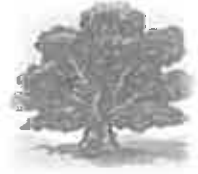


THE FRIENDS OF ST IVES



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2nd October 2016

Ref: Petition against proposed parking charges at St Ives, Bingley.

Dear [Redacted],

Here are the paper petitions.

I have counted all **the paper signatures** and there are a **total of 4,209**.

I have also marked the ones who do not have a BD postcode and their total is **405**.

The on-line petition ends on the 4th October and so obviously you will be able to see how many signatures are on that to add on, please.

(The BMDC e-petition site is still not working properly. People are still contacting us about it because they cannot access it.

Too late for us but, we feel it really needs to be sorted for others in the future.)

I have some supporting letters being written and will email to you this week and hope that you could kindly print them off and add to the petition pack please?

Best wishes

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Chairperson
The Friends of St Ives

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The Friends of St Ives feel that Bradford Councils proposal to introduce parking charges at St Ives is very wrong. We have been supported in this by the huge number of people of all ages and walks of life eager to sign our petitions. We have collected in total 5,592 signatures. (The council's e-petition site's malfunctioning has been a major problem for us and resulted in the change.org site being set up.) Although a few of these signatures are not from the BD postcode, we feel that all visitors to the estate have a right to an opinion. We do have sympathy with the council who are struggling to cope these days with greatly reduced funding, but the very small projected income the council hopes to achieve from this proposal (with many factors still not being included at this point), it's hard to reconcile it with all the major negative issues it will generate for the public and the village of Harden. Please read the attached 18 pages of comments taken from the petition on Change.org. They also show how important a place it is to so many. One of our major questions is, how was this decision made? As far as we are aware, no prior public consultation was undertaken? A Councillor was asked 'How was this proposal arrived at' and replied, "We were scratching around for ideas to find bits of money to put into our budget". We feel this was probably not the best way to arrive at such an important decision which will have far reaching effect on the estate and many people's lives.

The public have been able to visit St Ives for free for nearly 90 years to enjoy all the positive benefits to their physical and mental health with fresh air and exercise, and to experience all its natural beauty and historic features. Situated within close proximity to the urban areas of Bradford and Keighley, St Ives provides an inexpensive trip out into the countryside at a time when most incomes are stretched to the limit. Many families, older people and walkers/dog walkers visit several times a week (some every day) and have said they would not be able to afford to visit so often if charged or would go elsewhere. We've worked hard over the last 14 years to increase visitor numbers. If this proposal is implemented, there will be an enormous amount of damage done to visitor numbers and visitor enjoyment.

We have raised a great deal of money to support St Ives and run a Visitor Centre and a History Garden which we 'man' and maintain voluntarily; we organise many free events for visitors. We give up our time to do this so everyone is able to freely visit and enjoy this wonderful place. We don't want the situation where FOSI organises, leads and funds these free events but visitors have to pay money to park.

There is great concern for two businesses that play an important and vital role in visitors' enjoyment; Lady B's Café has many users who come every day (especially older people and walkers/dog walkers). Because of its country setting, if the weather is poor and when the estate is otherwise empty, the Café relies on these people's business to survive. Most of these users have said if they had to pay to park they could not/would not come. The Café would close.

Super Whippy, the new ice cream vendor which children and their families enjoy whilst at the playground, is also very anxious about the negative impact on their business that parking charges would cause. If people pay to park, there may not be the extra money for ice cream.

We also feel strongly that the visual impact of parking meters and associate signage on the estate would be very unattractive; and that policing and managing the whole parking scheme will be difficult to do and will probably lead to a great deal of confusion and unpleasantness for the public. As the parking areas are widely dispersed and with only 3 proposed meters, there will have to be many signs erected reminding people to pay which will be an eyesore. The 2 free parking areas (for 2 hours) are a long distance from toilets, café and playground. Too far and unsafe for older people and families to comfortably walk along a narrow estate road and then get back in under 2 hours.

The public have told us they will not pay and will try to park anywhere they can, in and around Harden Village, where parking is already extremely limited.

The shops in Harden have expressed great concern regarding the effect of displaced parking in the village. Woodbank Garden Centre opposite the estate is concerned that visitors will use their car park. The residents in the Cuckoo Nest estate are concerned about visitors to St Ives taking their parking. Harden villagers are concerned visitors will park along the dangerous Kelghley Road.

The Friends of St Ives have encouraged and supported so many groups, (e.g. Carer's Resource, Alzheimer's Society, Heart Foundation) main stream schools, special needs schools, forest schools, community groups and NHS walking groups who now use the estate . These are vulnerable users who could find paying difficult. There are other groups based on the estate; Aire Valley Archers, Bingley Angling Society and Riding for the Disabled. They are all worried about parking charges affecting them. FOSI volunteers who work so hard for free, should they have to pay and their 150 members?

And we know there is no indication that monies raised will go to St Ives

An annual season ticket is not the answer if you are on a low income; even paying out £25 is too much in one go. Believe me!

Please rethink this proposal with proper consultation and discussion with all interested parties. If we all work together, there may be other ways to financially and practically support St Ives.

Recipient: Susan Hincliffe and Simon Cooke

Letter: Greetings,

Petition against the introduction of parking fees at St.Ives Estate, Harden, Bingley

We, the undersigned, petition the council to cease their plans for introducing parking fees in St.Ives Estate, Harden, Bingley.

Bradford Council wants to introduce parking charges at St Ives. We feel this is very wrong in many ways. This will affect the happiness and health of many by reducing how often people can visit, and making visits impossible for others.

We feel fair management and overseeing of the meters will be difficult.

The village of Harden will suffer from displaced parking.

The public have been able to visit and enjoy this beautiful estate for 89 years for free and should be able to continue to do so.

There is an online petition on the Bradford Council website, with the same wording as this petition, but many people have been unable to access this petition due to technical reasons that Bradford Council have not resolved. "The Friends of St Ives" group have also created a paper petition. This change.org petition has been created as it can be shared on social media and will therefore have a much wider reach.

We have until 4th October 2016 to sign; the petition will then be presented to Bradford Council

Please sign this petition to support our fight to stop these unjust parking charges. This petition will be delivered to:

- **Leader of Bradford Council**
Susan Hincliffe
- **Leader of the Conservative Group, Bradford Council**
Simon Cooke

Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	I use this park every day
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	It is unfair to charge for parking, people take their children to play, get fresh air and to enable them to interact with other children, it will stop a lot of families using St Ives Park
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	It's unfair to expect families or dog walking people to pay when the estate has been run down to a bad degree drugs and paraphernalia in the car parks on a morning it's unsafe now of an evening due to car break insurance and no ranger presence and people drinking there and the rubbish is terrible
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	Children and families should feel encouraged to spend time outdoors exercising and playing. This promotes health and well being and parking fees will put off those who may benefit most
[REDACTED]	Wilsden, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	Placing parking charges will put people off from fetching their children in some cases the only day out some people can afford as it being freealso dog walkers and people who just bring their elderly grandparents parents out for a free day afternoon or morning outwalking round the pond in a wheel chair ectI think it's just greed on greed on greed charging for something that is enjoyed by thousands of people a yearand the government is trying to encourage people to take exercise to try combat obesity...
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	Public toilets are so rare and this is one place where most definitely needed
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	Placing parking charges at St Ives will stop people from going. Not everyone can afford to pay! You will also find some people will park out side st Ives on the road side which will be a accident waiting to happen. Let people enjoy the park and Lake without the charges.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	I visit the park regularly
[REDACTED]	Cullingworth, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	Charging would put cars parked on local roads creating traffic congestion.
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	There is very little available to do with children on a tight budget. Free parking gives us a safe, healthy, enjoyable day out.
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	St Ives has been free to park in for as long as I can remember. I went there as a child, then my children did and now my grandchildren enjoy it. Don't make children miss out on this wonderful place because of parking fees. A lot of parents on low incomes take their children here for a fun filled adventure
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	St Ives is popular with young and old. it's local and free. The council should continue to support those visitors not penalise them with charges, which will deter a great many, myself included.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	It should be accessible to all
[REDACTED]	Denholme, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	I believe the resources offered by this estate should be as accessible as possible to encourage a healthy and enjoyable outing for all. To introduce parking charges would make it impossible for some to come and would deter others, myself included, from visiting as frequently.
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	The St Ives estate was left for the people of Bingley to enjoy without hindrance.
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	this is ridiculous parking fees shouldn't be put on this area let families enjoy this area without cost.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	I visit st Ives a lot but would go elsewhere if charged

