fees for disabled users. Life is hard enough without having to worry about parking fees which will take more of our income away. You will drive many away from the town centres when you should be encouraging people to shop in the towns</p>
343	Individual	N	<p>Parking charges deter people from visiting the town centre, they encourage illegal parking , if land</p>

			<p>is owned by the council then it belongs to those who live within the council area and so we should not have to pay to park on it. for Charging for blue badge holders us insult to injury - we have precious few advantages! It takes longer to get into town and longer to get around town. With a charge there should be extra time allowed as in other places. In addition, if you are to charge blue badge holders then you should provide more spaces.</p>
344	Individual	W	<p>I should like to know what kind of logic has been applied to the notion of raising car parking charges across the county. It seems to be a parallel issue to that which arose some time ago when I worked for a well-known regional daily newspaper. Problem: Advertising revenue is down - so let's raise the charges for advertising to make up the deficit. Result: Fewer people and/or companies advertised with that title because it was considered too costly! The public will only support town centre businesses provided it is not too expensive to park nearby. Why pay through the nose when one can visit any local retail park which does not charge for the privilege of parking there?! Once again this raises the issue of town centre demise. While I applaud the efforts of those who are striving to resurrect the town as an interesting and rewarding place to live and work, I cannot understand why Wiltshire Council would seek to sabotage their success. As an elderly motorist - and also disabled - I am obviously opposed to the latest recommendations. I very much hope that common sense will prevail</p>
345	Individual	N	<p>There is a cost of living crisis. The council should not be increasing parking charges at this point. People in North Wiltshire rural areas are already suffering from higher fuel charges to access essential services. Sadlers mead carpark charges are adding a steep increase to the cost to access fitness facilities at the Olympiad Chippenham's only leisure centre. It has already priced me out of the facility. I would like you to consider lowering Chippenham Town Centre carpark charges. I consider it discriminatory that we have to pay so much more to park than Trowbridge or Bradford on Avon. Chippenham will lose trade as a result of this proposal. The public transport available to Yatton Keynell is so infrequent and expensive. This proposal is unfair to those living in local villages who have no choice but to use cars to access local town centre services.</p>

			Castle Combe - charging in castle Combe will encourage traffic into the village itself and again penalises local walkers. Can local people in nearby villages have a free permit for castle Combe?
346	Individual	W	<p>It would appear that the council is trying to kill of Westbury instead of trying to encourage growth</p> <p>Why is the proposed increases more in Westbury than in Warminster surely an increase if there has to be one should be equal through out the County and why not as in other places charge an hourlyrate</p> <p>Through out the day like 20p per hour for every hour instead of increasing it every 60 minutes</p>
347	Individual	W	<p>I am a disabled driver and rely on being able to park free as I am a Pensioner so have very limited funds and to charge would cause me real difficulty. My name is [REDACTED] and I live at [REDACTED]. Please take my views in when making a decision. Thank you</p>
348	Individual	N	<p>I have a blue badge. I live in Malmesbury. The disabled spaces are very often occupied in the car parks, so there is a high demand for them. Double yellow line parking in the town would be very limited and also dangerous as the limited number of streets are so narrow and busy.</p> <p>This proposal is ludicrous and poorly thought through. I object to the proposal in the strongest possible terms.</p>
349	Individual	S	<p>To increase parking charges for our struggling towns and cities at this time is completely inappropriate and life threatening to our struggling economy. With the cost of living increase and the lasting effects of Covid, our towns and cities are struggling to provide the shops and services that the British public enjoy.</p> <p>Salisbury is our most prestigious historical City which is struggling with empty shops, which in turn leads to a deficit in business rates for the Council. Increasing parking charges is only going to make this worse. If you offered parking free, you would encourage those who are currently shopping on line to go and visit the thriving city centre which would have life instead of being ghost towns. Shops, offices and cafes/restaurants would be given the opportunity to thrive.</p> <p>To charge the less fortunate ie Disabled drivers to park is also inappropriate in this current climate. Our elderly and disabled are still wary of visiting our towns and cities therefore leading to more social isolation and depression. We should be encouraging not deterring.</p> <p>I would be interested to know how much the council spend in Parking Wardens and the parking systems compared to the revenue levels of parking charges.</p> <p>Come on Wiltshire Council, you can do better than this for our towns and cities, and those who live and work in the County, as well as those coveted tourists who help to keep our economy</p>

