

Appendix A: Summary of objections to the advertised Parking Places Order

Objection	Number of objectors	Response
The objector objects to the principle of car parking charges	42	<p>The principle of charging within the specific parks identified was agreed at Executive Board: –</p> <p>Revenue Savings Proposals Cover Report Appendices 041223.pdf (page 206)</p> <p>Revenue Budget Council Tax Cover Report Appendices 290124.pdf (page 160 to 166)</p> <p>It was then further scrutinised on 31st July 2024, minutes can be found at the link below:</p> <p>Council and democracy</p> <p>The council would prefer not to charge for car parking within the parks. However, due to the level of reduction in central government funding for local authorities, the council has no other way to access funds to continue to maintain the sites in question to a suitable standard.</p> <p>The proposed charges have been set at modest levels with charges of £1 for 2 hours parking. There will also be a monthly and annual season ticket available. The annual season ticket will be £80 and this equates to only £1.50 per week.</p>
The objector believes that the charges will cause visitors to park on the surrounding streets	264	<p>Prior to implementation of the charges, surveys have been undertaken by LCC's Highways team to capture the current volume of on road parking surrounding the car parks in question. These assessments will be repeated three months after the introduction of charges to identify any impacts. Suitable actions will then be identified to help mitigate any issues that are caused and a source of funding for any actions has been identified in previous reports.</p>
The objector believes the charges will unfairly affect volunteers who work in the park	28	<p>Volunteers who are regularly working within the park undertaking work that has been agreed directly with the rangers or estates teams from the Council will be able to claim back their parking charges.</p> <p>Volunteers, including corporate volunteers who are working with other groups and organisations will need to pay for parking. There will be an option for their organisations to purchase annual business season tickets where applicable that are transferable between volunteers.</p>
The objector believes that charges will unfairly affect people with mobility difficulties / health issues	41	<p>There is no parking charge for disabled blue-badge holders. As the proposed parking charges are modest, it is not believed that they will unfairly affect people with mobility difficulties / health issues that do not qualify for a blue-badge. There will also be a monthly and annual season ticket</p>

		<p>available for visitors who visit the parks on a regular basis. The annual season ticket will be £80 and this equates to only £1.50 per week.</p> <p>Please click on the link to the EDCI for further details;</p> <p>EDCI - car parking charges - June 2024</p>
The objector believes that charges will unfairly affect the elderly	112	<p>As the parking charges proposed are modest, it is not believed that they will unfairly affect elderly people. There will be a monthly and annual season ticket available for visitors who visit the parks on a regular basis. The annual season ticket will be £80 and this equates to only £1.50 per week.</p> <p>Please click on the link to the EDCI for further details;</p> <p>EDCI - car parking charges - June 2024</p>
The objector believes that charges will unfairly affect staff working in businesses in parks	7	The relevant businesses will be permitted to purchase passes that can be transferred between employees when at work to help mitigate this risk. As the parking charges proposed are modest, it is not believed that they will discourage people from visiting the parks.
The objector considers that the introduction of charges will cause playing golf to become too expensive	76	The proposed charges have been set at modest levels with charges of £1 for 2 hours parking. There will also be a monthly and annual season ticket available for golfers who play on a regular basis. The annual season ticket will be £80 and this equates to only £1.50 per week. Consideration is also being given to freezing the prices of the golf green fees this year to ensure that the overall costs of playing golf on the council's courses remains competitive in the local area.
The objector considers the introduction of charges to have a detrimental impact on health & wellbeing	341	As the level of parking charge proposed is modest, it is not believed that they will discourage people from visiting the parks. There will also be a monthly and annual season ticket available for visitors who visit the parks on a regular basis. The annual season ticket will be £80 and this equates to only £1.50 per week. Without a sustainable funding stream, the city's parks and green spaces will deteriorate, and create health and safety risks. Maintaining public green spaces enables every community in the city to have safe connected spaces, streets and paths to access a local park or green space, providing somewhere to be active and to play, helping to improve mental and physical health across all ages.
The objector believes that charges will unfairly affect dog walkers	54	As the level of parking charge proposed is modest, it is not believed that they will discourage dog walkers from visiting the parks. There will also be a monthly and annual season ticket available for visitors who visit the parks on a regular basis. The annual season ticket will be £80 and this equates to only £1.50 per week.
The objector believes that charges will unfairly affect horse riders/drivers with heavier vehicles	6	It is proposed to increase the weight limit for vehicles to 3.5t to accommodate drivers who hold the old-style driver's licences. There will also be an exclusion to this to allow a motor vehicle or trailer equipped with a container for transporting one or more horses.

