

Statement: PS20.01

Cabinet – 24TH JANUARY 2023

Re: Agenda item 20 – Introduction of Pay and Display Parking for District Car Parks

Statement submitted by: Haydn Gill

Subject: Support for pay & display and e-bike rental

I'd like to wholeheartedly support Cllr Alexander for item 20 (introducing pay & display for district car parks). This is a financially prudent use of public car parking land and must be applauded. It removes the current subsidy for drivers, making sure they pay for maintenance of car parking, not Bristolians without cars.

I also support the redevelopment of underused car parks, where appropriate, which can provide much needed affordable housing for Bristolians.

I'd also like to extend my approval and support to Cllr Alexander for item 22 (E-scooter and E-bike rental scheme). By using roadspace for physical parking locations instead of pavements, it will prioritise the movement of people walking on pavements. This is exactly the kind of reallocation of road space that the Bristol citizens assembly recommended and it will be great to see it implemented in Bristol. It is also a step towards implementing the user hierarchy for road design, with pedestrians considered first, followed by cyclists, public transport, specialist service vehicles and private cars considered last.

Introducing e-bike rentals to Bristol will allow a greater number of people to travel sustainably, as they won't require a driving licence to rent. E-bikes enable physical activity, a stable riding position and allow riders to carry cargo, such as bags of shopping.

With the wider adoption of e-bikes, more consideration must be given to safe cycling and scooting provision across the city.

I am unable to attend due to work commitments, but I can't end a statement without a poem:

There was once a fab cabinet meeting,
With items on scooting and parking,
Drivers finally pay,
For parking upkeep. Hooray!
And roads will get e-scooter marking.

Thank you

Statement: PS20.02

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Re: Agenda item 20 –Introduction of Pay and Display Parking for District Car Parks

Statement submitted by: Christine O'Donnell

Cabinet Meeting 24/01/23 Public Forum Item 20 carpark charging

I am most dismayed that you are considering charging for the carpark in Westbury-on-Trym. Selling spaces is the worst part of the proposal. I am part of the Leadership team for the Friendly Club which meets most Thursday afternoons. The Friendly Club has members of the older generation. Some of the members are able to drive to the club, others get a lift and will be dropped off or picked up in the carpark. On Sunday mornings the carpark is well used by church goers for the Methodist and the Parish Churches.

Currently, the carpark is well used and turnover is good which is how it should be. I don't know why anything needs to change.

Statement: CS20.03

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Re: Agenda item 20 – Introduction of Pay and Display Parking for District Car Parks

Statement submitted by: Katie Dulake

I am writing to voice my concern about the proposal to introduce pay and display at the Westbury Hill car park in particular.

Current benefit of the car park

Currently the car park is a great asset used by people visiting the Drs, local shops and business and it also serves to keep traffic away from Westbury on Trym C of E Primary Academy by providing a free local cut off point.

Risks of introducing permits

I don't believe that a permit should be deployed as this would in effect make the car park a very cheap commuter's choice for other destinations - especially with the growth of housing by Cribbs Causeway- a kind of unofficial Park and Ride. This risks filling the car park with commuters rather than keeping the car park as a local resource as I outlined above.

It also further risks exacerbating the habitual parking on double yellow lines outside Tesco at the bottom of Westbury Hill from people keen to avoid paying for parking

Alternative suggestions

- I think instead the car park should remain free for up to an hour to allow residents' day to day activities to continue, and for charges to come in after that.
- Finally I do believe if this goes ahead, the council should reconsider introducing residents parking in the village centre and immediate roads. Successive planning decisions around housing density and parking restrictions mean there is a serious lack of parking available for the many residents who still live in and around Westbury village centre. The 3 hour free parking facility allowed a family car to be parked up until an unrestricted space became available. Without this, local residents are being further penalised.

Katie Dulake

Statement: PS20.04

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Re: Agenda item 20 – Introduction of Pay and Display Parking for District Car Parks

Statement submitted by: David McGregor

Dear Sirs

Will you please bring these comments to attention of the committee considering the proposed introduction of pay and display parking charges.