			going.
350	Individual	S	<p>Salisbury hasn't recovered from novichok, let alone covid. I recall ten years ago in summer being surrounded by tourists... you don't see them anymore.</p> <p>We now have unlivable rises in the costs of living, with further increases in October.</p> <p>Look at surrounding areas - amesbury or andover for example. Free and Cheap parking. If they can do it, why can't we?</p> <p>You really think the best thing for Salisbury residents, tourists (what tourists?), businesses and the economy is increasing parking charges when the charges here are already so much more expensive than many other areas?</p> <p>I suppose as long as councillors and politicians are laughing, it doesn't matter about anybody else?</p>
351	Individual	N	<p>There's only a few shops to go into town for now and I refuse to pay for the car parking and park in residential areas and walk into town if I have to run errands. There's poorly stocked women's clothing stores, one children's clothing shop at Peacocks. People are shopping elsewhere that doesn't require to pay and display. ie People are ordering online and collecting in store elsewhere ie Next or M&S outlets. This surely means less shoppers and less income spent on the town? I used to take the kids into town , go to the library, museum, go round the shops, go for coffee/ lunch. However I no longer do this because of the expense and builds up after a while as need to put 2 hours on the car with the kids. Please reconsider for the sake of the town.</p>
352	Individual		<p>If goods are not selling to expectations those in the private sector lower the price as they are fully aware that raising the price compounds the problem.</p> <p>Perhaps I could be informed why the council, when the income from parking falls, raise car parking prices. This encourages even more of the population to purchase their goods from out of town retail outlets which provide free parking.</p> <p>Fewer people using town centre car parks results in lower turnover from in town shops with the effect that there are more shop closures and the loss of business rates to the council funds.</p> <p>I am confident that most people, including those employed by the council, do not pay more for their purchases than is necessary so why does council not use the same logic when they decide to review car parking charges</p>
353	Individual	N	<p>In these times of austerity, increasing car parking charges is going to hit many families hard and will stop people coming into town centres to do their shopping when they can park for free at</p>

			<p>out-lying supermarkets. Fewer shoppers in the town centres will affect the remaining shops along the high street, causing even more to close and already the choices of shops for customers is becoming disappointing. You have already stopped free parking on Sundays and I know many people who no longer go into town because of this. I know car park charges are a good money-maker for the council, but surely you can see that fewer cars can lead to less income for you - so then you put prices up again and more people stay away. You should be encouraging more shoppers into Wiltshire towns, not pricing them out. If you want the High Streets to disappear, continually raising car park charges will do it (not to mention higher business rates)!</p> <p>Charging for parking in Castle Combe is ridiculous! All it will mean is more and more cars parking along the narrow road heading into the village creating even more havoc, especially during the very busy holiday periods. Accidents will occur with people fighting for a parking gap which is not good for pedestrians and could even close the road completely. I'm sure the residents of Castle Combe will not thank you for this. Already you see cars along this road parked by people who do not want to walk down then back up the hill; this will get a lot worse if you enforce parking charges in the main car park.</p>
354	Individual	N	<p>Any proposal to increase charges at this time of high inflation and enormous pressure on retailers and households now is without merit.</p> <p>Parking charges are inconsistent across different car parks - why?</p> <p>The first hour should be free to encourage shopping trips as in Corsham</p>
355	Individual	S	<p>We strongly object to the removal of this exemption for parking in central car park areas of Salisbury for Blue Badge holders. On what basis was this decision arrived at ? Have the council any notion of the difficulties faced by acutely disabled people attempting to use central shopping areas ? At a time when price rises all round are imminent why are disabled people being further victimised in this way ? We expect a reply to these comments and our objections firmly registered. It does not make us feel that Salisbury is a city we are proud to live in</p>
356	Individual		<p>I am really unhappy at the proposal to remove the parking charge exemption from blue badge holders and so object to the proposed new order.</p> <p>I think disabled people have enough to cope with in life. While I could just walk to the shops (and so driving has an element of choice), this is not the same for people of limited mobility who do not have that option.</p> <p>This is not the behaviour of a compassionate society. Please retain the exemptions for blue badge holders, invalid carriages, vehicles in lieu of invalid carriages and drivers with a severe</p>