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[REDACTED]	Riddiaden, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	I just think it would be a real shame for the area. A space such as St Ives should be readily available for people to use.
[REDACTED]	Laycock, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	It's a con, I'm paying for my garden waste to be collected, talks of a fortnightly bin collections and now more penny pinching. The council will have their greedy little mitts on everything soon enough, but nature should not have a price, secure donation boxes or online donation pages fine. But a fixed charge is out of order
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	Because it should be kept free to use.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	It's a place where I can take my kids for free. Let them run around, be outside, enjoy themselves and learn about nature at the same time. It would be a real shame if we had to start to pay for this treat.
[REDACTED]	West Morton, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	it's a fab facility and should not be restricted to those people who can afford parking fees. I know a lot of elderly and young mums who are on restricted incomes who use the estate on most days and if parking charges were enforced they just would have to restrict their use of the estate
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	I love the park but haven't been as much recently because the price of the ice creams is ridiculous and too much when you take a few children. If I had to pay for parking too I'm not sure I'd bother. What a shame
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	Enjoying our local nature spot should not be something we have to pay extra for in top of our council tax etc we pay enough and as locals shouldn't have to pay extra
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	The estate was left for all people to enjoy the countryside and even though the council own it the estate should still be there for everyone to enjoy it for free. This facility is a brilliant place for all ages to get exercise and for children to learn
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	it's disgraceful, we pay enough money out day to day without having to fork out more money to park at st Ives.
[REDACTED]	Harden, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	I have lived in this village for 23 years and walk in the estate every day with my dogs. I could not afford to pay daily. I offer take my 85 year old mum who walks very slowly and wouldn't make it around in the free time allotted. Daily I would have to skip the tea room as others have said they will have to which will impact on their business.
[REDACTED]	bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	Iv visited st Ives since I was a child and want to pass the memories I had onto my son
[REDACTED]	Wisden, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	I'm signing because I believe access to St Ives should be free for all
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	its a beautiful estate and will be ruined by parking charges
[REDACTED]	Settle, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	I'm signing because I am a leader with Airedale Otters RSPB Wildlife Explorers and we meet there most months. Charging could discourage families coming to learn and enjoy the natural world.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-16	This space has always been an everyday space for local residents to access for dog walking and children for generations and should not be turned into an attraction

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[REDACTED]	Shipley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	This is just ,only grabbing, the park is loved by locals and a real attraction for harden. I grew up in harden and my mother still lives there. She the walks the dogs there every day and takes my elderly grandmother there for fresh air. All this would have to stop if there became parking fees. There is more to life than making money! Leave the natural beauty to be enjoyed for free!
[REDACTED]	Shipley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	It's a lovely place where i go walking with my family. Nobody should pay to park there!
[REDACTED]	halifax, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	St Ives is a beautiful place that people should be allowed to enjoy for free
[REDACTED]	Denholme, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	We visit St Ives at least twice a week in summer and once a week in the winter (weather permitting) and my husband goes fishing there every week. Parking charges would reduce the amount of times we would visit. It's one of the few remaining "free" places to visit. So many families, dog walkers and fishermen (and women) may be put off. This could impact the cafe's turnover too. Please don't do it!
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	My family have grown up with this park. We would not be able to enjoy this beautiful place if we had to pay every time we came.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	Walk around st Ives often but won't be going if we have to pay for parking , think of the cafe as we won't be going there either !
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	I don't know of any other beauty spots like this that charge to park. It's outrageous! I've been going to St Ives since I was a child, I don't think I would visit half as much if I had to pay to park. I have four children and money is tight. Sadly we would have to go elsewhere.
[REDACTED]	Leeds, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	It will stop people using this beautiful area
[REDACTED]	Shipley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	We love St Ives. It would be such a shame if this happens.
[REDACTED]	Cullingworth, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	This charge will put people off attending.
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	We use these facilities for walking the dog and getting out with our son and we won't always be able to if charges apply.
[REDACTED]	Farsley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	We visit St.Ives regular and love it but mainly I am signing because of the impact it will have on the local people who use it daily. Getting out walking and meeting friends is important for mental health x
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	Access other than car is difficult to get too. to enjoy the woods and park and have to pay. I would have to take my family elsewhere as I go regularly and couldn't afford it
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	Because this is one of the very few things within our local area where kids and families can go and have fun but be safe. It's one of the very few places that doesn't cost a fortune either. It's nice to see families out in the fresh air and not sat in front of the TV!
[REDACTED]	Steeton, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	This wd be a tragedy for families looking for a cost free day out to one of the best parks in the district. I visit regularly but would stop if parking charges were introduced.
[REDACTED]	Wisden, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	This is a place were families go and having the cost of parking added could prevent them from going also having to watch the time spoils the day. This a beautiful place and should be free to people to visit.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	It s a lovely place to visit with my daughter and dog. We always visit the cafe as well. We will just go elsewhere if we have to pay for parking. It s ridiculous
[REDACTED]	Wisden, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	I don't think you should have to pay

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[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	if you have to pay parking fees you are limited to how long you can spend the day out in this beautiful estate
[REDACTED]	Baldon, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	I'm signing because St Ives is a treasure. Parking fees will not change this but it will change who can visit and how often. In a world where we need to encourage family time and exercise, surely this amazing gem in the woods should remain accessible to all? The village of Harden would be altered forever with displaced parking from those who cannot afford to pay. I urge you to reconsider.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	There is too much of this charging for parking, its destroying the economy of Bingley, people need to enjoy the beauty of Bingley, without being penalised, for everything, enough is enough.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	The St Ives estate is an important green space for the local community and should be kept as accessible as possible. Introducing car parking fees will discourage people to visit.
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	I have been coming here all my life, it's one of the few places that people can come and enjoy for free, would be a shame to change that.
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	We visit at Ives weekly, for the park, to run or just to feed the ducks. To have to pay a parking cost would greatly reduce our time spent there which would be such a shame for me and my family.
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	For the future generations
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	If it meant that the money from the charges went back into improving facilities at St Ives ie better toilets, seating and refreshment choices then ok, but the money never goes back into Bingley, just like Bingley Music Live! All Bingley gets is the disruption and mess before during and after the festival! So for me no to the parking charges and stop the BML Festival!!
[REDACTED]	Silfeden, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	As a regular visitor of the estate we love it, and there's rarely anything free and fab to do, aside from the extortionate ice cream ☹
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	This estate is used daily by the people of Bingley and the history shows that the St Ives Estate was given to the people of Bingley to use, by the original owner. To use not to make money. If the money went straight back to the Friends of St Ives it wouldn't be too bad, but that isn't likely to be the case
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	It's a disgrace to charge people for parking in a public park, Harden village will suffer as will the local cafe.
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	It's a place where I was taken as a child for free, I take my children for free and I think it will actually encourage vandalism in the park, with people trying to damage and take from the meters. There aren't many free places for families to take their children that also offer other interests such as walking in the same place, for all ages
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	I take my children to feed the ducks why should we have to pay to take our children out to the park I think it's a outrage

Name	Location	Date	Comment
[REDACTED]	bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	I have visited St. Ives as a child and later as a parent for nearly 40 years. This beautiful, safe location has provided access to both nature and an ever improving play area for years. And it's always been free, as access to nature and public spaces should be. It's ideal for families who maybe have not much money to spare, they can provide their children with a healthy day out, even bring a picnic to reduce costs further. To introduce parking fees will reduce the amount of times poorer families can visit, and very often it's the health of poorer families that benefit the most from getting exercise through walking and the play area. Once again something that should be free to all will become an area only the more well off can visit on a regular basis.
[REDACTED]	Alerton, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	Its a lovely place, access should be kept free. Likely to cost as much to police as it would make
[REDACTED]	Cullingworth, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	Payment will stop the locals using their beauty spot.
[REDACTED]	Riddlesden, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	I am signing this petition because as someone who lives local and uses this park regularly and pay a massive amount in Council Tax feel this should be free to the hard working tax payer.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	I think it's bloody ludicrous why would u do this now!!!
[REDACTED]	Denholme, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	We love going to St Ives as a family and without the car would not be able to. Grandparents with arthritis and 2 yr old could not walk from bus stop even if the other 4 could.
[REDACTED]	Wilsden, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	I have 2 young children that both enjoy regular trips to st Ives. Charging parking would mean my family would not be able to go as often as we do now which is such a shame.
[REDACTED]	Baildon, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	It's wrong to change people to visit the areas like this
[REDACTED]	Cullingworth, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	It shouldn't be done at all.
[REDACTED]	bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	because the council is damn greedy they already charge for music in the park n make pot load of money that should be enough
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	We would not be able to enjoy the estate as often as we do. There are no local parks within walking distance of our house and would be forced to park on the street. Charging for parking will simply create a problem for local residents of Harden.
[REDACTED]	Silsden, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	I am disabled and whilst my husband takes the dog for a walk i like to sit looking round at the wildlife and birds
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	It's a beautiful family place and little else is free. Will stop visiting
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-17	Car parking should be free for all to enjoy the countryside. If you need to raise funds ensure all councillors and all council employees pay to park there cars at there place of work.
[REDACTED]	Silsden, United Kingdom	2016-09-18	Parks should be free! Nature wouldn't charge
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-18	It will reduce the number of people visiting and enjoying this wonderful place. There are not enough places that are free to visit
[REDACTED]	keighley, United Kingdom	2016-09-18	I walk the dog here and don't want to pay to walk a dog
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-09-18	Parking here should be free for everyone
[REDACTED]	Oakworth, United Kingdom	2016-09-18	I'm against charging to park at St Ives