Re Westbury on Trym Car Park.

I fear the introduction of pay and display car parking for 7 days a week from 8-6 will have some serious unintended consequences and ask that the proposals be modified to mitigate these possibilities.

1. That the Sunday parking should not be charged. Both the Methodist and Anglican churches rely heavily on the car park for delivering the elderly and disabled to Church services and this would be seen as penalty to worship and disability.
2. That there should be a free 30 minutes parking (via ticket) on the other days to allow pop in visits to local businesses and the health centre
3. That there should be longer stay passes available to the Health Centre to give to patients who are booked in for longer procedures.

I hope you can add these modifications to the proposals

Yours sincerely

David McGregor

Statement: PS20.05

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Re: Agenda item 20 – Introduction of Pay and Display Parking for District Car Parks

Statement submitted by: Zoe Prescott

Hello

I wanted to provide comment on the proposal to introduce pay and display parking in westbury village car park by the doctor's surgery.

There is currently no proposal for a free period which will be essential to maintain trade for local shops in the village. I would recommend 30 minutes to 1 hour free to allow that quick pop to the shop or the doctor's. This has been introduced in other areas so I'm surprised it wasn't considered here.

I disagree with the option of an annual parking pass. This will turn it into a commuter car park (even more so than it already is) and leave no room for those using local amenities and shops. This would be bad for local businesses but also make it difficult for people using the doctor's surgery. I see no reason to introduce a paid annual pass at all in an area like westbury village. Doctors at the surgery have their own dedicated parking adjacent to the car park as I understand it. Even extending this to only those working in the village would fill up the car park and leave little room for anyone else.

In general, I disagree with charging for parking at all and think this is the wrong way to make money from people trying to support local businesses. Personally it would push me out towards cribs or Henleaze to meet friends for a coffee etc if I couldn't easily walk to the village or park when I get there.

Kind regards

Zoe

Statement: PS20.06

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Re: Agenda item 20 – Introduction of Pay and Display Parking for District Car Parks

Statement submitted by: Mandy Ebsworth

Dear Sirs,

Regarding your plans for having to pay to use Westbury Hill Carpark, I may the following points.

I agree we should deter commuters parking all day.

If payment is required it will stop people using the local shops and surgery. There are a lot of older people who live in the village who need the car park.

Make the first 2hrs free most people only want a short stay.

Make people pay for anything over 2hrs with a maximum 4 hrs stay as suggested.

Please reconsider. Buses are not reliable.

Thanks

Mandy

Statement: PS20.07

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Re: Agenda item 20 – Introduction of Pay and Display Parking for District Car Parks

Statement submitted by: James Prescott

I wanted to comment on the proposal to introduce pay and display parking in Westbury on Trym village car park by the doctor's surgery and echo the concerns provided by my wife.

There is currently no proposal for a free period which will be essential to maintain trade for local shops in the village. I would recommend 30 minutes to 1 hour free to allow that quick pop to the shop or the doctor's. This has been introduced in other areas with seemingly great success, so it's surprising it wasn't considered here.

I also disagree with the option of an annual parking pass. This will turn it into a commuter car park (even more so than it already is) and leave no room for those using local amenities and shops. This would be bad for local businesses but also make it difficult for people using the doctor's surgery. I see no reason to introduce a paid annual pass at all in an area like westbury village.

In general, I disagree with charging for parking at all and think this is the wrong way to make money from people trying to support local businesses. Personally it would push me out towards The Mall or Henleaze to meet friends for a drink etc if I couldn't easily walk to the village or park when I get there.

Statement: PS20.08

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Re: Agenda item 20 – Introduction of Pay and Display Parking for District Car Parks

Statement submitted by: Karen Williams

I wish to object to the proposed implementation of pay and display parking in the Westbury village car park.