			<p>disability issued with a note from Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>Please let me know of the committee meeting at which the decision will be taken, so that I can contact the relevant councillors in good time. Please also notify me of the final decision when it is taken.</p>
357	Individual	S	<p>The Proposal to increase Charges for Salisbury will drive people away from Salisbury and there will be loss of jobs, loss of income to Salisbury in hospitality, loss of income to many business in Salisbury.</p> <p>The increases on top of all the other Living Costs that are rising lately, fuel, food etc will drive people to shop in Out of Town Shops, where there is NO CHARGE for Parking.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council will LOSE much Revenue from Car Parking that they HAVE ALLREADY earmarked to be used elsewhere i.e to Support Local Busses, if Busses do not run or have limited times of running then many people (especially those who do not have cars) will not be able to do shopping, visit doctors or have difficulty in being reasonably mobile.</p> <p>With regard to charging Disabled Badge Holders this will affect their ability to park in many places in the larger Wiltshire Council Car Parks, admittedly there are a few On Street Parking where you do not have to pay BUT there are nowhere enough of these for people to go shopping, (in Salisbury on Market Days a number of these spaces near Guildhall Square are NOT available due to the Market.</p> <p>Many Disabled People who are over Pension Age may well NOT have any Disability Pensions as after Pension Age they cannot claim them and as thus they will struggle with all of the current price rises, many disabled persons need to have additional heating due to their disabilities and are struggling now with rising Electricity and Gas costs. These Disable Persons have great difficulty in using Busses for shopping as many cannot carry their heavy shopping very far (yes they could do Online Shopping but many are NOT computer literate and cannot use this facility).</p> <p>Many people believe that people with disabilities have sufficient income to pay for parking and the like, this is NOT necessarily true (see comments above regarding Claiming Disability Payments). On street parking is only for a limited time and in most places it does NOT give time to shop.</p>
358	Individual		<p>What's the point of having a blue badge if you can't use use a public carpark I think the idea of a blue badge is to make it easy for the disabled my wife is severely disabled so I think you are money grabbing also for Sunday you are turning people away from salisbury what a disgrace you are in your ivory tower I don't suspect it affects you</p>
359	Individual	N	<p>I am writing to oppose the increase in parking charges and the commencement of parking</p>

			<p>charges for the disabled.</p> <p>Our town has been heavily hit by the after effects of Covid as well as the nationwide decline in high Street shopping. It seems unbelievably shortsighted to raise parking tariffs - people will simple not visit the town for their shopping, choosing instead to go to out of town shopping parks where parking is free, or shop online.</p> <p>It is obvious when you look at somewhere like Corsham, what a big impact free parking has had - people are more likely to shop local and stay longer, therefore spending more on the local economy.</p> <p>We should be looking to alleviate parking charges all together, not raise them and discriminate against the disabled.</p> <p>I urge you to reconsider as a matter of urgency, before the town is completely empty</p>
360	Individual	W	<p>If the council is set on driving people away from shopping in their towns and instead sending these people to supermarkets where car parking is free then go ahead. Businesses in these towns are suffering some having to give up their leases, the result is these counsels will not receive business rates; then what will the council do? I guess put up the off street car parking! The council should be encouraging people to use the businesses in these towns by providing at least the first hour free!</p> <p>It's a mistake and false economy to raise car parking changes.</p>
361	Individual	S	<p>Cllr Richard Clewer, of Wiltshire Council, has said: ".... The proposed changes to our parking services will follow the strategy set out in our Local Transport Plan, better reflect current inflation levels, recover some operational costs and harmonise some of the charges across the county..."</p> <p>The proposal ignores the cost of living affecting residents and visitors alike and I see no harmonisation described in these proposals - just uplifts. It compounds the problems facing the disabled and adversely affects them, in particular Blue Badge holders who have little or no option but to use personal transport.</p> <p>Even attending church is now to be 'taxed' with Park and Ride not operating on Sundays (or Bank Holidays).</p> <p>Notwithstanding the positive spin from the BID, looking at Salisbury City Centre I do not see a vibrant shopping area but a significant number of empty shops and struggling businesses that</p>

