#### **Objectors concerns:**

### lan Clough & The Grove car parks LEG/PCD/SPN/73360

**Objectors** 59 (includes a 478 signature petition).

The petition was supported by Cllr Townend, Cllr Davies and Cllr Pollard.

The objections came from businesses, residents, visitors and councillors.

The issues raised are listed below with the number of times it was raised.

Loss of trade for local businesses (30).

Discourage local shopping and move trade to larger retailers or other areas that offer free parking (28).

Visitors will not pay to park for just a few minutes (19).

Illegal parking due to the introduction of charges (2).

Areas will become congested with vehicles on residential streets (21).

Possibility of shop closures and the loss of income generated from Council tax (14).

The library and Co-op car parks may be forced to charge (14).

Parents will have to pay to both pick up and drop off at Baildon Village pre-school (2).

Volunteers will be subject to charges for supporting the Council (2).

Effects on elderly people or people with mobility issues (15).

It is not financially viable for the Council (12).

Vital service to the community (20).

Road safety issues (4).

Push people to shop online (1).

#### Officer comments:

lan Clough and The Grove car parks are situated in the centre of Baildon in close proximity to shops and small businesses. Historically these sites have offered free parking for up to 1 hour.

59 objections have been received in total.

We would not expect the introduction of a minimal 30p charge to deter visitors and shoppers, even for short visits. Baildon is fortunate to have 2 hour free limited wait bays on Westgate outside the businesses. These bays will continue to allow people stopping for a few minutes to park without being charged. In terms of moving to areas where free parking is offered, it is unlikely that shoppers will travel to obtain free parking. Due to travelling costs, inconvenience and time it would not benefit shoppers to find alternative locations to visit.

Any issues that arise with abuse of parking in residential areas would be monitored and managed accordingly. Generally, however, drivers park for convenience and will park as close to the amenities as possible. We would not expect drivers to park in residential streets and walk.

Drivers that choose to park on restrictions will be managed through parking enforcement.

We are unable to determine what the effects will be on other free private car parks.

There is some concern that businesses may close due to the removal of the 1 hour free. There is no evidence to suggest that this is the case. We would not expect that the minimal parking charge will impact on businesses. Users that take advantage of the 1 hour free such as parents, volunteers and community workers are subject to parking charges at other locations, but have been fortunate to benefit from free parking in Baildon.

We would not expect that the

Penalise business owners, staff and customers (3).

Endanger the monthly farmers market (1). Congested roads due to people travelling to alternative locations (1).

Having to find change (4).

Low income families and individuals (1).

#### Suggestions:

 $1^{st}$  30/60 mins free,  $2^{nd}$  hr 60p,  $3^{rd}$  hr £1.20, over 3 hrs £1.80

Raise the daily parking charge was suggested 5 times. 2 of which suggested an all-day charge of £2.00.

Leave a few short stay free spaces. 1 suggested between 5 and 10 free spaces.

1 hour free in both car parks to remain.

2<sup>nd</sup> hour at The Grove car park to be chargeable.

lan Clough - £3.00 all day or increase the second hour charge or introduce a 4 hour option.

Introduce 1 hour parking charges on street.

Minimum request for some free parking for the launderette (loading area).

Broadway reduced charges and increased footfall.

Reduce the free period to 15 mins

Pass the parking powers to the unelected Parish Council.

introduction of a minimal charge would discourage shopping in Baildon. A 30p charge remains the cheapest parking in the Bradford district.

Some businesses feel that shoppers will switch to using larger retailers that offer free parking. This would mean shoppers travelling further, which they are unlikely to do in order to make a saving of 30p. Another concern is that shoppers will not want to pay for 1 hour if they are only staying for a few minutes. We would not expect this to discourage visitors.

Other users who currently drive a short distance to use the amenities may be now encouraged to walk, improving the environment and reducing traffic.

## Commercial Street Shipley LEG/PCD/SPN/73360 Objectors 8

6 objections were received from local businesses, 1 from a resident and 1 from the Chamber of Trade.

All 7 of the objections received from businesses/resident were duplicate copies.

The issues raised are listed below with the number of times it was raised.

Loss of trade for local businesses (8).

Discourage local shopping and move trade to larger retailers or other areas that offer free parking (1).

Visitors will not pay to park for just a few minutes (7).

Creating less parking by introducing bays (7).

Not financially viable for the council (7).

Staffing issues due to having to pay to park (7).

#### Briggate Shipley LEG/PCD/SPN/73360 Objectors 1

1 objection was received from the Chamber of Trade.

Loss of trade for local businesses (1).

Discourage local shopping and move trade to larger retailers or other areas that offer free parking (1).

Commercial Street in Shipley is currently a free car park situated on the fringe of Shipley centre. It is positioned in front of a row of small independent retailers.

Briggate is a similar site, however only the Chamber of Trade raised an objection.

Some auditing was undertaken in July 2016 which showed that these sites are predominately used for long stay visits. This suggests that they are used by workers, business owners and commuters. We would not expect that the introduction of a small charge would deter the visitors that are parking for short stay visits to cease.

Other small independent retailers in Shipley do not have free unlimited parking and does not demonstrate a consistent approach to parking and charges.

