

Item No.	Reference	Names and addresses	Comment / Objection / Support	Officers Comments
1	<b>OBJECTION</b>	Resident	I would like to object to the proposed changes to parking in Woodley, namely 'Charging at all times'. I regularly use the Headley Road car park to attend club evenings at the Oakwood Centre, and introducing extra charges will make me think twice.ccc/3334y7 The car park is not very busy during the evening, so any extra revenues would be marginal, and almost certainly wiped out by the cost of enforcing them. However, the effect on the evening businesses, clubs & societies would be severe.	The proposals do not propose to introduce a charge 'at all times', but to create a new charging period. Whilst it will enable the Council to apply a charge to that period in the future, the purpose of this proposal is to enable parking contraventions to be enforced.
2	<b>OBJECTION</b>	Resident	I am a Woodley resident and I wish to formally object to the above proposed changes to Borough car parks in Woodley, which will potentially affect all four of Woodley's borough-run car parks. 1) It is not required for action to be taken on anti-social behaviour as the CCTV already provides that facility. 2) It removes the requirement to publicise any potential change to car park charges ahead of implementation 3) It removes the legal need for any resident's consultation in the future which is anti-democratic.	Whilst CCTV will deter antisocial/misuse of car parks, it does not enable the Council to enforce contraventions arising through misuse. Antisocial behaviour will still be a police enforcement matter. Elected members have always been able to make changes to parking charges with/without consultation and this remains unchanged. Members will determine any need for changes through the annual Fees & Charges process which will be accompanied by a statutory Notice of Variation.
3	<b>OBJECTION</b>	Resident	It has been brought to my attention that despite years of objections, residents of Woodley and Wokingham are once more required to object to the idea of evening car parking charges. I consider this WRONG on the basis that I attend an evening class in Woodley each Monday, as do many others who may attend other classes at Oakwood Centre. We pay an annual fee to do so, as well as a weekly fee to attend. I also support eating out on occasion in my local Wokingham restaurants in the evening, and object to having to pay to park on top of this cost. These local businesses need our support. Please do not put any more barriers in the way of their success.	The proposals do not propose to introduce a charge 'at all times', but to create a new charging period. Whilst it will enable the Council to apply a charge to that period in the future, the purpose of this proposal is to enable parking contraventions to be enforced.
4	<b>OBJECTION</b>	Resident	I would like to object to the proposal of evening and Sunday charges to car parks in Woodley. Parking is already really expensive in Woodley so why do this? It is such a draw for customers the fact that the parking is free on a Sunday and the local shops need all the help they can get. We have some lovely restaurants in Woodley now and free parking in the evening is a real driver for people to visit these restaurants. These charges will be damaging for the people of Woodley and I completely object to them.	The proposals do not propose to introduce a charge 'at all times', but to create a new charging period.
5	<b>OBJECTION</b>	Resident	I am writing to object to the new proposal to charge parking at California Cross Roads car park. earning £10 per hour. I do my job because I love it... not because of the money. I and many colleagues cannot afford to pay a daily fee to park, and feel that if this is put in place we should at least have permits allowing us to park for free (we are public servants being taxed and penalised more even though we are doing our jobs for the council). Introducing these fees will also encourage us and others to park on Finchampstead Road all day, which is not only dangerous, but hugely impractical for passing cars.	The proposals do not propose to introduce a charge 'at all times', but to create a new charging period.
6	<b>OBJECTION</b>	Resident	I am writing to raise my objection to the proposed TRO changes you have sneakily tried to pass without REAL consultation. There is no need to change the TRO status of the car parks as the reasons that are being put forward are frankly the stuff of fairy tales. You have made several reasons public and none of them are backed up with evidence or hold any water. It is obvious that the real reasons are based around the ability to raise more revenue to pay for the investment made in CCTV (which no residents were consulted on!) by stealth means. The fact that its been stated that prices wont rise, is not the same as charges will now be covering 24 hours which is exactly what the real aim is. I now request that you hold well-advertised PUBLIC meeting so you can explain yourselves and your plans instead of hiding away as usual in you ivory towers thinking you know best. So my objections are now formally entered, and despite your attempts to thwart democracy you cannot expect others to now not follow.	The proposals do not propose to introduce a charge 'at all times', but to create a new charging period.
7	<b>OBJECTION</b>	Resident	Unsurprisingly, I hadn't spotted the comically hidden 'notices' to make Woodley residents aware of the proposal to start charging for parking after 6pm and on Sundays and on bank holidays. You'll be relieved to know that an eagle eyed resident has shared this information but it goes without saying that perhaps these notices would be better placed where people can actually see them. Perhaps WBC would like to rectify this to ensure integrity in their 'consultation' process? I strongly disagree and feel quite frustrated at the proposal to start charging for parking in woodley after 6pm and Sunday and bank holidays. Like many small town centres in the UK, we need to be actively encouraging People to visit not giving them one for more reason to go elsewhere. Surely this is just encouraging people to go to out of town retail parks and shop online instead? Similarly, there are some great dance/fitness classes at Vibe but you will effectively be increasingly the cost of each and every class - again put people off from choosing a small local town centre like Woodley.	The proposals do not propose to introduce a charge 'at all times', but to create a new charging period.