			<p>need footfall not additional costs driving visitors elsewhere. Simple events like attending health care now carry an added premium - or the individual needs to take even longer away from work to attend.</p> <p>We are rightly proud of our Charter Market but, as one who shops all of my food and some other items there, using Park and Ride would be challenging to say the least.</p> <p>Increasing the charge for tradesmen will further fuel the cost of living crisis for individuals and businesses.</p> <p>The Council have failed to make a persuasive case for this change - perhaps reflecting the 2019 removal of their slogan "Where Everybody Matters".</p>
362	Individual	N	<p>I'm afraid this will further kill the town from reduced footfall, we already think twice about using the car parks because of the limited shops in the town and cost involved in just doing a bit of sight seeing elsewhere. Any increase will definitely mean we use these locations less or never</p>
363	Individual	N	<p>This is to register my objections to the parking price rises in Wiltshire/Chippenham. They are excessive and disproportionate</p>
364	Individual	N	<p>I object in the strongest possible terms that you have issued a consultation document that is written in antiquated legalistic language which might fail to be understood by many people. Perhaps the intention was to ensure that people don't understand.</p> <p>You should produce a simple plain English version before the consultation closes and if that requires extending the consultation, so be it</p>
365	Individual	S	<p>I think you charge enough already so I am against any raise in tariffs.</p> <p>I would also like you to improve/replace the ticket machines to take cards. With the declining usage of money because of the pandemic, paying in Central car park is not easy. I now pay via my phone, a process which adds 10 minutes to my parking time to allow me to complete the transaction.</p> <p>Salisbury centre is a sad place with so many closed shops and if you wish to increase the footfall of visitors and shoppers, you really need to consider making parking easier, not more difficult</p>
366	Individual	W	<p>I agree with raising car parking charges for non-disabled users, but I completely disagree with the revocation of free parking for disabled people (Blue Badge holders). It is difficult to get a Blue Badge, and applicants must have good reason, and an assessment, to get one. Blue badge holders are mobility-impaired, and cannot walk far - and have no option but to drive. They are</p>

			<p>also far less likely to be in employment, and less likely to be able to afford a taxi, and less able to get to a bus stop or stand to catch a bus. many are reliant on driving o or being driven.</p> <p>If you need to make more money, and wish to dissuade people from driving, then increasing car parking charges for disabled people is the wrong way to go about it. You need to focus on charging those people who COULD walk or cycle or catch public transport - not those whose options are much more limited.</p> <p>To note: I am an Occupational Therapist by profession, and have worked with (and befriended) many older and more vulnerable people who would be appalled with this proposal. However your website, with its very small font, and complicated layout - and the fact that you are NOT providing paper (poster-style) notices in public buildings, means the consultation itself is inaccessible to those worst affected.</p>
367	Individual	N	<p>I have to start my feedback to this consultation by saying how disappointed I am simply in its accessibility.</p> <p>In the 21st Century when Councils should be doing all they can to engage with their local communities having such an impenetrable site that requires an account to login to an online form, bizarrely formatted documents which seem to be impossible to download on my phone and no simple HTML formatted information or even a pdf document seems like madness.</p> <p>https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/tro-consultation-tariffs-off-street-car-parks</p> <p>I would really urge you to consider more accessible ways of getting feedback from your residents unless of course you don't want to.</p> <p>I response to the consultation itself my strong opinion is that to keep high streets alive short stay parking must be made as affordable as possible. I am lucky enough to live in walking distance of Chippenham town centre however my children are little and it's still too far for them. Until parking charges were introduced on a Sunday I would often take them in to town on a Sunday to the shops and to the play area in Monkton Park. I no longer do this and the town has lost my business.</p>