As a long-time resident of Stoke Lane, in the middle of the village, it has been increasingly difficult to park anywhere near my house in recent years. The introduction of these parking charges will make it pretty much impossible, as people who don't want to pay the charges will seek spaces in the neighbouring residential streets. This will include shoppers, local workers, and, increasingly, those people who treat Westbury on Trym as a kind of park-and-ride, parking for free in our streets and commuting to the middle of Bristol on the bus (when it runs). Without a residents' parking scheme people like me will find it even harder than it is now to find parking spaces, which is especially challenging for those of us with children, or the elderly. I pay my council tax - I object to having to walk miles to/from my car with my shopping and my young son every time I want to go anywhere.

Those unwilling to pay the charges and unable to find a space in the local streets (welcome to my world!) simply won't shop in the village, depriving it of valuable local business. Local shops already struggle to stay alive thanks to the stupidly high business rates (hence the ridiculous number of charity shops we have), but without trade they will die and the village will become a shell of empty premises.

I appreciate the council wants to make money from its residents, but this is an ill-thought-through scheme that will harm both residents and local businesses. It benefits no-one.

Statement: PS20.09

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Statement submitted by: Gina Eastman

I write to object to the proposal to charge parking fees for the car park in Westbury on Trym situated on Westbury Hill and, in particular, the proposal to charge for 7 days a week, including Sundays:

1. The car park is used by the congregations of Holy Trinity and the Methodist Church every Sunday, neither of whom have adequate parking facilities on their own premises. It is unreasonable to expect people to pay for parking for church worship.
2. Public transport is very poor on a Sunday so those attending church would find this as an alternative to using a car practically impossible, especially as the majority of the congregations of both churches are elderly folk.
3. Both churches are very active in the local community, providing many services to ameliorate social isolation, for example the Friendly Club held at the Methodist Church every Thursday afternoon, and Space to Grieve, a bereavement group held at Holy Trinity Church, once a month on a Wednesday afternoon.
4. The Methodist Church holds coffee mornings three times a week and many other activities on a daily basis and car parking fees would restrict access to many of these activities.
5. The car park is used every day by people attending the Doctor's surgery for appointments. Again, it is unreasonable to expect people to pay for parking when they are visiting the Medical Centre.
6. Paying for carparking will seriously affect the businesses in the village. We already suffer from shops closing because the rents are so high and carparking costs will only exacerbate the problem.

I would urge the Cabinet meeting to defer making any decision on this matter without further consultation with the Community and consideration of the implications of making a charge which I feel could severely affect the village community.

With thanks for your consideration of my objections.

Statement: PS20.10

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Re: Agenda item 20 – Introduction of Pay and Display Parking for District Car Parks

Statement submitted by: Portia Chorlton

I wish to express my concern regarding the council's decision to introduce charges for parking in Westbury Hill car park, Westbury on Trym.

This car park is used by the congregations of the 2 churches that adjoin the car park. I do not understand why charges are intended to be imposed on a Sunday. The other car park in the village has a 3 hour free limit, and is too far for some parishioners to walk to their respective church.

In addition, your proposals mean that it will also cost patients to attend the medical centre that stands next to the car park.

Statement: PS20.11

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Re: Agenda item 20 – Introduction of Pay and Display Parking for District Car Parks

Statement submitted by: Alison Borro

I am very dismayed to see you are bringing in car park charges to some car parks in particular Machin road and Westbury on Trym. You will kill off trade in WOT, the shops and banks will suffer because of this.

Most people just pop in to somewhere when at these places so will you have a free 30 minutes available ? If not, this will have a disastrous effect on the shops there. With the cost-of-living crisis this couldn't have come at a worse time. Who wants to pay an extra £1 just because they need a loaf of bread ? People will end up going without something they need. If the shops and other businesses suffer because of this and end up closing you will lose far more in rent money than what you gain from car park charges. It just doesn't make sense.

Some say park on a side road that's if you can find parking on a side road. As someone who has a bad back that affects my legs I can't walk very far so need to park near the shops. You will be isolating the people who least need to be isolated further. I.e the elderly, those with disabilities etc.

please reconsider your proposal to introduce carpark charges.