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[REDACTED]	Ilkley, United Kingdom	2016-09-18	I don't think it will encourage people to visit
[REDACTED]	Wilsden, United Kingdom	2016-09-18	We need to keep some amenities free to use. There is no regular bus service to St Ives.
[REDACTED]	Allerton, United Kingdom	2016-09-18	I visit St Ives regularly with my daughter and my dad's memorial bench is at coppice pond. Parking charges would make visits less frequent.
[REDACTED]	Wilsden, United Kingdom	2016-09-18	Introducing parking fees would reduce the frequency that I could visit St Ives with my 2 young children who love it there and benefit a great deal learning about nature
[REDACTED]	Oakworth, United Kingdom	2016-09-18	We regularly visit St Ives, great wooded area, walk Around the pond and excellent play area. We would no longer visit as often if parking fees applied, such a shame
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-18	St Ives should be free for all to enjoy .
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-18	It is disgusting,
[REDACTED]	Steeton, United Kingdom	2016-09-19	Me and my family have lived locally for 30years and use the park regularly for walking - my grandfather also has a tree in the memorial garden they we visit and I have just become a mother myself and want to continue using the beautiful park and watch my daughter play and grow up as I did there. Please no to parking costs this would make visiting too difficult for us
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-09-19	It's absolutely terrible and unacceptable that I should paid parking when I would like to go visit the park in st . Ann's.
[REDACTED]	Harden, United Kingdom	2016-09-19	Paying for parking is just so wrong, especially in this beautiful setting which would be marred by the introduction of meters and uniformed officers to police it.
[REDACTED]	Harden, United Kingdom	2016-09-19	this was gifted to the community
[REDACTED]	Haworth, United Kingdom	2016-09-19	Adding parking charges will prevent / discourage people from going and we need to be encouraging people to love the great outdoors! Also, parking will be horrendous & dangerous in Harden as people try to avoid paying.
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-19	I live local and do not agree that I should pay. The facilities need improving!!!!
[REDACTED]	Horsforth, United Kingdom	2016-09-19	Public parks shouldn't have parking charges.
[REDACTED]	Haxby, United Kingdom	2016-09-19	We stay with funds in Oakworth and often visit St Ives for a peaceful walk. I lived in the area for many years and took my children many many times to play there, if I had to pay parking my children would have missed out on so much fun!! Keep it free for all the families that enjoy the space!
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-09-19	Appreciation of nature, fresh air, exercise, a sense of wellbeing,, family bonding, shared memories, relaxation, pursuit of simple hobbies. Aren't these the legacies we should be passing on to the next generations? These should have no fee! We all pay our council tax! St Ives should give pleasure to all, not just those who can afford parking fees!
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-19	It will spoil a place of natural beauty
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-19	I'm signing this as I have been unable to log in and sign the council lump of a website. Bradford council should not be allowed to generate funds this way.
[REDACTED]	Wilsden, United Kingdom	2016-09-19	Bradford Council needs to stop wasting tax payers money and raise money with more pro-active ideas! Try council tax dodgers for one!

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[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-19	Recreation & areas such as St Ives are a valuable space allowing communities & people of all ages to exercise & get out. We should not have to pay for the use of green space & nature. You should encourage the use not create obstacles. How many will bypass St Ives for a free park? Or not stop off because they don't have change for the meter. I don't even take a purse when I go & now I have to plan to go to the park with my child?! The village of Harden will not be able to cope with additional parking, the twinings will be very dangerous with increased pedestrians & cars parked. I don't believe this is the right way to raise funds & other more creative ideas could be introduced. Consultation would have been nice too!
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-19	we regularly visit for a cheap day out for a walk, the park & the cafe, but this would affect our choice to visit!
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-19	St Ives is used by many people, the introduction of parking fees would deter a lot of them visiting. I walk there everyday, if fees were to be introduced I would no longer be able to do this
[REDACTED]	Harden, United Kingdom	2016-09-19	St.ives is for all people, especially the young. If there are to be parking charges, then refund users of the estate their council taxes.
[REDACTED]	Leeds, United Kingdom	2016-09-19	St ivves is a beautiful place which can be enjoyed by all without taxing their enjoyment
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-20	I am signing this petition as this is a beautiful place to go which was left by the ferrands for the public to enjoy and many dog walkers and families use it.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-20	I walk my dogs twice a day at these beautiful woods, in addition my children and my minded children use the play park, lake area and cafe regularly. If I had to pay for the privilege of using the estate, then I would find an alternative place to visit, as would my minding friends.
[REDACTED]	Baldon, United Kingdom	2016-09-20	I go to St Ives regularly with my children and went myself as a child. To apply parking charges would have an impact on the cafe and local businesses by reducing numbers of visitors to the estate. You can't expect tax payers to pay to walk and enjoy nature.
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-20	Why on earth would you put parking charges here for people to stop coming families love the estate/park as it is it's disgusting charging tax payers to enjoy nature (money grabbing that's all the council are doing) it's one of the places where families with little money can enjoy a lovely day out DISGUSTING!!!!
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-20	I use the park and pay council tax so it's another charge on top is ridiculous
[REDACTED]	Cullingworth, United Kingdom	2016-09-20	I've grown up locally and have always used St Ives to walk the dog, go walking with friends and have a coffee in the cafe. I've lived in Harden down the road from St Ives before and I believe people would start parking in the village which is not equipped for.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-20	I object to paying parking charges on the estate that has always been free to the public..
[REDACTED]	Denholme, United Kingdom	2016-09-20	The estate was given over for public use. There should not be car parking charges. It's against the principle of the bequest.
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-20	This park was donated to the townspeople. Who is anyone to start demanding payment to use it
[REDACTED]	Stockton-on-Tees, United Kingdom	2016-09-20	Have visited here with friends.

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JULIE TEMPEST	BRADFORD, United Kingdom	2016-09-20	I believe that it should remain free for anyone to visit
[REDACTED]	Baldon, United Kingdom	2016-09-20	This place is my favourite place on earth right now. I literally go every week. The cafe will be forced to close if charges are imposed with a 2 hour limit to staying in the park.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-20	I visit St Ives every day to walk my dog, a parking charge would not allow me to continue doing this !!!
[REDACTED]	Ardsrossan, United Kingdom	2016-09-20	I used to live in that area so know what it would mean....
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-20	I used to walk everyday and take my children to play. A car parking fee may stop people having the freedom to do this.
[REDACTED]	Wilsden, United Kingdom	2016-09-20	I regularly walk my dog around the estate. I use it as a running base and my friends and family love the playground. This was donated to the people of Bingley and should not be subject to parking fees. Personally I'd use on street parking near by and this would upset local residents.
[REDACTED]	Cullingworth, United Kingdom	2016-09-20	I visit St Ives regularly and love how it is appreciated and enjoyed by all. I would stop cars being able to drive right through the Estate though. Drivers would have to choose an entrance depending where they were wanting to park.
[REDACTED]	East Morton, United Kingdom	2016-09-20	Families come from all over Bradford to enjoy this lovely estate. When the weather is good the fantastic playground is full of children. Many of these families would miss out if parking charges are introduced, or they would try and find alternative free parking on the local roads.
[REDACTED]	Conanley, United Kingdom	2016-09-20	I live in Bingley and Saint Ives is a lovely place to visit and spend time in the country but you really need a car to get there. Why is making a profit the main priority when encouraging people to take healthy exercise should be of paramount importance.
[REDACTED]	Shipley, United Kingdom	2016-09-21	I live just down the road from St Ives. We have had many family fun days there when we can't afford to do anything else we can have a free day at St Ives with a picnic. Also Harden is a very small village. If people can't afford to pay they will move down into the village to park and congestion is already a problem there
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-21	I have been going to St Ives ever since I was little, having grown up in Harden. It has always been somewhere I could take my children for a free fun day out. Devastated that Bradford council want to start charging to park there.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-21	I use this estate regularly and don't think you should have to pay.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-21	Less visitors will come to St Ives if they have to pay. Bad for local economy only good for the council's Christmas doo.
[REDACTED]	Lanton, United Kingdom	2016-09-21	St Ives was left to the people of Bingley for recreation purposes not to line the pockets of Bradford Council!
[REDACTED]	Cullingworth, United Kingdom	2016-09-21	This estate was left for the people of Bingley to enjoy! There is lots of space and no need to charge for parking. In fact people will just stop going!
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-21	I'm against parking charges being enforced at St Ives.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-21	This is an outrage to local community
[REDACTED]	Leeds, United Kingdom	2016-09-21	It's difficult enough to park outside my own house. Residents only need on Wilsden Road AT LEAST Without St Ives traffic parking too