<p>The objector considers that parking charges will unfairly impact lower-income families</p>	<p>195</p>	<p>As the level of parking charge proposed is modest, it is hoped that it will not discourage lower-income families from visiting the parks. There will be a monthly and annual season ticket available for visitors who visit the parks on a regular basis. The annual season ticket will be £80 and this equates to only £1.50 per week. It should also be noted that the charges only apply to 5 of the city's many parks and green spaces – parking will remain free at the rest.</p> <p>Please click on the link to the EDCI for further details;</p> <p>EDCI - car parking charges - June 2024</p>
<p>The objector believes that parking charges will disproportionately affect women</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>As the level of parking charge is modest, it is not believed that it will discourage women from visiting the parks or encourage them to visit sites that do not feel as safe. There will be a monthly and annual season ticket available for visitors who visit the parks on a regular basis.</p> <p>Please click on the link to the EDCI for further details;</p> <p>EDCI - car parking charges - June 2024</p>
<p>The objector considers that the introduction of parking charges will hinder the use of a free public asset</p>	<p>410</p>	<p>The principle of charging was agreed at Executive Board: –</p> <p>Revenue Savings Proposals Cover Report Appendices 041223.pdf (page 206) Revenue Budget Council Tax Cover Report Appendices 290124.pdf (page 160 to 166)</p> <p>It was then further scrutinised on 31st July 2024, minutes can be found at the link below:</p> <p>Council and democracy</p> <p>The council would prefer not to charge for car parking within the parks. However, due to the level of reduction in central government funding for local authorities, the council has no other way to access funds to continue to maintain the sites in question to a suitable standard.</p> <p>The proposed charges have been set at modest levels with charges of £1 for 2 hours parking. There will also be a monthly and annual season ticket available. The annual season ticket will be £80 and this equates to only £1.50 per week.</p> <p>The parks will remain free to access – there is no proposal to charge an entry fee.</p> <p>Please click on the link to the EDCI for further details;</p> <p>EDCI - car parking charges - June 2024</p>

The objector considers that parking charges will unfairly affect motorcyclists	12	Motorcycles will not be charged as part of this proposal.
The objector believes that parking charges will unfairly affect cyclists driving to the park to use their cycles.	19	As the parking charges proposed are modest, it is not believed that it will discourage cyclists from accessing the Leeds Urban Bike Park or the other proposed sites. There will be a monthly and annual season ticket available for visitors who visit the parks on a regular basis. The annual season ticket will be £80 and this equates to only £1.50 per week. Please note that there is still a free car park at Middleton park, which is still within walking distance from the Leeds Urban Bike Park.
The objector considers that parking charges will unfairly affect anglers due to the 23-hour parking limit and the right to be able to undertake night-fishing as part of their licence	1	The Council will work with anglers to include them as an exemption to the 23-hour parking limit. As regular users, the season ticket will represent good value at £1.50 per week (£80 per year).
The objector considers that there is limited or no availability of suitable public transport as an alternative to driving and paying parking charges.	73	As discussed at Scrutiny Board, public transport provision is outside the control of Local Authorities. Parking charges are set below the price of public transport.
The objector considers that introducing parking charges will have a disproportionate impact on local businesses.	105	The council also operates businesses within the parks and believes that the proposed charges are modest enough that they won't cause a significant deterrent to customers, especially with the introduction of an annual season ticket at £80, the equivalent of £1.50 per week. Without introducing charges, the council cannot continue to manage the sites to the current standard, which would also act as a deterrent to customers.
The objector considers that introducing parking charges will unfairly affect sports teams and other events using the parks such as Parkrun	48	As the parking charges proposed are modest, it is not believed that they will discourage sports teams and people attending other events such as Parkrun from still participating. There will be a monthly and annual season ticket available for visitors who visit the parks on a regular basis. The annual season ticket will be £80 and this equates to only £1.50 per week.
The objector believes that introducing parking charges without a cash facility will unfairly affect people without a smart mobile phone.	13	As well as payment using a mobile phone app there will also be the option to pay using a contactless bank card via the parking machines. Season tickets will also be available to purchase online or using cash or card in some community hubs / libraries and in some of our retail units and cafés. Please click on the link to the EDCI for further details;

<p>The objector considers that the proposed charges are too expensive</p>	<p>51</p>	<p>EDCI - car parking charges - June 2024</p> <p>As the parking charges proposed are modest, it is not believed that they will discourage people from visiting the parks. There will be a monthly and annual season ticket available for visitors who visit the parks on a regular basis. The proposed charges compare favourably with core city averages which indicate that charges in other core cities start from 90p for the first hour rising to £5 for a full day.</p> <p>The charges proposed are comparable to the cost of a return bus ticket in the city. It should also be noted that parking at local community parks with car parks is not part of this scheme and will remain free. The proposed charges have been set based on an average of what would be considered as a reasonable charge following earlier public consultation that took place in Oct/Nov 2023.</p> <p>Please click on the link to the EDCI for further details;</p> <p>EDCI - car parking charges - June 2024</p>
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