			<p>It was raining today and I wanted to pick up some fruit and veg from the local shops but the already high parking charges in the town put me off. Instead I drove to Corsham which I feel benefits enormously from short stay free parking. How much I would love to see the same introduced to Chippenham.</p> <p>I understand Councils are struggling financially and also the imperative of reducing car use and protecting our environment. However, I strongly feel that the way to keep people local and to enable local businesses and high streets to thrive is to keep town car parking as low cost as possible.</p> <p>Please reduce charges not increase them. Consider 1-2 hours free wherever possible (South Gloucestershire Council don't charge for parking at all) and make feeding back to the Council easier for your residents.</p>
368	Individual	W	<p>I do not know if this incorporates disabled parking changes because the link to the details doesn't work.</p> <p>Myself and my daughters carers use a wheelchair access vehicle to park in the council car parks and on street parking (if we can get on an end because nobody leaves the space for accessing the back wheelchair ramp).</p> <p>It is very important that free disabled parking continues. People do not take care in car parks and I'm surprised nobody has been badly injured! I have had my ramp driven over! Luckily my daughter was in the car at the time. So you see I would not deem pushing her around to the pay meter a safe thing to do! I understand your answer is to do the pay online thing. The problem with that is the carers can be either older or foreign and are not capable of using online. Also my daughter does not have a phone and they cannot access payment on her behalf. These payments would make accessing the community impossible when she is with her carer.</p> <p>Also as you know old people are disabled and may not be able to access these phone payment systems. In a county where everyone matters I'm very surprised that this is being considered?</p> <p>If this is the wrong consultation for this email please would you forward to right place or at least let me know where to send it</p>
369	Individual	N	<p>My husband and I are distressed to learn that you are proposing to start charging Blue Badge</p>

			<p>holders in your car parks.</p> <p>May we point out that using a car is unavoidable for many disabled people, such as my husband. He cannot travel by bus and use his bus pass. He does not want to cause more pollution but has no choice.</p> <p>We would also like to point out that disabled people have a lot of extra expense to manage daily life, so it seems unreasonable to have to pay to park the car</p>
370	Individual		Just how low can you go. DISGUSTING
371	Individual	N	<p>I object to the proposed parking rises in Chippenham Town. Since Covid has caused so much devastation over the past two years, high streets across the country have suffered with many businesses having to close their doors permanently. Some have managed to survive, but many are now facing increases in operating costs, energy prices, higher NI rates and now parking charges on top. The cost of living crises that is devastating the whole of the UK is causing unprecedented hikes in food and utility bills – people just don't have cash to spend and are having to make it last longer. People working in the care industry are finding it tough, due to being on such low wages and that means that 'small change' is now being absorbed into paying for food and fuel... and some are even resorting to using food-banks, just like millions of ordinary working folk. During times like these, Wiltshire Council should NOT be raising car parking fees, but instead, reducing them, or at least, reinstating the FREE parking over Sundays and Bank Holidays to help those that are on limited incomes, disabled, or those that work unsociable hours that need that little bit of help to make sure that they can get the shopping they need to sustain their day/nightshifts, etc. People and businesses are already struggling and to apply yet more pressure on limited incomes will not be a positive thing for the council because the knock on effect will be like a house of cards. Raising the car parking fees will push people away from our already struggling town centres which will result in more businesses closing, thus the town not receiving the business rates and taxes that are needed to pay off the debts brought on by the pandemic, etc. Its completely nonsensical to increase parking charges now and only shows how much Wiltshire Council is out of touch with the reality that many of our residents are facing.</p>
372	Support organisation	W	Scanned letter

