

**Statement: PS20.35**

**Cabinet – 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023**

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

**Statement submitted by: Christine Liddle**

I am writing as a long-standing member of Holy Trinity Church, Westbury on Trym. I live outside the Parish, and depend on the village car park to be able to attend services on Sundays. I also do voluntary work at the Methodist Church during the week and use the car park then as well. Most of our members are over eighty with limited mobility and charging will penalise them. I hope the Council will make some provision for Church members, especially on Sundays.

Thank you for your consideration

(Mrs) Christine Liddle

**Statement: PS20.36**

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**Re: Agenda item 20: Pay and Display Carpark**

**Statement submitted by: Colin and Brenda Pett**

The proposal to introduce meningitis car park is totally unreasonable. It severs the medical centre and pharmacy plus three local churches as well as the retail shops in the village. The only other place to park in the village is in Westbury Court Road and is limited in space one subject to a two hour limit. This is insufficient for the village needs.

The matter needs further thought by the Council and then agreed to be abandoned.

**Statement: PS20.37**

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**Re: Agenda item : Pay and Display Car parks**

**Statement submitted by: Edna Ashton**

It seems unfair to make patients registered with the GP surgery on this carpark pay for parking whilst seeing their GP or having any other medical service. I fear it will also make some people think twice about doing their shopping in WoT which will have an adverse effect on the sales in local shops.

If you do introduce parking charges then please consider making the first hour free.

**Statement: PS20.38**

**Cabinet – 24 January 2023**

**Re: Agenda item 20 : Pay and Display Car Parks**

**Statement submitted by: Ella Davies**

Good afternoon

I'm writing to comment on the proposed plans to sell low use car parks and introduce fees for current high use car parks which will be discussed at this coming week's meeting.

I'm copying in my local councillor, Cllr Henry Michallat and also Cllr Don Alexander as Cabinet Lead for transport.

My comments are regarding the 3 car parks I know and have used but include general points also be considered for the other car parks where charges are planned to be introduced.

**Ridingleaze car park, Lawrence Weston. Proposal to sell off car park due to underuse.**

I have used this car park a few times and would say one factor of it's underuse is the poor signage - it took me 4 years of visiting the shops on Ridingleaze to realise it was there and if I couldn't find a space on the road in front of Co-Op before I knew it was there I'd just drive off, as I hadn't realised this car park existed! Once I did find it, the experience was poor with bad car park surface and a general feeling of unease in using it.

I agree that maybe the whole of this car park isn't needed and could be put to a different use but please could you consult widely with the local residents before just selling it off. A well designed regeneration scheme working with Ambition Lawrence Weston could see a few houses built at the back, alongside a communal garden in the middle - maybe linking with some of the overgrown, under used gardens from the flats above the shops to transform this neglected space. It is also important to ensure any footways which people use to get to the shops are incorporated into the scheme and potentially some parking for the shops. It would be awful if in a few years time more parking is needed because the high street has improved a bit more and this car park had gone completely.

While there is a Lidl car park nearby - it is often very busy at peak times and having no parking puts other shops at a disadvantage over other areas - please consider retaining a small section of public parking with short use bays for shoppers and store workers who may need parking (to free up onstreet for visitors).

**Waverley Road Car Park, Shirehampton - proposal to introduce £1 an hour charges, 7 days a week - OBJECTION**

If any high street had a case for free parking it would be Shirehampton. The high street needs supporting and I fear this high hourly rate charge will see people choose to go elsewhere and speed up the decline of this shopping street further, which was hit badly by the pandemic and loss of some larger shops. On-street parking isn't often available on surrounding streets because the area is busy and the surrounding homes don't have front gardens and driveways. I want to support the local shops here but these charges would make me think twice as there aren't enough unique shops to justify £1 or £2 per visit.

I have never experienced an issue finding a spot in this car park.

It can be busy, especially on the weekly Health Visitors day at the Doctors Surgery. Parents travel a long way to attend the weekly session covering babies in the North West Bristol area.