Statement: PS20.12

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Re: Agenda item 20 – Introduction of Pay and Display Parking for District Car Parks

Statement submitted by: Neville Goodman

The doctors' car park is used by patients, many of whom cannot get to the surgery any other way, and many of whom will not be well off. The shops in the village depend on cars to deliver their customers. Are you considering a free period — say 30-45 minutes — so that it is only long-stayers who are charged?

Statement: PS20.13

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Statement submitted by: Sally Dawson

Concerning item 20 on the agenda at the cabinet meeting. This item is about imposing car parking charges at several car parks around Bristol. I object most strongly to the imposition of charges at the car park in Westbury-on-trym. This car park is very important to the people of Westbury as it is adjacent to the local medical centre. Anyone visiting the centre for a consultation or treatment will have to pay, in effect having to pay to see a doctor! Local businesses will see a fall in trade as people will not stop to shop if they cannot park and the charges will drive people out of the car park and into the surrounding streets where parking is difficult at the present time anyway.

Is it the intention of Bristol city council to make as difficult for Bristolians as possible? Over the years I have seen how movement around the city has become more and more difficult due to the awful traffic schemes that have been forced upon us.

Statement: PS20.14

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Statement submitted by: Sue Sills

Having only just become aware of the above proposal I feel I must comment on behalf of Westbury on Trym Country Market our producers, helpers and customers.

We have been part of the Community of WOT for more than 35 years, running a non profit making market every Friday morning in the Methodist Church Hall adjacent to the Car park in question. If the proposed charges are implemented we fail to see how we will be able to continue. For producers and helpers, who have to use their cars in order to transport their goods and staging, a £4.00 parking charge will make this voluntary activity just untenable. The council already gives Market members a parking dispensation for more than the 3 hour limit, so it recognises we are a worthy community activity.

The majority of our customers are older members of the community who do not qualify for a disability parking badge but need their car as they are unable to walk or cycle or to catch the bus into the village. If they were able to take public transport, even though it is free, they are unable to carry their purchases home, jars of preserves, plants etc can be quite heavy and cumbersome. They will simply give up coming to the village and drive to other places where parking is free and easy, Waitrose, Tesco, the Mall, Aldi etc.

The proposal to offer an annual parking place for £280 is also concerning, this equates to a £5.38 a week, a most attractive proposition for those working in the city or to local businesses, what happens if all the places are sold off. This could potentially kill all village activities stone dead. Everything held in the Methodist Church, Scouts, Ballet, Charity Groups, Charity Sales, just going to Church etc not to mention Street Fayres in the village.

Parking in WOT is difficult enough as it is please don't make it worse.

Statement: PS20.15

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Statement submitted by: Wendy Mori

I would like to lodge my opposition to the plans to charge for the Council Carpark in Westbury on Trym (WoT). I have a number of reasons for this and would like you to reconsider the proposal.

1 The doctor's surgery is at the end of the carpark. Charging for the carpark will impact patients attending the surgery. The staff have their own carpark – this is an issue for patients.

2 The WoT Village is already under pressure with empty shops. 2 banks, HSBC and Nat West, are already going to close. Charging for the carpark will escalate the decline of the Village Shopping. With free car parking on Cribbs Causeway there will be no incentive for customers to support the village businesses.

3 We are currently plagued by commuter parking in WoT. The side street are already blocked up with people dumping their cars for the day here and catching the bus into town. Residents parking further into town has pushed them out to us. Also local schools have insufficient parking and staff are also using the side streets to park for the day. Charging for the carpark will push even more cars into these busy side streets.