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[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-21	People should not have to pay to look at the beautiful scenery of st.ives been coming here for years and loved it but if parking charges happen I will not be coming anymore! Disgusting money grabbers!
[REDACTED]	Cross Roads, United Kingdom	2016-09-21	I am a carer for people with learning disabilities, most of which have limited funds for activities. Saint Ives has been a great place to have a day out to have walks and explore. Paying parking charges will change this on a huge scale as I being the carer would have to pay out of my wage for this. It would be a huge shame to not consider Saint Ives as a possible day out as we have had many. Please consider people with limited funds just wanting to exercise and enjoy a lovely place
[REDACTED]	ShIPLEY, United Kingdom	2016-09-21	My family and there children love going there for days out!!
[REDACTED]	Harden, United Kingdom	2016-09-22	visit twice daily with dog + weekends with family. bradford council provides nothing for the taxpayers of harden why should we pay to visit our local park nature reserve. no parking charges around lister park
[REDACTED]	Cullingworth, United Kingdom	2016-09-22	There was a perfect example of congestion when they stopped the bonfire night up there as cars were parked everywhere and this will be the case if they charge, people will find somewhere free.
[REDACTED]	Wilsden, United Kingdom	2016-09-22	I have 3 children my eldest son 12yrs is Autistic also ADHD we go alot as he loves sit in the sand & play with diggers.. My daughter 3yrs loves to go see the ducks as we walked round the water as she loved nature.. Then there is my 10yr old he's loved exploring the woods, playing in the park & family picnics are everybodys favourites. But that's been taking away as we can't afford car parking fees ever day!
[REDACTED]	Denholme, United Kingdom	2016-09-22	I walk my dog here every day...
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-22	The car park has always been free it's a cheap way for parents to treat the kids and for a walk. Don't ruin this
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-22	When is this facade of Tory cuts going to end. It doesn't save money it costs us more in the long run. We now have an added layer of administration to pay for.
[REDACTED]	Denholms, United Kingdom	2016-09-22	I honestly believe this will put people off using. It is a beautiful place to visit and used by childminders, support workers and many other people. The main attraction is a great fun filled cheap and cheerful day out. I think people spend enough money on ice creams and the coffee shop and will be very put off by parking ticket machines. This will stop people using the place who look after and respect it and leave it open to disrespectful members of the public and teenagers vandalising/drinking and misusing surroundings and equipment.
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-22	This is one of the few beautiful places to still visit for free - don't take it away from us!
[REDACTED]	Harden, United Kingdom	2016-09-22	It is wrong to charge when other similar locations are free . It is blatant discrimination. Also the detrimental affect on parking in Harden and I believe the site was given to the council for the local people to enjoy. Surely they can not now start charging
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-09-22	Me and my kids love going to St Ives. It can be a brilliant, cheap day out. I just think charging people will stop people visiting altogether x
[REDACTED]	Australia	2016-09-22	I went to st Ives regularly as a child and then I took my own children there on a regular basis. It is a great place to visit for all

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[REDACTED]	Harden, United Kingdom	2016-09-22	Introducing fees for parking at St Ives is not a good idea, where next, Ilkley Moor, Baldon Moor, Lister Park? St Ives belongs to the people of Bradford and living in Harden I much appreciate easy walking access to both Harden Moor and St Ives. The area is well used and the playground is a magnet for families from across the metropolitan region and beyond. Keep it free of charges, encourage its use to enhance the physical and mental health of Bradford's people. Green spaces for all, not just for those who can afford to pay.
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-09-23	It would be more expensive to run than the revenue it would create.
[REDACTED]	Heptonstall, United Kingdom	2016-09-23	Over many years of living in Bingley I parked at St Ives to walk the dog/go running/take the children to the park most days, sometimes more than once. All these healthy, happy things are things that Bradford Council should be encouraging - to introduce money grabbing parking charges just stamps on it
[REDACTED]	Winton Mill, United Kingdom	2016-09-23	I visit Harden on a regular basis and it is time to call a halt to using motorcists as a cash cow, if you need to save money try cutting councillors remittances and get rid of excess layers of management.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-23	St Ives is a beautiful estate that I visit often and should be available for all to enjoy free of charge!
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-23	Public places should not have parking charges.
[REDACTED]	BRADFORD, United Kingdom	2016-09-23	Was brought up in cottages at cuckoo nest, St Ives was purchased by the people of Bingley for the people of Bingley
[REDACTED]	Wilsden, United Kingdom	2016-09-23	I use St Ives a lot for walking, and the grandchildren enjoy the playground. If you had to pay I would not go as much as I do now.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-23	St Ives was left for the people in the area to enjoy, rich and poor alike and not for the Council to make money. I have enjoyed coming here for years, first as a dog walker and now as a pensioner enjoying walks in what I consider a safe and beautiful area.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-24	We want free parking
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-24	Beautiful parks should be free to enjoy not a way to make money!
[REDACTED]	Denholme, United Kingdom	2016-09-24	agree we should not have to pay to park,
[REDACTED]	Bredforda, United Kingdom	2016-09-25	I'm regularly visiting this park with my family and it wouldn't be right to start earning money on our behalf. Thanks
[REDACTED]	Harden, United Kingdom	2016-09-25	Keep access free for everyone. It would have a huge affect on the cafe and dog walkers. The estate was given to the council for the benefit of all
[REDACTED]	Wilsden, United Kingdom	2016-09-26	the estate was left to the people of Bingley UDC for the free use of everybody
[REDACTED]	shipley, United Kingdom	2016-09-26	Visitors will drop drastically. Me for one.
[REDACTED]	Baldon, United Kingdom	2016-09-26	I meet my friend there and we walk our dogs neither of us could afford to pay parking for the amount of times we go in a week. We both have arthritis and the regular walks have helped to keep us active. It's a friendly place and there are lots of different people/families and groups that meet regularly. What a shame if this was to end
[REDACTED]	Balloch, United Kingdom	2016-09-28	I come from Scotland to visit relatives and we often go to Stives park. We don't need to have any extra expense when going for a day out .Some families don't have a lot of money and a day out in a park should be free to have special family time.

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[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-27	This is a beautiful park, if they start to charge parking fees it will stop families that need to come out for a few hours without having to worry about cost. Why does everything have to be about money, we should be enjoying nature, we pay enough in council tax..for the upkeep of our parks..
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-09-27	will not pay to park
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-27	Since moving to this area 45 years ago myself and my family have enjoyed many happy hours at St Ives. It is a shame that now there is to be a charge for the pleasure of visiting this lovely place
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-27	This is ridiculous. We been visiting for years!
[REDACTED]	East Morion, United Kingdom	2016-09-27	I agree with all the points made by the petition about the site historically being free to access and charging will restrict many people on the community from visiting . this is an excellent venue for promoting health and well being to all who use it .
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-09-27	Introducing parking charges would prevent me coming to St Ives as often with my children
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-09-28	This should be a park available to everybody to enjoy and by charging for parking, you will remove some of the availability
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-28	You will be robbing many people of fresh air and peace which helps their health. Many people won't be able to afford to go on a daily basis like they do now.
[REDACTED]	Cross Roads, United Kingdom	2016-09-29	St Ives Estate is a wonderful environment for people to take their children, walk their dogs, etc. Many people would not be able to afford to go there as often if parking charges were introduced. It would probably cost more to pay someone to empty the machines daily - they would definitely be targeted by thieves.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-30	We shouldn't have to pay for parking, it's a lovely walk round the lake and surrounding areas, people won't go if they have to pay.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-09-30	People need exercise and this is a perfect place for peaceful walks. The machines would become a target for thieves . Leave us Bingley people alone. We are tired of paying out lots of money and getting very little in return .
[REDACTED]	Thwaites Brow, United Kingdom	2016-09-30	There really isn't any need just allow the public some breathing space please
[REDACTED]	Gentofte, Denmark	2016-09-30	St. Ives Estate belongs to the people of Bingley. No charges for using it should be imposed.
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-09-30	St Ives is a beautiful place to go, for a walk by yourself, your partner or so let the kids have fun. It's also free which helps and if charges were made so many children would miss out on the fun and freedom they get there. Instead they maybe at home, on a computer. Why start charging now and ruining it for thousands of families !!!
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-01	St Ives was created to take families and children who couldn't afford holidays. Why the hell would you charge for one of the best hidden gems we all go to to escape from the day to day trials? Don't be bloody stupid Bradford Council.

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[REDACTED]	West Morton, United Kingdom	2016-10-01	I feel it is part of the local council's responsibility to encourage and facilitate the health and wellbeing of the local community. St Ives estate fulfils both of these things locally. The people who can afford to pay parking charges will continue to use the facility, however, those who can least afford it, but who most need it for the benefit of their health and wellbeing will stop using the facility. In addition there will be many who will continue to use St Ives by parking in the village of Harden. This will lead to parking restrictions being imposed in the village. Both of those outcomes would be detrimental to the local community. I am not a resident of Harden, and I am sure that I could afford parking charges, so I believe my view to be unbiased and objective.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-01	We walk our dog there every week and would not be able to continue doing so if charges were put in place.
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-01	great facility will be under used and will deprive regular visitors
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-01	This is such a beautiful place that should be free to enjoy for years to come.
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-01	My son absolutely loves going to St Ives, it's close to where we live, he enjoys running round in the fields and playing in the park, why start charging parking now when it's not been a problem before ?? It's unfair as people travel for miles just to go here, if charges are put in place I don't feel many people won't come as much as they normally would, I know I wouldn't, it's nice been able to walk around with the family and not worry about having to get back to the car because time is up. It's been enjoyed for so long as a place of no worries, don't dampen people's spirits now by adding a worry to a beautiful place.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-01	This is a great place for families to enjoy the outdoors charging people will simply reduce the numbers of visitors and limit people's ability to enjoy this wonderful place aswell as limiting revenue to the businesses there
[REDACTED]	Long Preston, United Kingdom	2016-10-01	St Ives was a part of my childhood, people of all different ages use it to stay active, introducing parking charges creates an economic barrier to that. Which will discourage people from using the estate consequently reducing physical activity in the area. If Bradford council wants to introduce some type of charging they would be better to place honesty boxes in the car parks with a suggestion of how much to pay and any contributions should go towards the upkeep of the estate. I think they would find people are much more willing to pay for things and not cause a nuisance if they are not forced into a corner.
[REDACTED]	Cowling, United Kingdom	2016-10-01	It will be a tax and disincentive on those who can afford it the least...
[REDACTED]	Oakworth, United Kingdom	2016-10-01	This is a beautiful place and should be able to be enjoyed by everyone, not people with money in their pockets.
[REDACTED]	Long Preston, United Kingdom	2016-10-01	I am a former resident of Keighley. I walked my dogs daily in Saint Ives with my children in slings and buggies and enjoyed breakfast lunch and tea, picnics. It was a healthy and free activity. There were few formal paths and no car parks but the grounds were adequately maintained and Bradford and Keighley residents enjoyed the countryside and space. We saw bluebells, rabbits, deer, tree creepers and nuthatches and heard cuckoos and woodpeckers, I want this generation to have the same experience. I was a member of the Friends of St Ives in its infancy and I am dismayed that the good work and commitment of the organisation and council officers has led to a charge being levied to enjoy the facilities- it is not a location easily accessible by public transport or on foot by families and older residents. I feel it is more a charge to use the park than a car parking fee.