373	Individual	W	I would like to express my surprise at the proposal for charging on Sundays in Melksham . How much research have you done with comparing the income versus cost of enforcement Melksham is rarely busy in the Town on a Sunday and what is this proposal really going to bring in income. I hope you reconsider this increase
374	Individual		I object strongly to this proposal which would have a severe detrimental impact on the safety of road users and villagers for the reasons outlined in the response from our Parish Council.
375	Individual		I am writing to register my objection to any increase in parking charges especially at this present time as there are so many other increases in living costs that have to be absorbed which are unavoidable. I pay a heavy Band E Council Tax plus an extra £60 to have the green bin emptied a few times per year, and apart from street lighting see little return for my financial contributions. The use of a car is essential to my independent living, as I find the use of pavements to be a greater hazard to life and limb than sitting in a car, especially where shopping is concerned. Limiting the first hour to 40p will help the older people of Wiltshire towns enormously
376	Individual	N	<p>1 - As a blue badge holder I am concerned that the proposal to charge blue badge holders could lead to many Blue badge holders parking outside of car parks and having to walk further than they can easily manage in an effort to save money which is often in short supply with a disability often costing an individual more than the able bodied. This could clog up the yellow lines around car parks and possibly lead to accidents as wheelchairs etc are unloaded.</p> <p>I have a wilts blue badge and see no reason why blue badge holders that can afford the charges should be exempt from parking charges in principle but not at the detriment to health and potential accidents that could arise if alternative parking is sought. Can I suggest that charges for blue badge holders are voluntary.</p> <p>2 - I am also concerned, as I know many of the councillors are at the demise of the high street shopping facilities this is being exacerbated by higher and higher parking charges in town but no charges at out of town shopping areas which is clearly unfair and discriminatory. This policy is clearly leading to the death of the high street and making life difficult for many of us who now have to drive around to out of town shopping facilities, with resultant pollution . One solution I see for this is that in town shops reimburse parking charges to customers and that this is funded directly by the council to the shop. why not try an experiment with sat TESCO in Chippenham town centre.</p> <p>I have tried to be helpful and hope that this is seen as such.</p>

377	Individual	N	<p>It is unbelievable that at a time when highstreet shops are in more danger of disappearing than ever before, the council would aim to discourage visitors by hiking parking fees. If anything the parking charges should be reduced or removed altogether. A 1 or 2 hour free parking period around shopping centres would encourage spending in our towns. I for one find myself driving further to a supermarket where I don't have to pay for parking when I would much rather go to the town centre and use independent shops. However an extra few pounds a week on parking plus the hassle of finding the change is off-putting. I think the council should reconsider and help the shops rather than ruin them.</p>
378	Individual	W	<p>I wish to write to you with my objection to the proposed alterations to road traffic regulations act 1994, Traffic management 2004 and the county of Wiltshire (western Wiltshire) (off street parking places) order 2002. HKB/TRO/WILT.</p> <p>I work at St Margaret's Hall in Bradford on Avon. As a local community venue we host several events that are attended by users who have blue badges, such as the Leg Clinic on a Monday and the Active keep fit classes on a Wednesday, tea dances on a Thursdays, as well as craft fairs and other events. Members of the public regular use St Margaret's Carpark to park for these activities and increasing the charges will have a direct impact on the users of the venue especially the vulnerable who cannot access public transport and rely on either their car or a carers to get them to the Hall.</p> <p>I would ask that Wiltshire Council reconsider this proposal and remove the proposed change and keep parking free for those entitled to a blue badge</p>
379	Individual	S	<p>We need to discourage vehicle use. With higher parking charges, people will limit unnecessary journeys.</p>
380	Individual		<p>I'm writing to support the proposed increase in car parking charges. Amidst the climate emergency, which Wiltshire Council declared, anything that discourages people from driving is to be welcomed.</p> <p>However, the other side of the coin is that there needs to be greater investment by Wiltshire Council in the alternatives: safer walking, wheeling and cycling routes, better public transport provision within and between towns.</p>