4 The Methodist Church has a popular hall that is used by local events. I am a member of Westbury on Trym Country Market which holds a market there every Friday morning. We are a cooperative of local producers and are a social enterprise. The producers arrive at 8:30 (when the hall opens) every Friday with our goods, pull up into the carpark and pass the goods over the rear wall into the hall. We have dispensation to allow us to park until 12:00. We need to be able to unload (baking, plants and craft) at the very least. The market is already under extreme financial pressure with rising costs. We are a member of Avon Country Market and our producers in Nailsea support us to keep the market vibrant and they have already been hit by the charges for the low emissions zone to bring the goods to us. Hall costs have gone up by 17% in the last few months and will go up again by 11% in the autumn. Our only option, if we also have to pay to park as well, is to pass the costs on directly to our customers who are, by and large, elderly and rely on us as a regular social outlet and source for food. This is inflationary. As we already have a dispensation to park longer than 2 hours what has been arranged for our market to be able to unload and keep this market going in the Village? Clearly we cannot carry our produce to the market and it has to be dropped off by a car. We then need somewhere to park that vehicle while the market is open.

5 The Village Hall at the top of Waters Lane also has a popular hall. There is extremely limited parking there (perhaps 3 or 4 cars) and like the Methodist Hall is fronted by a road with double yellow lines. Again people use the carpark when

attending Events. I am on the committee of the popular Village Show. No-one has consulted us on the impact of the charges on Village Hall events.

6 The Methodist Hall informed us last week about the proposed charges. They tell us that they did not know earlier and none of us knew about it either. You have not consulted properly with those people impacted by the change and this consultation needs to happen properly.

7 At the VERY LEAST people need to be able to unload without being charged. A 1 hour free parking would be of enormous benefit to the village and mean that the carpark is used most efficiently.

I recognise that the council is under great financial pressure and that this idea is, in principle, a good cash cow. However, destroying an already struggling local shopping area, threatening much needed social events and making life more difficult for the sick and elderly is a big price to pay.

Statement: PS20.16

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Re: Agenda item 20 – Introduction of Pay and Display Parking for District Car Parks

Statement submitted by: Bridget Nibblett

I am concerned at reports that charges may be introduced for the Westbury Hill car park. There is very little opportunity to park elsewhere in Westbury Village, and any charges for this car park will only exacerbate the crowding on the surrounding residential roads.

The park is well used every day. Some people just come for a short time but for many, the stay is more lengthy, and it is these people that I am concerned about.

If the mechanism for charging is ANPR then many people will be put off. Most of these systems require you to download an app onto a smart phone which many are either reluctant to do, or don't even have a smart phone. I would also be interested to know how much it will cost to impose and maintain any system of charging, which it seems is usually contracted out to a third-party supplier, and whether any figures have been provided for the likely income to be derived.

Doctor's surgery – a large proportion of patients are elderly and infirm, and cannot walk any distance. Charges could be imposed just for dropping off and collecting patients

People typically stay for more than one hour for the reasons set out below, so even a free first hour would not serve them:-

Churches - services, funerals, baptisms and weddings, social events, concerts, clubs and meetings at Westbury Methodist Church and Holy Trinity church – the whole range from Toddler groups to Older folk; Friday market, ballet classes and so on.

Shopping – local traders will lose footfall.

Services – banks, solicitors, accountants, hairdressers, etc.

Eating and drinking at the several pubs, cafes and restaurants – many also hold regular social events during the day.

There are reports that commuters regularly park all day and catch a bus into the city. The current free parking period is 3 hours, but is rarely monitored. However, they may be prepared to pay for a whole day to stay there but people who want to use the local amenities will not. The car park may become in effect a Park-and-Ride.

I understand that the City Council is required to raise money, but fear that introducing charges will drive people away. We should be doing all we can to support and encourage our local businesses and community.

Statement: PS20.17

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Re: Agenda item 20 – Introduction of Pay and Display Parking for District Car Parks

Statement submitted by: Graham Barsby

Please could you make some room in your plans not to charge the Doctor's surgery and allow some free Parking for the Methodist and Parish Churches.

Statement: PS20.18

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Re: Agenda item 20 – Introduction of Pay and Display Parking for District Car Parks

Statement submitted by: Tim Tayler

The car park on Westbury Hill is used by visitors to the surgery and the churches and performs a part of service to the community which would incur a penalty to the community by the introduction of parking charges. A charge for parking for more than two hours would prevent long term parking which makes surgery visits difficult and no charges on Sunday would prevent discouragement of church going.