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[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-10-01	Have been coming here for years. First with my parents then with my children and now with my grandchildren. One of the few places to visit and enjoy free of charge. This would only push people to park and clog up roads in the surrounding areas.
[REDACTED]	Sutton-in-Craven, United Kingdom	2016-10-01	I grew up in and around St Ives, it should remain free to park, keeping it available to all. Children need to be outside and surrounded by nature.
[REDACTED]	Skipton, United Kingdom	2016-10-01	This is a special place for me and I want to be able to keep visiting regularly
[REDACTED]	Chapel St Leonards, United Kingdom	2016-10-01	We enjoy popping into St Ives with the grandchildren and wouldn't be able to afford to do it if we had to pay.
[REDACTED]	Riddlesden, United Kingdom	2016-10-01	Parking charges will stop people from visiting the estate. Will reduce revenue for the cafe etc thus jeopardising jobs.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-01	It's a national treasure which should be accessible to all, free of charge
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-10-01	I thought many years ago Bradford council did try and redevelop St Ives but it was found it was left to the people of Bingley. Bradford council need to stop trying to raise money from affluent areas and sort the bleeding city out its a mess, leave this lovely area alone.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-01	I have 2 children that use St Ives regularly. I feel that payment to use would make it less attractive.
[REDACTED]	Wilsden, United Kingdom	2016-10-01	It's outrageous!!
[REDACTED]	Waxholme, United Kingdom	2016-10-02	The estate was left for the people of Bingley to enjoy but more and more of it is being sold off parking charges would be just another way of excluding the ordinary people
[REDACTED]	London, United Kingdom	2016-10-02	It is simply greed by Bradford Council to charge for parking. This is a wonderful place for all the family to enjoy exercise and fresh air and one of the few free days left for families to enjoy. It is disgusting Bradford Council want to take that away.
[REDACTED]	Kilwick, United Kingdom	2016-10-02	This was a place where my parents took us as kids and some where they and I take my kids. It's a wonderful place don't spoil it!!!
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-02	People will park just outside the Estate on country roads!! Then what will the council do, put double yellow lines everywhere? IDIOTS!!!
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-10-02	We visit there to walk and play with the grandchildren. Paying parking would stop us visiting
[REDACTED]	Wilsden, United Kingdom	2016-10-02	I take my grandchildren often to feed the ducks and to the park , it's very rare you can go out for the without worrying about money. It's a shame that everything comes down to making money, and for parking! Not for entrance but for parking? I feel for the houses that are near as their streets will be full of people parking there instead of paying parking fares. Why is everything about money????????
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-02	We are saying taxes high enough already.
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-10-02	In today's world sadly there are many people who live on low income's. Places like St Ives offer them a great place with no charge. The majority will have to get there by car and by introducing parking charges a strain will be put on their low income and may mean that they can not enjoy St Ives.
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-10-02	It's a beautiful place, shouldn't have to pay to go.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-02	I disagree with councils plan to charge to park it will cost more money to man the machines.

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[REDACTED]	Wilsden, United Kingdom	2016-10-02	It is unfair to penalise people who wish to be healthy. Donations would be fair. Policing this would be costly
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-02	It's annoying how our public spaces are being eroded into restreets for those with more disposable income. We need this bit of space; it was given to the public, please leave it FREE for public use.
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-02	Residents have had enough of paying taxes/council taxes then being taxed through the back door for yet another time for the same services
[REDACTED]	Halifax, United Kingdom	2016-10-02	We visit St Ives Park regularly and believe an honesty box or donation box would be better or remain free! Putting charges will make me think twice before visiting when many parks and national walks are free!
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-10-02	Why have wonderful facilities then put families off using them by charging them to park. Natural beauty shouldn't cost to enjoy
[REDACTED]	Ridtleader, United Kingdom	2016-10-02	If they start charging for parking people will park in the st Ives golf club car park and probably get stuck as you need to have a fob to get back out
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-10-02	I oppose charges and would re consider visiting if charges enforced
[REDACTED]	Oakworth, United Kingdom	2016-10-02	I'm signing this petition because I go most days to walk our dogs and have a coffee. it would definitely put me off going - I thought the estate was given to the community around the area - not the council ☹
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-02	Surely it would cost more to set up and manage the payment system than they would make for quite some time, especially as it would put a lot of people off. Another good local authority way to encourage people to get off their backsides and exercise.....! Why don't they employ more people to hand out on the spot fines for people who don't pick their dogs mess up instead of drawing round it in yellow paint, that will earn them a small fortune!!!
[REDACTED]	Cullingworth, United Kingdom	2016-10-02	It's wrong to charge
[REDACTED]	East Morton, United Kingdom	2016-10-02	All the reasons stated in the petition. I also have two young boys who attended school in Bingley and I would be far less likely to just pop to the park if I knew it was going to cost me. We also enjoy walking here as a family and would be more inclined to go else where, where I wouldn't have to pay.
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-02	My children love going there very often and feel whenever we can come back
[REDACTED]	Steeton, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	This is another money making scheme for the council.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	Everyone should have the freedom to use such a beautiful spot.
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	My boys aged 6 and 4 love this park I would have to reduce the times we come here if parking charges were enforced.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	The place deserves respect and should be free for all to use such a shame the council is even considering this - this is not the way - awful decision, awful consequences ! Listen council please
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	I go here regular I spend money here in the cafe and at the park so parking would just be ridiculous
[REDACTED]	Wilsden, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	As a local resident I do feel blessed to have st Ives on the door step but would I pay a parking fee? Depends. Are the fees towards managing the estate?