			Increases in parking charges need to be used to pay for the improvements that make it easier for people to leave their cars at home
381	Individual	N	<p>I have read with dismay that Wiltshire Council are to increase car parking charges throughout Wiltshire AND to start charging disabled drivers. I have objected strongly to this via the Council website and would urge you to add your weight to these objections.</p> <p>Blue Badge holders did not ask to be disabled, it was not a lifestyle choice by them. A substantial percentage of Blue Badge holders are at the poorer end of the disposable income spectrum and the Council are going to heap more misery on them.</p> <p>In raising general car park charges in this cost of living crisis shows that the council members are myopic, do not understand the Law of Diminishing Returns (I have offered to explain this to them) and have scant regard to the crisis facing the High Street which they will exacerbate by chasing drivers (shoppers) elsewhere.</p> <p>I would also like to suggest that a petition be raised in Parliament that Blue Badge holders park free of charge and for it to become law. How does one raise a petition? Will you sponsor this and support it and canvas the other members of Parliament to support it</p>
382	Individual		<p>I am amazed and saddened that we didn't learn the lessons of the last car parking charge increases. Numbers dropped and local businesses suffered. Now we are going down the same failed route and how many parking wardens will we need to enforce these new charges.. This is a time when households are being squeezed and will avoid parking charges wherever they can. Its called the elasticity of demand, higher prices mean fewer people and hence lower income. When incomes are squeezed it is better to get that money into local businesses not into parking charges or businesses will die and further income will disappear, possible needing to raise parking charges until no one can afford them and half the council employees are parking wardens!!! STOP BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE, reduce parking charges</p>
383	Corsham Town Council	N	<p>Corsham Town Council considered the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for consultation (Off Street Parking Orders 2022) at a meeting of the Property & Amenities Committee yesterday evening. The Town Council received permission from Hannah Bahadoor to submit comments by 26th May, 3 days after the consultation was supposed to have closed (see attached email). The Town Council's comments are as follows:</p>

			<p>Corsham Town Council is strongly opposed to charging disabled badge holders to park in car parks. We think that such a move would present access issues as many of the payment machines are post-mounted and rather high up – putting them out of reach of people in wheelchairs. The Town Council would like to know whether an Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out ahead of this initiative.</p> <p>We note that in the statement which sets out reasons for the proposed changes, it states that ‘blue badge holders will continue to receive concessions for on street parking areas which are often more accessible than car parks’. We feel that in a town such as Corsham, with limited on street parking in the town centre, that this is not a viable alternative for blue badge holders.</p> <p>We feel that your proposal to issue notes to people with severe disabilities to enable them to continue to park in car parks would present an unwelcome bureaucratic hoop for people to negotiate. We would be curious to know how you propose to determine whether someone has a severe disability or whether they do not.</p> <p>We would also point out that 94% of blue badge holders are in receipt of benefits and are amongst the poorer members of our community– asking blue badge holders to pay for parking represents a tax on the poor, at a time when such people are bearing the brunt of the cost of living crisis.</p> <p>Finally, we note that the need to do something about the mis-use of the blue badge scheme was used as a justification for the proposed changes. We would argue that if people are mis-using blue badges it would be fairer to target them specifically and not to introduce a measure which will inconvenience all blue badge holders.</p>
384	Individual	N	<p>I am advised you are our MP for Malmesbury. I write to complain and to seek action on Wiltshire council parking changes to blue badge parking . They are oppressing and discriminatory towards a large proportion of our population. My daughter has a rare and life threatening condition that could end her life at any time (13 years old) . The blue badge helps her greatly as she cannot walk far .</p> <p>The blue badge is a life line to all disabled people who are also on low incomes compounded by</p>