Westbury already suffers from illegal parking on yellow lines and enforcement in the car park and in the streets would drive custom away from the village and would add to council costs.

A pragmatic approach to allow convenient car use when bus services are no longer reliable is required.

Statement: PS20.19

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Re: Agenda item 20 – Introduction of Pay and Display Parking for District Car Parks

Statement submitted by: Sue Roake

I would like to express my concerns about the proposed introduction of parking charges particularly in Westbury Hill car park. We and others did not see notice of this proposal to object to previously and feel that there has been a distinct lack of public consultation.

I am a member of the Country Market which uses the Methodist Church hall on a Friday morning and this will seriously deter both traders and shoppers and others who use the Methodist Church as a community hub.

People will try to park more on the streets as a result or be put off visiting the village at all with these charges and it seems unfair to penalise patients needing to visit the doctors surgery. It would be extremely helpful to allow at least the first hour free for those using the surgery or needing to use the banks or other shops. Westbury village is struggling with shops having to close already and these charges could be the final nail on the coffin for some.

Statement: PS20.20

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Re: Agenda item 20 – Introduction of Pay and Display Parking for District Car Parks

Statement submitted by: Audrey Callaghan

I only became aware of this in the last few days and fully object to this proposal.

When considering generating more income from taxpayers for the Bristol City Council overspend. Adding parking charges to an already struggling village is not going to solve the problem for the city.

What research and evidence have you used particularly for the westbury on trym carpark?

How much income will it generate specifically and will that income directly benefit the village?

How much will it cost to manage the system including all the hidden costs of time and resources. Will the income generated cover it proportionately?

Why do you think this is the solution, if this is to deter commuters parking What other options were considered?

At the very least there ought to be as least 1 hour free parking to support local businesses.

There has been a lack of proper consultation with all interested parties, impact on a struggling village.

What about patient access to the doctors, loading and parking for the Methodist and Village Halls and impact on side street?

Statement: PS20.21

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Re: Agenda item 20 – Introduction of Pay and Display Parking for District Car Parks

Statement submitted by: Andrea Thomas

Please consider my comments on the proposed changes to car parking in westbury on trym which are to be discussed at the cabinet meeting on 24th January.

The report suggests that some drivers are using this as an all day car park despite the car park having a 3 hour time limit on it. I am not convinced that charging would necessarily stop people parking all day. A parking warden visiting at lunchtime would quickly put a stop to all day parking, regardless of whether a fee was charged.

Indeed, offering an annual fee option might encourage more to use it as a park and ride location. What percentage of the spaces could be sold off in this way?

I would like to see at least one hour free parking. 30 minutes is not long enough to go to the bank/post office/shops especially if there is a queue anywhere. Also very unlikely to be long enough to go for a doctors appointment (they typically run late and this would add additional stress on what might already be a stressful appointment.

I am concerned that shops and coffee shops may suffer from a charge being introduced. I wouldn't pay to go for a leisurely coffee. It is already more expensive to shop in the village rather than at big out of town stores. I try and support the local shops when I can, but would draw the line at having to pay to park.

If the real objective of this proposed change is to raise money for the council, this may fail if there are too many people like me who refuse to pay!

Statement: PS20.22

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Re: Agenda item 20 – Introduction of Pay and Display Parking for District Car Parks

Statement submitted by: Sian Lowry

Although it doesn't appear to have been widely advertised, I've recently been made aware of the proposals to charge £1 per hour for car parking in the Westbury Hill Car Park in Westbury-on-Trym and to offer unlimited parking for an annual charge of £280.

I understand the Council's need to increase their income and see the sense in raising revenue by charging for parking. Although I am concerned that the removal of all free parking, even for the first 30 minutes - 1 hour, could damage local trade and have detrimental effects to the elderly population and for those on a low income.

I would like to object to the proposal to offer unlimited parking for £280. I believe that this will likely turn the car park into a commuter "Park & Ride" for Bristol City Centre.