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[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	I take my Grandchildren there in the summer lovely park
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	St Ives is a big part of many people's lives, and some people with dogs visit almost daily. It's wonderful for families as well. Having to pay for parking, even having the right change to hand, will make it much less accessible to people. A lot of people feel strongly about this, and this needs to be listened to. Don't take something special and spoil it.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	I'm signing because access to our green spaces should be free. It will put people off visiting one of the jewels in Bradford's crown. It will also encourage people to park outside the park and walk in - both roads into the park are unsuitable for walking with families.
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	It would end an era of simple pleasure
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	Don't we pay enough council tax without having to pay to visit one of our beautiful locations
[REDACTED]	Thornton, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	I have used St Ives for many years with my children and for dog walking and think it would be wrong to start to charge the public for parking
[REDACTED]	Halifax, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	It is unfair and will put people off visiting which is poor all around and has knock on effect plus other business will suffer with people finding other places to park
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	I have attended with my girls in the past I wouldn't be able to visit without bringing a car and if fees are imposed this would put me off
[REDACTED]	Riddlesden, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	I am a regular user but will not be financially able to "just go" spontaneously if charges are introduced
[REDACTED]	Haworth, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	I use St Ives everyday with my dogs and grandchildren it's sheltered and gets the kids back to nature if there was a charge my use would be limited can't afford it x
[REDACTED]	Wilsden, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	I am signing this petition as I am totally opposed to having parking charges at St Ives as many people go here over and over and introducing charges may well curtail this. It offers wonderful walks for people of all abilities and in a time when the government is wanting everyone to be healthier this would be a backward step as people could not afford to go as often as they would like. It is also a lovely place to go locally where you bump into the same people. Have been coming for 45 years and do not want it to change
[REDACTED]	Silsden, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	It's just wrong!
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	St Ives wants to attract more visitors not turn them away the cafe will suffer it's a free open space for walking and parking
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	I take grand children to the play area and charges are a tax on their enjoyment
[REDACTED]	Long Lee, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	I use the estate on a regular basis and do not see why we should pay. People will park on the road side in Harden or on the approaching roads towards Bingley or Long Lee causing issues on the roads.
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	This area was given for all to enjoy free! I've walked, run and ridden round the land since childhood
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	Putting parking charges in place will make it hard for all my family to go to St Ives as we are on low pay
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	I have lived in Bingley for most of my life and visiting St Ives has been a huge part of my childhood as well as my children's. I believe it would be a mistake to charge a parking fee.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
[REDACTED]	Cullingworth, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	The estate was gifted by the owners for people to enjoy for free. Not I repeat not as a money making exercise.
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-03	It's a nice place to take the kids with walks and ducks and a play area. It should stay Free to encourage children to play outdoors!!!
[REDACTED]	Baldon, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	It does not need fee's this will be a major deterrant for families going. The government is supposed to be encouraging children being active this will stop parents with not much money being able to have somewhere free to go!
[REDACTED]	Ryde, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	Bradford council make enough elsewhere leave st Ives alone
[REDACTED]	Cullingworth, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	As a mum to soon three st Ives play a massive part in our family time whilst allowing me not to Worry over funds to go there on a visit.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	the proposed fees are outrageously high. The country has an obesity epidemic and obesity strategy - the council should not be creating new barriers to people exercising. This is an important heritage and legacy to the bingley area. If there are upkeep charges set up a charity with local people similar to friends of prince of Wales park
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	I have enjoyed st Ives for years walking my dog it's a beautiful place and will be a shame if we don't go as much
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	Council trying to rip off rate payer again
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	We all need access to green spaces
[REDACTED]	Shipley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	How long before they charge us for the air that we breathe?? Enough!
[REDACTED]	Harden, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	I live nearby and this will stop me using it
[REDACTED]	Wilsden, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	We use st Ives frequently both as a new parent and a dog walker. I would definitely have to lessen my visits which is awful as its my favourite place to be all year round.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	We have to make this wonderful space accessible to all..all the time
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	I object to the parking charges at St Ives as i regularly visit St Ives and this will limit the times i can visit
[REDACTED]	Newquay, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	I am from Keighley, visit every month and always walk my dog at St Ives , people will stop coming and or park in Harden which is not fair on the village.
[REDACTED]	Harden, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	Dangerous road parking on twines and surrounding roads will be an issue. I walk in Ives at least 4 times a week. Can't afford to pay parking everyti me.
[REDACTED]	keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	Parking should be free at St Ives council have enough money in the coffers how much do wardens get paid? Too much !
[REDACTED]	Nicosia, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	There is no need to try and make money on every bit of parking
[REDACTED]	Wilsden, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	I use it a lot and pay plenty of council tax so feel it should be free
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	I am from Keighley and regularly visit family and friends, I do not want to see somewhere I have always loved walking my dogs be made an expense to visit. This is totally outrageous and just a money grab by the council.
[REDACTED]	Riddlesden, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	It will cost to operate this scheme. Machines will be a target for thieves. Many people will not be able to afford to go regularly, sometimes daily, as we do now.
[REDACTED]	Cullingworth Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	This is one of the last truly free attractions left in the area and should remain that way for the enjoyment of all.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	I disagree with charging for a park that was left to the public to enjoy freely. People keep fit whilst walking around the park, I take my dogs on a daily basis and will not contribute to charges.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	Glenn Stableford
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	I regularly use the facilities around st lves and walk our dogs there at least twice weekly! Paying for parking would deter me from going there.
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	I'm signing this petition because it is a childrens park a family day out I dont agree that people should have to pay to park there
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	I visit on a regular basis and think fees are unfair
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	We love st lves - don't take a brilliant day out away from another low earning family!
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	L greenwood
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	I don't think we should have to pay to go to St lves
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	I take my little girl & sons to play up in st lves & it's not exactly on a bus route. Why should we have to pay to park in a public area. I for one won't be taking them there anymore if they start charging to park.
[REDACTED]	East Morton, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	Greedy uelies bastard council can't run fuck all
[REDACTED]	El Campello, Spain	2016-10-04	People really need to be encouraged to get more out, in the nature, not putting more fees and impediments! It's not fair! Why everything has to come back on our pockets?
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	Many old people go with their dogs. St lves is supposed to be for the community not a money making racket. Once again peoples enjoyment spoilt by Bradford Council
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	I
[REDACTED]	Birstall, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	The people should not be forced to pay to park and fill the coffers of a greedy council
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	This is a great facility for thousands of people from the local area and beyond, especially for dog walkers and old people. Why put restrictions on it by introducing parking fees ? People will inevitably pick and choose when to go instead of just going. It will force people to go elsewhere, places with no parking charges and probably no where to park and so making their own parking.
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	It's wrong to charge for this
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	I object to the parking charges.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	Why make extra cost to hardworking families who just want to enjoy our beautiful countryside.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	People won't go if they have to pay, and pensioners won't take their grandchildren to play in the fresh air.
[REDACTED]	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	Why would you charge people to park who are wanting to be outdoors in the fresh air and walking in this beautiful park?
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	It is nice to go to st lves for a walk round and a nice cup of tea. If you start charging then people will not be able to afford to go into the cafe if they are on a budget
[REDACTED]	Wifaden, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	Parking should be free at this beauty spot

Name	Location	Date	Comment
[REDACTED]	Cowling, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	As there will be no where left where you can go with children without paying. Also the road is not good enough to be charged. It will also cause dangerous parking outside the entrance!
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	This has been a great place to visit since I was a child and don't think people will visit as often if parking charges apply certainly for mums on maternity leave
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	I'm local and I don't want to see it being not used. Parking will be bad as people will dump their cars around the area instead.
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	Cos its a fucking disgrace they will be wanting to change people for walking round next
[REDACTED]	Skipton, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	I use the estate regularly with my grandson & would have to stop if this happens
[REDACTED]	Cullingworth, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	I visit to walk my dog twice a day everyday, it is a beautiful place where anyone can visit at anytime without having to pay. I feel that an honesty box where people can donate would be a better option than enforced payments. My grandchildren love running round the woods enjoying the nature & sculpture walks. I would have to go elsewhere to walk as it would cost too much to go twice a day...
[REDACTED]	Alcester, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	Their should be no parking charges on the street of Harden lane
[REDACTED]	Long Lee, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	St Ives has been a family favourite most of my life. We as a family always look after the park and land eg pick up any rubbish. Putting a parking fee on st Ives takes the fun out of the park
[REDACTED]	Hebden, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	Because I've spent many years coming to st Ives with my son, Just to go for a walk around the river and an ice cream. It's not something I'd do if there was a charge and I think others would feel the same
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	I visit often with my grandchildren as I did my own children many years ago. Parking charges mean we will no longer be able to go
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	The Ferrands Family gifted St Ives to the people of Bradford so it should be free.
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	I love visiting st Ives walking with my dog on a regular basis but wouldn't do this as often if I had to pay for parking as there is no other parking close enough to st Ives and alot of people will stop going if this is the case.
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	its just not right!!!
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	I had my wedding reception in the hall and spent most weekends walking my dog and children round the estate I lived in Bingley then. I have treasured memories of St Ives. It's a beautiful spot and it would put people off being charged to enjoy the walks, the view, the history, the play area and picnic area. It would be such a shame to spoil all this
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	I bring my children to play here if they start to charge for parking then I won't be able to bring them as often anymore.
[REDACTED]	Wirral, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	Because I feel like so many others that it is a disgrace.
[REDACTED]	Shipley, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	For older people on fixed incomes every penny counts and it will probably cost more to install and run a parking charge than will be taken in charges. Please leave us a few free pleasures. I like to walk my dog here because I feel safe.
[REDACTED]	Halifax, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	This is about the council fat cats seeing an opportunity to beg more money from somewhere people love to go to, that has been free for all to enjoy for so long. It's wrong.