8	<b>OBJECTION</b>	Resident	I wish to strongly object to the TRO to amend car park controls in Woodley. If anti social behaviour is an issue it should be addressed as such using CCTV footage of which I understand there is little! Increasing parking charges will clearly have zero impact on the type of people that may choose to behave inappropriately at times in these areas. Use the footage and address the individuals rather than punish the law abiding community! It is difficult not to be suspicious and wonder if this is in fact a back door way to simply generate an increased income via additional parking charges, at a time when families are struggling to feed their children? Is it not enough that on top of this we are now all facing a winter where we will also struggle to heat our homes! More financial difficulties will simply increase the potential for crime which in turn increases the very behaviour you say you wish to address! This proposal must not go ahead as it is clear as a community we will suffer. Life is difficult for so many now and we do not need sly back door tactics!	The proposals do not propose to introduce a charge 'at all times', but to create a new charging period.
9	<b>OBJECTION</b>	Resident	We have been informed that the council are planning to implement 24/7 parking tickets across all council owned car parks in Wokingham. We strongly oppose this for the below reasons and do not think this has been thought out at all: 1. There is on the road parking on Gypsy Lane where residents who do not have a drive way park their cars. We rely on this section of road to park our cars as we have no where else to park our car. We have requested from the council if we could lower our curb so we could park our car on our front garden. This was denied. We have requested from the council if we could buy a car parking permit from the library car park. This was denied. Already, on a Saturday, we normally cannot park our car here as cheeky shoppers visiting the town like to use this section of road for free parking. Therefore, we have to use the car parks until we can go back to the section on Gypsy Lane after 6pm when the visitors now use the car park due to it being free. With the introduction of 24/7 parking charges, we would never be able to find a parking space. This would be very distressing for us as we would have to keep driving round town every 4 hours looking for a different car parking space. This would be impossible for us to do during the night when we would be sleeping. 2. This would be a deterrent for visitors coming into the town to do shopping on a Sunday. The town is already quiet on a Sunday so could really do with having more customers coming in. If visitors knew about the charges, then they may be persuaded to go to Bracknell or Reading, where the charges are the same price but there is a much greater range of shops. Free parking on a Sunday attracts a lot of people to the town. 3. This would be a disaster for restaurants, pubs and bars in the town. If visitors were restricted to 4 hours (as common in some of your car parks), they would have to rely on public transport. Many people do not want to take public transport due to Covid. This would reduce the nightlife of Wokingham and be such a shame for all the new restaurants that have opened. Requests: 1. Please do not make the car park 24/7 charges. 2. As a last resort, we would like to request that you make the section on Gypsy Lane a resident only parking permit area. 3. Alternatively, please allow permit parking for residents for the library car park.	The proposals do not propose to introduce a charge 'at all times', but to create a new charging period.
10	<b>OBJECTION</b>	Woodley Town Council	Woodley Town Council notes the Public Notice in the Wokingham Paper published on Thursday 9th September page 31 relating to car park charges. This Traffic Regulation Order or TRO has item 2.e which says: e. in the car parks listed in Schedule 1 to this Notice, extend the existing daily: i. charging hours to 'at all times'; ii. opening hours to Mondays-Sundays (including bank holidays) and covers all four Woodley Car Parks. Such a Public Notice is a legal requirement for any changes in Car Park charges and provides a legal obligation to consult residents on the proposals. This Council notes that whilst there is currently no charges beyond 6pm and none at all on Sundays this section of the TRO allows such an introduction in the future without any consultation as a TRO will not be needed anymore. The Executive Member in charge of Highways has publicly confirmed that such an action is required in order to take action on anti-social behaviour in these car parks which is in direct contradiction with reasons for installing CCTV in the car parks. It has been publicly stated that the CCTV will, as one of their functions, monitor for anti-social behaviour and make such recordings available to the police as evidence for any police action. If CCTV can already help the police to take action on antisocial behaviour then why is there any need for item 2.e. Woodley Town Council strongly objects to this part of the proposal for the following reasons: • It is not needed for action to be taken on anti-social behaviour as the CCTV already provides that facility • It removes the requirement to publicise any potential change to car park charges ahead of implementation • It removes the legal need for any residents consultation in the future which is antidemocratic At the Full Council meeting held on 28 September 2021 Councillors unanimously agreed to submit these objections to you in respect of this proposed TRO.	Whilst CCTV will deter antisocial/misuse of car parks, it does not enable the Council to enforce contraventions arising through misuse. Antisocial behaviour will still be a police enforcement matter. Elected members have always been able to make changes to parking charges with/without consultation and this remains unchanged. Members will determine any need for changes through the annual Fees & Charges process which will be accompanied by a statutory Notice of Variation.