The charge is not high enough to put commuters off, and there is plenty of evidence of commuters looking for free or cheap parking in this area (we live on a road in Henleaze where parking during the daytime is a significant challenge for residents & their visitors). Once the large developments near Cribbs Causeway and Filton are completed there will be even more vehicles coming into the northern suburbs of the City. This would likely further reduce the number of spaces available for local shoppers/ users of Westbury-on-Trym's services (i.e. GP Surgery, Banks, Dentist, activities held at WoT Methodist Church Hall & Library etc.).

If the proposal was instead to offer parking for up to 3 hours a day for a fee that would allow those using the local businesses to benefit without allowing commuters to park there.

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Re: Agenda item 20 – Introduction of Pay and Display Parking for District Car Parks

Statement submitted by: Somerset Lowry

I have become aware of the proposals to charge £1 per hour for car parking in this car park in Westbury on Trym, and to offer unlimited parking for an annual charge of £280.

I sympathise with the Council's need to raise money, and with the proposal to make a charge for parking. Though I am concerned that the removal of all free parking, even for the first hour, could damage local trade.

I would like to object to the proposal to offer unlimited parking for £280. I believe that this will likely turn the car park into commuter parking for Bristol. The charge is not high enough to put commuters off, and there is plenty of evidence of commuters looking for free or cheap parking in this area (we live on a road in Henleaze where this is a significant challenge for residents). There will also be more commuter demand as the developments near Filton and Cribbs Causeway are completed. This would likely reduce the number of spaces available for local shoppers / users of local services and thus the demand for local businesses.

If the proposal was instead to offer parking for up to (say) 3 hours a day for a fee (say £280) that would allow those using the local businesses to benefit without allowing commuters to park there.

Statement: PS20.24

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Re: Agenda item 20 – Introduction of Pay and Display Parking for District Car Parks

Statement submitted by: Sibella Cownie

I was horrified to be informed of the proposed charges to the essential car park in Westbury on Trym. This car park is the sole area available for people needing to attend the Doctors surgery and is also much used by the congregations of people attending both the Methodist Church and the Holy Trinity Church. Both these churches perform much community support during the week as well as their busy Sunday services. There is no alternative parking elsewhere.

It also is available for people shopping in Westbury Village, a busy village which encourages a variety of services, dentists, charity shops, opticians, banks, post office and many privately owned shops. For many retired nearby residents their lives would be severely curtailed.

I hope that the proposals will not be adopted when the Council realises what a disastrous effect they would have on the entire Westbury on Trym Community.

Statement: PS20.25

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Re: Agenda item 20 – Introduction of Pay and Display Parking for District Car Parks

Statement submitted by: Tiriel Lovejoy

I am writing with regard to the proposed changes to the parking in the car park on Westbury Hill BS9

My understanding is that this will become a pay and display car park with the option to purchase a season ticket

As a local business owner of Preserve Foods Limited at 71 Westbury Hill BS9 3AD. I am very concerned about these proposals. Small businesses such as mine had had a very difficult few years with Covid removing footfall from our streets and now the cost of living crisis further impacting our abilities to remain sustainable.

Implementing these changes would quite likely be the final nail in the coffin for us and many of our neighbours. It would finish Westbury as a local shopping destination.

I am not wholly against some parking restrictions as if done in the right way it could help local business and generate the required revenue for the council.

The emphasis needs to be on making short stay parking free or very affordable and then only increase costs for longer stays. Eg free for first hour would allow people to use shops or go to doctors without impact. Then charge for next couple of hours at reasonable rates which would allow for people to pay a fair amount if going to hairdressers etc. then increase rates significantly for longer stays. This would actually generate revenue and free up spaces for people to use and increase footfall.

There must under no circumstances implement the season ticket proposal. This would fill the carpark with local office workers and commuters. Which would mean no space for any shoppers or visitors to the health centre and would eliminate footfall from the village. This would lead to many businesses like mine closing down and any gain in revenue from parking would be lost by loss of business rates and local jobs.