Name

Location

Date

Comment

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[REDACTED]	Harden, United Kingdom	2016-10-04	the parking in Harden is already an issue , should the charges go ahead the village will be congested and more dangerous on already narrow paths and dangerous walking routes , particularly for children.
[REDACTED]	Kelghley, United Kingdom	2016-10-05	It's just about impossible to go by public transport, improve the bus/provide a link bus or keep parking free
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-05	I go to St Ives walking and charges would make me go less. Lister Park do not charge for parking.
[REDACTED]	Baildon, United Kingdom	2016-10-05	This is a beauty spot used by many, especially young families and people with disabilities as the lake and cafe are easily accessible to them, the very people parking charges would effect. Bradford council takes enough money from people living on it's outskirts in countryside areas and gives little to these areas in return. Inner city projects always get priority, leave this beauty spot for us all to continue to enjoy without discrimination.
[REDACTED]	Harden, United Kingdom	2016-10-05	I think it's limiting the chances of parents taking there kids out for free....
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-10-05	I like to walk my dog around st Ives and to pay for parking is a disgrace and will stop people going
[REDACTED]	Shipley, United Kingdom	2016-10-05	St Ives is a beautiful park and should be free for all to visit.
[REDACTED]	Bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-05	St Ives is a wonderful place to go, it is great for young and old and should be available to all. There is no reason for the council to grab more money from the ratepayers for parking than they are already doing.
[REDACTED]	Durham, United Kingdom	2016-10-05	The park has been an attraction for families and local people for decades. Some of the modernization of the park which has taken place in recent years has damaged the natural beauty of the estate. I worry for the future of the park if it is increasingly modernized and monetized in this way. I believe the estate owners should do more local outreach/charity events to gain funds that way instead. Also introducing parking charges will deter people, especially locals, from going to the park.
[REDACTED]	Denholme, United Kingdom	2016-10-05	It's a family place great for ldd to play & a go on walks as family's
[REDACTED]	East Morton, United Kingdom	2016-10-05	I go regularly with my dog, and with little boy to the park, the cafe and the woods. It is a great facility and feel I would find alternatives if parking charges were introduced. I like to support local businesses and celebrate our local area
[REDACTED]	Knareborough, United Kingdom	2016-10-05	I believe that recreation areas should have free parking.
[REDACTED]	east morton, kelghley, United Kingdom	2016-10-05	Its a bloody outrage.
[REDACTED]	Oakenshaw, United Kingdom	2016-10-05	You shouldn't have to pay to go to a park. Money making again!
[REDACTED]	Wisden, United Kingdom	2016-10-05	just because
[REDACTED]	Kelghley, United Kingdom	2016-10-05	St Ives is a beautiful place which is so beneficial for the community's health and well being.
[REDACTED]	Ilkley, United Kingdom	2016-10-05	St Ives is a wonderful place for families to get outdoors and get some exercise. A coat may restrict some people.
[REDACTED]	Harden bingley, United Kingdom	2016-10-05	People should be encouraged to spend time outdoors, exercising, relaxing, playing. They should not be discouraged by parking costs. If the money raised by the fees were used to improve facilities e.g. The terrible toilets, I would be more supportive. Also, there should be a reduced fee or annual charge for people who visit frequently and local residents.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
[REDACTED]	Keighley, United Kingdom	2016-10-06	The world of the free and accessible is shrinking daily.
[REDACTED]	Wakefield, United Kingdom	2016-10-07	I see I'm too late but still want to register my opposition, for the reasons set out.
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-10-09	You take £1200 pounds a year from me to fund the idle - leave me something I don't have to pay for! Bastard!
[REDACTED]	Rawdon, United Kingdom	2016-10-09	I like taking my children. It cost to get there . Extra cost for most families will decide not to visit. Public parks green area should be free for all to visit and enjoy.
[REDACTED]	Harden, United Kingdom	2016-10-09	Charging for parking will cause some to illegally park. Also this is a long standing free facility for the whole community. This should continue
[REDACTED]	Shipley, United Kingdom	2016-10-09	Let children and their families enjoy days for free. Isn't life difficult enough for families to spend time together without putting an extra cost on family time.
[REDACTED]	Bradford, United Kingdom	2016-10-10	I've been to St Ives being a member of the National Trust. Parking should remain free to enable access for everyone.
[REDACTED]	Harden, United Kingdom	2016-10-10	This is a wonderful facility that benefits the whole community and it has been free for many years. This should continue. Introducing parking charges in my view would deter families who benefit from being at one with nature in what is one of the most beautiful areas in Yorkshire I also believe that if this is introduced, illegal parking would occur both on and around the estate. Please support the petition!

Appendix 4

Mr Philip Barker
BDMC

16 September 2016

Dear Sir

RE: PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE CAR PARKING CHARGES AT ST IVES ESTATE, HARDEN.

As the owners of Lady B's Café at St Ives, it will come as no surprise that we are not in favour of introducing car parking charges at St Ives. We have owned the café at St Ives for approaching nine years now and, during this time, a community of regular customers has developed and flourished. These are people who visit St Ives, sometimes on a daily basis, usually to walk their dogs come rain or shine, sun or snow, wind or fog. They come along mainly because their dogs need exercise, but also to meet up in the café and have a chat and a warm drink. They look after each other's dogs when the owners are going on holiday or are unwell. A few years ago, one of the regulars had to have a hip replacement; someone offered to look after Jess (a lovely Springer Spaniel rescue dog) whilst he was in hospital and, when he returned home, we would drive to his home in Haworth and collect him and Jess and bring them to the café. John would sit and have some lunch and we would walk Jess around the estate and then return them home. A few years later John had to have another hip replacement and the same thing happened again. This is just one example of the strong community spirit that exists within the St Ives café community.

The café is also the hub of St Ives dealing with lost property: dogs, children and adults, and, with amazing regularity, lost car keys. We are open seven days a week, 363 days of the year (Christmas Day and Boxing Day are our only closed days). The public ring us to enquire about events at the estate, the Visitors Centre, horse riding, sheep stuck in fields, cows escaping from fields, quads causing a disturbance, etc., etc. We promote events organised by the Friends of St Ives and have an excellent relationship with FOSI, and with other organisations on the estate. A fisherman once entered the café because he could not dismantle his 12ft fishing rod and so could not get home (the fishing rod would not fit in his car). We tried to dismantle the rod but to no avail, so we stored it at the café overnight and he returned in the morning with a friend and they managed to dismantle it between them.

We have lots of school groups visit St Ives and they call in to visit the café to use the toilets (the ones on the estate are abysmal) and get a drink or ice lolly which we supply at a 'cost only' basis.

We have spoken at length with our regular customers and they have told us that they will not be able to afford to pay to park at St Ives on a daily basis. We understand that there maybe 2 areas of free parking for up to 2 hours but this will not allow for the walk and a cup of coffee and a snack. They will lose the friendship and support so important to people who live by themselves, as many of them do. They will walk on Harden Moor or Bingley Moor or anywhere else where there are no parking charges.

Without these regular customers we will be unable to keep the café open during the week, especially throughout the winter months, and this hub and community, is lost. Less people will visit the estate and it will lose its popularity...visitors can quickly find alternatives.

We can only wonder if this is worth it, the amount of money generated from introducing parking charges at St Ives can so easily be found elsewhere. St Ives has businesses and homes within its boundaries and fields where farmers keep animals and cut the grass for straw/hay/haylage, etc. There are fields which could be rented out to the equestrian centre who are desperate for grazing for their horses and are willing to pay the council for these fields. There are buildings which have stood empty for years and are falling into disrepair which could be leased out to businesses. The revenue generated from St Ives could be ring fenced and used to pay for any expenses incurred. We also have to wonder every year at the cost of the leaf blowers throughout the woodland. In autumn BDMC employ people to blow the leaves in the woods into piles (takes several days) these piles are then left for collection but usually blow away before they are collected! Why? Surely people expect leaves to be on the ground in autumn in a wooded area.

The facilities at St Ives are very poor (hence the loss of the Green Flag Award, we presume), the toilets are abysmal and there is very little else, apart from the playground, FOSI garden and Visitors' Centre which, we understand, have all been provided by and are run by FOSI on a voluntary basis.

We do not know how we are going to continue with the café. If we are forced to close during the winter months then we will have to make at least four fulltime members of staff redundant, some of whom have been with us since we took over the café. And how do we manage to recruit reliable new staff every year to work the summer season, or just school holidays, it would be very difficult.

We would also like to mention that this information, which will potentially threaten our livelihood, was sent to us via an email which also went out to a myriad of people to whom this decision will have little or no impact. This is Bradford Council proposing to take away our ability to pay our rent and rates for our business to Bradford Council, and obviously thinking nothing of it.

Regards

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30th September 2016

Dear Mr Barker

Introduction of Pay and Display Car Parking Charges at St Ives

I write in response to your intended introduction of Pay & Display charges at St Ives, Harden in the coming year, and wish to raise my objections to this proposal.

We at Woodbank Nurseries have over the years, become an integral business in the area, employing local people and ensuring that Harden village continues to thrive as a small community. With our continued success we have had to accommodate increased footfall into the garden centre and restaurant and have expanded the business year upon year. With this expansion however, it has been necessary to increase our parking facilities as we attract custom to the village from throughout the county and further afield during the Christmas season. We are still struggling to contain customers within the confines of our premises and have approached the council for planning permission to extend our car park but sadly this was denied, a decision that has had serious safety consequences during the Christmas periods in the past.

As you will appreciate our car park is ideally situated opposite St Ives, and an introduction of fees will entice St Ives' patrons to make use of our free facility with more propensity than they do at present. At times it has become a problem as we also attract people from the football and cricket field but we are prepared to turn a blind eye to the one or two that avail themselves of our car parking facilities. There have been problems in the past when ramblers have parked at Woodbank later in the afternoon and gone for a ramble unaware that the gates are locked on an evening, and staff have had to wait behind or on some occasions cars have unfortunately been locked in.




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If the proposed charges are implemented there will most definitely be an increase in unauthorised parking depriving genuine customers of the chance to park and enjoy a visit to our premises. There will also be occasions where people will park their cars then go for a walk followed by a walk around the garden centre and comfort stop. Whilst we appreciate their much valued custom the turn-around time will be extended greatly and as a consequence our car park capacity reduced. We cannot see how we can police the situation without the added expense of technology or car park attendants. As you will appreciate the demography of our establishment attracts the elderly and infirm along with parents with young children especially at Christmas. If they are unable to park due to St Ives' visitors they are being deprived of a valuable community asset and an intrinsic educational tool in the case of the many school parties we cater for all year round. In short, the introduction of charges will have an adverse effect on our business.

I would therefore request you reconsider this proposal (especially as the government are trying to tackle the obesity epidemic by getting us all to take more exercise) and allow St Ives to be a free area for us all to enjoy. Maybe you could increase the parking charges in Bingley to offset any proposed loss in revenue?