		<p>economic issues now especially now . Those who have power need to see this through a disabled person lens and not through a finance lens .</p> <p>These people are compliant and are a guaranteed income for parking , where your able bodied population avoid the charge . The blue badge is not free and we pay for it .</p> <p>This now discriminates against the most vulnerable in order to meet an economic target, the government have cut the care provided to this group of citizens also so now another strand of a government who do not value the disabled population .</p> <p>This will marginalise an already marginalised group who have to fight daily to be have their say .</p> <p>I want you to look at this seriously as I will Campaign to have this over turned</p>
385	Individual	<p>His is in contravention to the Disabilities and Discrimination act in regard to disabled persons. There is a strong possibility that this will be referred to the local MP's and involve the council in unnecessary legal costs if an action is taken against it. You are making it harder for disabled people to park freely and safely in a relatively safe area and forcing the to pay for the privilege or park free on busy main roads etc and risk injury when alighting from their vehicle. It is obvious that this decision has been made by people who do NOT UNDERSTAND THE FULL MEANING OF DISABILITY</p>
386	Individual	<p>I received an email from you on Friday 20th May informing me of the possible upcoming parking charges for Blue Badge holders with the last consultation date being Monday 23rd May. I rang on the 23rd and, after being passed passed from pillar to post several times, I finally got through to your number and was told that no calls were being taken and to leave a message. I did so, requesting a call back. It is now Wednesday 25th May and nobody has had the courtesy to return my call. I rang again at approximately 10:45 a.m. today and still no-one is taking messages.</p> <p>It was annoying enough to be given such one day's notice regarding the consultation (which included a weekend) but not even be able to put forward one's comments on the last final day because no calls were being taken was infuriating - when it was supposed to be a consultation opportunity!</p> <p>The gist of my concerns is as follows: I am 82 years old and have to take my 87 year old husband who is a Blue Badge holder to the Sidmouth Street Alzheimer's Day Centre, Devizes on Wednesdays. This is approximately a FIVE MINUTE WALK, passing through Sainsbury's. Twice on that day, it would appear that I might need to pay for an hour's parking costing 70p each time. I have an on-line Saturday delivery slot for Sainsbury's grocery orders which has to be over £40 in order to use the Delivery Pass. Surely it wouldn't be too much to request (say) a fifteen or even a thirty minute period of grace for Blue Badge holders? If this proposal goes ahead, it is going to cause a great deal of hardship at a time when pensioners in particular are suffering because of</p>

			the rise in electricity/gas services and the cost of living generally
387	Melksham Town Council	W	<p>I am writing to Confirm Melksham Town Council's response to the above consultation as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to request the provision of parking meters suitable for use by disabled persons to be sited in the vicinity of the disabled car parking spaces in each of the car parks. • to confirm that the Town Council regrets that new residents to the town will be unable to access a free resident's parking permit. • to confirm that the Town Council's previous objections to the Order still stand. • to ask for clarification of Paragraph 71 where it states that members of the public without authorisation by the Council cannot enter or drive through the car park unless they are using the car park. This would mean that a number of Melksham Residents are being blocked from accessing their car parking spaces through Central Car Park and King Street Car Park.
388	Individual		<p>a comment! i have a blue badge and do make use of council car parks. it doesn't matter to me wether payment is required or not. i am able to park on double yellow lines for up to three hrs so that is my obvious option</p>
389	Individual		<p>I cannot believe how insensitive, inappropriate and how short sighted this proposal is, not only will it force disabled drivers to park in increasing numbers in inappropriate or dangerous places causing inconvenience to other road users and pedestrians but it will discourage disabled drivers from coming to town centres at all</p>
390	Individual	N	<p>I want to let you know I am absolutely appalled to read today the changes to blue badge parking, which I understand you will be enforcing.</p> <p>As a parent of a disabled child your changes are going to make my life, and the socialisation of my child a lot more difficult. I cannot keep my child safe while paying to park, I cannot guarantee the time we need or even that we will be able to take part in our planned activity due to his disabilities.</p> <p>Your scheme is going to further disadvantage my family.</p> <p>Looking at neighbouring Oxfordshire, specifically Vale of the White Horse not only is blue badge</p>

		<p>parking still free- standard parking is also free on Sundays and for one hour any day. https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/parking-roads-and-streets/parking/parking-is-changing-in-the-vale-of-white-horse-what-you-need-to-know/</p> <p>Please understand that your decision is going to have a significant impact on disabled people, their parents and carers. You can reverse this.</p> <p>I hope this report from todays Gazette and Herald is wrong and you are in a position to reassure me that Wiltshire Council does in fact put care of disabled people ahead of monetary gain.</p>
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