

## Kington Car Parking – Summary of feedback from members of the public with response

47 responses from members of the public and local business have been catalogued as follows:

Response ID	Count	Objection, support, comment or request	Amend	Officer response
2, 3, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 33, 35, 36, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47		The introduction of parking charges will affect local business if visitors are deterred from coming to Town.	No	If visitors are unable to locate a parking space due to the car parks being oversubscribed this can have a negative experience for them. The introduction of a small charge for parking is unlikely to deter visitors, as car park users tend to place more value on space availability and proximity to destination.
4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 14, 18, 19, 26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45		The new charges will mean those that work and live in the Town will incur the fees.	No	The intention of a charging regime is to ensure that the small number of spaces is managed, the charges will encourage those that work in town that are able to walk, cycle or use public transport to do so, and those that require use of their car will pay a small charge for parking. Season tickets will be available at all of the car parks which reduces the daily tariff by up to 40%, additionally an off peak season ticket (for use between 5pm and 9am) can be bought for £75 per year.
2, 4, 5, 6, 11, 14, 16, 18, 22, 24, 25, 28, 30, 33, 35, 39, 40, 41, 43, 46		Kington has limited on street parking capacity, introducing charges will create issues on the highway if roads are blocked.	Yes	The proposal has been amended to include a free 40 minute parking session at all car parks, including the current one where charges apply at Mill Street. This will ensure that those requiring short stays can find an off street space.
11, 12, 13, 25, 26, 28, 35, 37, 39, 40, 42, 46		Rural areas outside of Town are dependent on shops and need to visit by car as public transport is limited.	Yes	The proposal has been amended to include a free 40 minute parking session at all car parks, including the current one where charges apply at Mill Street. This will ensure that those needing to make an essential visit can find a space.

7, 10, 13, 16, 23, 37, 40		The current offer of free parking is a selling point to those that wish to visit.	Yes	The proposal has been amended to include a free 40 minute parking session at all car parks, including the current one where charges apply at Mill Street. This will assist with continued promotion of Kington as a destination, though it is unlikely that visitors make the trip solely for that purpose.
27, 28, 46		The charges will affect disabled people.	No	As with all Herefordshire Council car parks, 3 hours of free parking will be permitted for Blue Disabled Badge holders.
25, 39, 47		Parking spaces are in short supply.	No	The intention behind charging for parking is to ensure that the spaces available can be managed.
1, 38, 47		Visitors to resident's properties nearby will incur fees when visiting. Some of these residents are vulnerable and require daily visits.	Yes	The proposal has been amended to include a free 40 minute parking session at all car parks, including the current one where charges apply at Mill Street. This will ensure that those (including carers) needing to make an essential visit to a resident in the Town Centre can find a space.
41		The principle of charging should be considered in the context of other improvements to the environment and travel	No	As set out in the decision is the council's commitment to undertake a formal transport study of Kington to explore opportunities for improvement.