Yours sincerely

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Woodbank Nurseries



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Friends of St Ives

5 October 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

Car Park Charges at St Ives

Get Out More is a social enterprise which runs outdoor programmes for people of all ages, with a mission to help people engage with nature to feel better in mind and body. As you know we run several forest school programmes from St Ives. We read with concern about the proposal to introduce car parking charges to the estate and have asked families who attend our events for their feedback.

Many feel that the extra cost of car parking would mean they could no longer afford to attend our events nor visit the site on a regular basis. Parents do not attend forest school with their children would simply drop them off and leave, rather than stay on the estate to walk the dog, visit the café etc. Parents who attend the forest school with their children feel that the extra cost of the parking should be reflected in the price of our session as they can't afford to pay both.

We feel sure that charging car parking would have a severe detrimental effect on visitor number to St Ives. People would no longer visit on a daily basis or when they feel like 'popping by' and visits would be restricted to people 'making a day of it' at weekends. Putting charges on a visit to St Ives means a visit there would have to be considered alongside other, less healthy leisure choices (shopping, pub, staying at home) and will not be seen as the accessible option if once was. Get Out More feels strongly that we need to encourage communities to have regular contact with nature on our doorstep to tackle the rising obesity and mental health crisis.

We understand that council budgets are being overly stretched and they can no longer afford to maintain parks and woodlands as they once did. We think that there are other solutions to this crisis, such as the increased use of volunteers and charging specific users a license to use the woodlands. As a social enterprise we are aware that we have the use of the woods for free, which enables us to keep the cost of our programmes affordable to families and groups. When we do make a profit we reinvest that into communities by supporting groups such as Friends of St Ives who are working to protect and enhance the

woodland and offering free programmes to people who cannot afford to pay. Put simply, if our costs increase or income decreases we will no longer be able to offer this support. However we do know that other councils charge to allow businesses to use their woodlands so we do see this as a possible option that is better than charging the general public.

We propose that the council consults on a wider range of options than just charged car parking. We feel that the costs and inconvenience of implementing car parking charges will outweigh any profit, not to mention the negative impact on visitors, the local community and the estate itself.

Yours sincerely

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James Dunnington
Managing Director



THE FRIENDS OF ST IVES



Council Leader – Susan Hinchcliffe
Councillor Simon Cooke (Leader of Conservatives)

Date 30/09/2016

Dear Councillors

PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF CAR PARKING CHARGES AT ST IVES ESTATE, HARDEN, BINGLEY

I write to you on behalf of the Friends of St Ives Estate.

The Committee of the Friends has recently fully discussed the proposed introduction of parking charges at the Estate and has come to the decision that it cannot support the Council in its proposal.

The principal reasons for the decision are:

*** The Friends cannot see a sound economic case, taking into account the cost of installation, maintenance and operation of the scheme. The Council's economic case is, in our view, grossly over optimistic.**

*** The Friends, working with the Council over many years, has gained much pride in offering a place of relaxation, healthy pursuits and activities to people of all ages and abilities at no cost. The Council has supported these aims and the joint result has been a very successful urban countryside venue. Indeed the Council, along with ourselves, has striven for many years to maintain Green Flag Status for the Estate.**

*** We appreciate that the Council has suffered reductions in funding but we feel that the contribution which will be made by the introduction of parking charges will be insignificant when balanced against the loss of amenity to many people. The policy also goes against the Council's declared promotion of healthy living.**

*** The introduction of charges will bring a degree of commercialism which we are keen to avoid because it runs counter to our ethos of providing facilities for healthy recreation .**

*** It is likely that the introduction of charges will encourage people to park in other places such as Harden village or alongside the Estate roads making life uncomfortable for other people.**

*** There will almost certainly be a reduction in the number of visitors as a result of car parking charges which will have a negative effect on the businesses which depend on visitor numbers for example the cafe and ice cream franchise.**

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The above is by no means exhaustive. There are many arguments to be made against the introduction of parking charges and very few to be made in favour.

The Friends of St Ives would like to seek your assurance and support. Can we ask that you will use your influence and vote in Council to ensure that parking charges are not introduced at St Ives Estate.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary to the Friends of St Ives
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Chairman: Pam Laking

11 September, 2016

Dear Sir,

PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE CAR PARKING CHARGES – ST IVES, HARDEN

Thank you for consulting the Parish Council about the above proposals.

Members considered the issues and resident views at their meeting on 8th September. Having weighed up the proposals, and the additional information provided with regard to the business case, members decided to oppose the proposals, by unanimous consent.

The Parish Council understands and appreciates the difficulties faced by the principal authority as a result of the austerity agenda and the resultant, challenging budget deficit. However, members are of the view that these proposals are misplaced and they wish to strongly oppose introduction of car parking charges at St Ives.

The Parish Council would like to make the following observations: -

1. Economic Impact

Information provided suggests the scheme could generate a surplus in the region of £10k per annum. However, evidence we have received strongly suggests that introduction of car parking charges would significantly reduce usage at St Ives, particularly regular usage by local residents. Dog walkers and others are not going to pay daily to use the estate and will find alternatives; there are plenty nearby including Harden Moor.

If visitor numbers reduce, businesses including the café and the ice cream vendor, will be adversely affected. The café depends on daily custom and passing trade. Their business could become unsustainable if visitor numbers reduce. The ice cream vendor bid for a franchise the economics of which may be changed significantly by the proposals (potentially reducing income to Bradford MDC when the franchise is next renewed).

St Ives also attracts visitors from far and wide. Many of these visitors, be they individuals or larger visitor parties, also visit other tourism venues within the Bradford district.

The introduction of parking charges, particularly given the woeful state of facilities at St Ives, including the toilets, could well result in visitors choosing other venues outside of the Bradford district. Tourism makes a significant contribution to the local economy - £567m according to a recent report - making the £10k surplus from these proposals pale into total insignificance. The risk of adverse impacts on tourism do not justify the potential miniscule surplus predicted to arise from the introduction of car parking charges at St Ives.

The Parish Council queries whether a full risk assessment of the proposals has in fact been undertaken?

2. Parking Displacement & Impacts

Harden village has extremely limited provision for car parking. The introduction of charging at St Ives would inevitably displace car parking and that would have an adverse impact on already congested roads and facilities within the village.

Parking along nearby roads could well introduce road safety issues and concerns.

Businesses within the village report strong concerns about this aspect - if the limited parking is used by visitors to St Ives they will inevitably lose passing trade and their businesses will be negatively impacted as a result.

3. Environmental Impact

The proposals would require the installation of several parking meters. St Ives is a heritage venue with a natural environment worthy of protection. The installation of numerous parking meters would detract significantly from that, adversely impacting on visual amenity and degrading the charm of the estate.

4. Equality Considerations

The introduction of parking charges at St Ives appears to have been a unilateral proposal. Unless parking charges are being introduced at all Bradford Council visitor destinations, St Ives is being treated differently to other venues. This is grossly unfair and unacceptable. Also, there is no evidence of consideration being given to the nature of St Ives users, a good proportion of whom we know to be elderly.

The Parish Council queries whether an equality impact assessment of the proposals has been undertaken?

These are the views of the Parish Council and we think are largely representative of the local community.

We very much hope that you will have due regard to our position and reconsider your proposals.

Yours faithfully,

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Harden Parish Council Clerk

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9 August 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

Introduction of Pay and Display Car Parking Charges at St Ives

I am writing to seek your comments and observations on the draft proposal for car parking at St Ives outlined below.

You may be aware that the Council's budget for 2016-17 contained proposals to introduce charges for car parking at Parks and Green Spaces sites. These charges are being introduced in response to continuing and significant overall budget reductions. Government funding for Bradford Council services has been cut by £167.5 million since 2010 and by 2020 it is estimated the money for Council services will reduce by a further £100 million, from £401 million today to around £300 million. This represents a considerable challenge for all services. The strategy we have adopted is one of continuing to reduce costs whilst increasing income where there is a reasonable case. Any additional revenue generated above the agreed budget figures will be used to support the districts parks and woodlands.

The attached plan shows the area of the site where charges for car parking will apply.

The table attached shows the details of the main terms and conditions proposed for car parking at St Ives.

The Pay and Display service and enforcement will be operated by the Council's Car Parking Service.

I would be grateful if you could consider the proposal and any positive or negative impacts that you anticipate from this change. If you have any further questions or suggestions or if you would like to meet to discuss the proposal in person please do not hesitate to contact Bob Thorp. (Please note Mr Thorp is on annual leave until 15th August 2016)

Yours sincerely



John Scholesfield
Bereavement & Amenity Manager
Sport and Culture



City of Bradford
Metropolitan District Council



Subject: RE: St Ives Car Parking Charges

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Date: Tuesday, 9 August 2016, 14:54

Apologies

Please find below page 2 of the attached letter.

Terms for St Ives Pay and Display

Requirements	To complete
Charging Days	Sunday to Saturday - every weekday
Charging Hours	8:00 - 18:00
Bank holidays included?	Yes
Charges	Up to 2 hours £1.00 Up to 4 hours £2.00 Over 4 Hours £3.00 Annual Parking Permit £TBC 2 hours max. stay free bays at each entrance
Do charges exempt disabled badge holders?	Yes
Carry over Do you want to be able to pay in to the next day or only one payment in any one day.	No
Free Parking Permit	Available to onsite businesses, Friends and Sports Club Committees on application.
How many P&D machines	3 x