Shoppers visiting these retailers will generally be local to the area and aware of charging elsewhere in Shipley. The car park has not got any marked bays or signage which allows vehicles to park on paved areas including where pedestrians may wish to pass. The introduction of a

## Wharf Street Shipley LEG/PCD/SPN/73360 Objectors 1

1 objection was received from the Chamber of Trade.

Loss of trade for local businesses (1).

Discourage local shopping and move trade to larger retailers or other areas that offer free parking (1).

# Gas Street Haworth LEG/PCD/SPN/73360 Objectors 32

The objections came from businesses, residents, visitors and Councillors.

The issues raised are listed below with the number of times it was raised.

Loss of trade for local businesses (16).

Discourage local shopping and move trade to larger retailers or other areas that offer free parking (5).

Visitors will not pay to park for just a few minutes (13).

Illegal parking, particularly on Mill Hey, due to the introduction of charges (27).

Areas will become congested with vehicles on residential streets (8).

Possibility of shop closures and the income generated from Council tax (2).

Effects on elderly people or people with mobility issues (2).

Force people to use the medical centre or the local Spar

new Traffic Regulation Order will allow the Council to promote orderly parking and manage it effectively.

There have been concerns raised in relation to the cost of managing the car park (pay and display machine and maintenance). These costs have been factored in as part of the original budget proposal.

Any repairs will be managed in line with all other sites.

The objection was about the introduction of charges however this location already has charging and the tariffs will not change.

Gas Street car park is situated on the fringe of Haworth. It is close to a road named Mill Hey which consists of some residential properties and small retailers. Historically, users have benefited from 30 minutes free parking. The changes will require all users to pay a minimal charge for the first hour of 30p.

We would not expect that the introduction of the charge will deter shoppers and residents from using the businesses situated at this location. All other car parks within Haworth do not offer free parking and are currently charged.

There is some concern that businesses may close due to the removal of the 1 hour free. There is no evidence to suggest that this is the case.

We believe that most shoppers will continue to support these small independent retailers, as opposed to travelling further away to benefit from free parking.

We do not believe that there is an increased risk of road traffic accidents or other accidents occurring on Mill Hey. This issue needs to be managed through the enforcement of the yellow lines. We are unable to determine what the

shop car parks (2).

Historical agreement for a free period when yellow lines were introduced on Mill Hey (5).

Additional expense to local residents (12).

Paying to use the recycling banks (2).

Road safety issues (20).

Minimal extra revenue generated (9).

Vital service to the community (12).

Residents unable to use the car park to load due to abuse of the yellow lines on Mill Hey (1).

Weight limit at 30CWT is unfair (1).

#### Suggestions

Widen the highway to create a lay-by for 10 mins free parking

Offer residents on Mill Hey free use of the car park.

Make spaces on the slope at the entrance/exit of the car park for 30 mins free parking.

Wesley Place & Bridge Street Silsden LEG/PCD/SPN/73360

**Objectors 4** (includes a 16 signature petition).

The concerns raised from petitioners were:

Loss of trade for local businesses.

Discourage local shopping and move trade to larger retailers or other areas that offer free parking.

Areas will become congested with vehicles on residential streets.3

Objections were received from locals who had the following concerns:

Loss of trade for local businesses (3).

effects will be on other free private car parks.

We would not charge for people using the recycling facilities. These users would be with their vehicle unloading and would not leave their vehicles unattended.

Wesley Place and Bridge Street car parks are situated in the centre of Silsden. The area has some residential properties and a number of small retailers.

Historically users have benefited from 30 minutes free parking. The changes will require all users to pay a minimal charge for the first hour of 30p.

We would not expect that the introduction of the charge will deter shoppers and residents from using the businesses situated at this location.

There is currently abuse of the free ticket issue in Silsden where vehicles continually return daily obtaining free tickets. The minimal charge will help achieve an improvement in compliance and create a turnover of available spaces

Discourage local shopping and move trade to larger retailers or other areas that offer free parking (2).

Visitors will not pay to park for just a few minutes (1).

Possibility of shop closures and the income generated from Council tax (3).

Effects on elderly people or people with mobility issues (2).

Vital service to the community (2).

### Premium City Centre Car Parks LEG/PCD/SPN/73360

Objectors 1

1 objection was received from the Chamber of Trade for the locations listed below:

Crown Court Radwell Drive Sharpe Street Rawson Road Simes Street Raphael House Central Library Jacobs Well for users. Additionally, youths have historically fed all the tickets out of the machines. These tickets have been used to vandalise property. The machines have also gone out of order as the machines are out of tickets.

Silsden is fortunate to have 1 hour free limited wait bays on-street outside the businesses. These bays will continue to allow people stopping for a few minutes to park without being subject to a charge. We are unable to determine what the effects will be on other free private car parks.

Elderly people will still have exactly the same facilities as previously. We would not expect the minimal charge being introduced to impact on these users.

The named car parks are all identified as premium city centre parks. car Historically these sites have been free after 6.00pm with the exception of Sharpe Street and Jacobs Well. The demand for evening parking has and the requirement to increased consistently introduce an evening charge at all these sites has been identified. We have not received any objections from users of these car parks. Wardens will actively patrol these sites to ensure that there is compliance which therefore improves the facilities in the area.