11	<b>OBJECTION</b>	Resident	CAUTION: This is an EXTERNAL EMAIL - STOP & THINK before clicking a link or opening attachments. I wish to formally object to Traffic Order 202 which is posted on the Wokingham Borough Council website at <a href="https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/roadworks-and-outdoor-maintenance/traffic-management-road-signs-and-markings/traffic-regulation-order-consultations/?assetdet91f252ff-550d-4cfa-a838-92ef2cb5f83c=604641">https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/roadworks-and-outdoor-maintenance/traffic-management-road-signs-and-markings/traffic-regulation-order-consultations/?assetdet91f252ff-550d-4cfa-a838-92ef2cb5f83c=604641</a> This traffic order introduces charges 24 hours a day in the Woodley car parks. Previously charges have only been payable between the hours of 8am and 6pm Monday to Saturday (excl Bank Holidays). The absence of charges in the evening encourages people to visit Woodley Town Centre in the evenings and on Sundays, when it is normally quieter, to visit restaurants and takeaways. This is just as these establishments are starting to recover from the disruption caused by the COVID pandemic. The introduction of charges will inevitably lead to parking on nearby residential roads or people will take their custom elsewhere, neither of which are desirable outcomes. Please keep the charging hours as 8am-6pm to allow the night time economy to thrive in Woodley.	The proposals didn't mention introducing a charge 'at all times' just the charging period.

12	<b>OBJECTION</b>	Resident	I would like to send in my objections to the "charging at all times" Car park changes, which have been proposed for car parks in the Woodley and Wokingham area. Our Camera club, is a non-profit making club run for the community, and we try to keep the running costs and subsequent charges to members as low as possible. We meet at the Oakwood centre on Monday evenings, from about 7:45- 10:00pm. Our members have enjoyed the free evening parking at the Library car park opposite the Oakwood Centre. If charges were introduced it would significantly increase the weekly cost for our members, which might have the knock on effect of them not being able to afford to come along, which could have significant repercussions for the club itself. We have weathered the Covid-19 crisis with a decrease in members, but further reductions might mean that the club would have to stop altogether. I hope you can keep the weekday evening parking free of charge for these reasons.	The proposals didn't mention introducing a charge 'at all times' just the charging period.
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14	<b>OBJECTION</b>	Resident	I wish to object to the proposed imposition of "all day" parking charges in council car parks, specifically those in Woodley. These will impact, amongst others, users of the restaurants in the shopping precinct, clubs that meet at the Oakwood Centre in the evenings, evening performance in the theatre and Woodley junior parkrun. I understand that the council is short of money but this solution has been opposed before for the very reasons I have mentioned, and they are still valid. Increase the daytime charges if you must but do not impose charges in the evening and Sunday as it will have an adverse effect on Woodley.	The proposals do not propose to introduce a charge 'at all times', but to create a new charging period.
15	<b>OBJECTION</b>	Resident	I wish to register my strongest possible objections to the TRO proposal which will enable WBC to alter charging times and prices in Woodley car parks without consultation. This proposal is potentially damaging to our town centre and it's fragile evening and Sunday economy. Our town centre is in constant competition with Aldi, ASDA and Sainsbury's, all within 3 miles and all offering free parking to shoppers. Whilst I am happy to accept that the current thinking is to not change prices, this does not stop a future administration changing their minds, and therefore this is undemocratic. WBC has already squandered hundreds of thousands on a CCTV system to achieve the stated aim of the TRO, rendering this proposal completely unnecessary in my opinion. We must protect our community against the possibility of an undemocratic imposition of new charges in the future and thus this TRO is dangerous, offensive and irresponsible. I would also like to raise a complaint as to the availability of the consultation, which was challenging to find on the WBC website and poorly labeled. I would also think that expecting meaningful feedback on a 130+ page legal document without a summary page is at best optimistic, and at worst a deliberate attempt to subdue public comment.	The proposals do not propose to introduce a charge 'at all times', but to create a new charging period.
16	<b>OBJECTION</b>	Resident	I object!!! This is one way to kill off the evening business!! Absolutely ridiculous proposal! Wokingham borough council just increase everything! First off review all the waste within the offices before charging the people you serve!	The proposals didn't mention introducing a charge 'at all times' just the charging period.
17	<b>OBJECTION</b>	Resident	I would like to express my OBJECTION to the Deposited Documents – Reference TMO/P020/21 Proposed Wokingham Borough Off-Street Car Parks Amendments . Specifically the 24 parking charges and Sunday parking charges. I feel that 24 hour parking charges and Sunday parking charges will be detrimental to the viability of small businesses, specifically in Woodley where I shop but probably in all of the borough. At the moment you can pop into Woodley after 6 or on Sundays with no parking cost which for small purchases is an important cost. Having to pay for parking at these times makes it more likely to do all your shopping in 1 go at an out of town location where parking is free and bypass the town centre all together.	The proposals do not propose to introduce a charge 'at all times', but to create a new charging period.