Adding a high parking charge would be stressful and put a barrier for people from outside the area going from the doctors to the high street to then use the shops and cafes and contribute to the local economy. I got to know Shirehampton well because of attending those weekly sessions and then going on to other things in the area or going for a walk to settle the baby before travelling home. The Waverley Road Car park acts as an overflow for the Doctors Surgery car park which is very small. It is important there aren't barriers in place to people accessing healthcare. The surgery has patients from a wide area who may not be able to access public transport for appointments. Even if 30 minutes free is offered this may not be enough time if your appointment is delayed or if you need to then visit the pharmacy as well. This car park is also used by those attending the local churches - having these parking charges set for 7 days a week seems harsh for the Christian community wishing to attend Sunday services. Please reconsider charging on Sundays. I strongly object to parking charges in this Shirehampton car park - this high street and area needs support, not additional hurdles to people visiting and using the facilities. This will affect those living in Sea Mills who have an unreliable bus service to Shirehampton at the moment.

### **Westbury Hill car park, Westbury - proposal to introduce £1 an hour charges, 7 days a week - OBJECTION**

While this car park is very busy, it does have a high turnover. While a charge could be justified I find the £1 per hour too steep. I visit regularly to go to small independent food shops and to visit the bank - there have been so many bank closures in the area that Westbury has some of the only branches of some banks for miles and while I do online banking, there are some things you still have to go to a branch for.

At the point of parking I'm often unsure of the exact length of time of my visit - I may be quick or I may pop into a few shops and browse if I'm in the mood. Having to decide how long I will be at the start of my visit restricts that and reduces the joy of shopping in Westbury - e.g. bumping into friends and chatting. Now I'll be clock watching 'Sorry elderly acquaintance, nice to see you but I have to dash...'

This specific car park is the main one for the doctors surgery and parking charges add to a stress there - even if there was a free 30 minutes you may be delayed or need another service too that day. The car park is used by Christians attending the Parish Church and Methodist Church, both right next door so having charges 7 days a week seems very unfair to those of faith. Please consider free parking on Sundays or a reduced rate at least!

If this car park has an issue with commuters parking for long periods of time then a 3 hour maximum or nominal parking charge, less than £1 an hour could be introduced but I can't support £1 an hour with no free period at the start as it will just send people to shop at Cribbs Causeway or other areas where free parking is offered.

### **General points regarding introduction of parking charges at suburban car parks:**

While charging for parking seems inevitable in Bristol the steep £1 an hour charge is too high for suburban high streets. It is a rate for busy town centres or tourist areas and does nothing to support the local economy and everything to send people to Cribbs and other towns on the outer ring road. I recently visited Keynsham and paid 60p for up to 2 hours. I was happy to pay to park in a nice big, half empty car park, right next to the high street and happily pottered into a variety of lovely shops and cafe at a leisurely speed. There is nothing worse than having to rush back because your parking is about to expire, having underestimated your shopping trip length!

Please consider a similar low charge for these car parks in the Bristol suburbs as that is much more likely to support the local economy and help keep turnover of spaces. £1 an hour to begin with is too high.

My friend recounted a story of visiting a Wiltshire town he was familiar with but hadn't visited a while - all the streets were busy with parked cars and stressed motorists but the town car

park empty because they'd introduced a 60p for all day parking charge - humans who drive cars will go out of their way to avoid parking charges - if you really must introduce a charge please consider a smaller per-hour rate.

Some people have asked for a 30 minute free timeslot. While this would be good I often find this system stressful at on-street meters as it isn't obvious if you gain 1 hour 30 minutes if you pay for 1 hour parking or not. If you do have a 30 mins free please ensure this is added onto tickets purchased for a longer time too so everyone is able to benefit from this. One issue with this is this time isn't often added to your ticket so you have to rush back to pay another if your shopping trip was longer than you expected or your doctors appointment was delayed. Having such a short time for free stops being just nipping into another shop to browse and thus again isn't of benefit to a high street economy.

The report states that *These car parks are located outside of central areas, serving local communities with free car parking in close proximity to local shops and amenities.* If charges are needed then they need to be lower than the city centre and more in line with other outside central areas and realising that people are using them for their weekly food shopping - supporting local independent food shops. We need to ensure people are not put off visiting these shops as charges will just send people to Waitrose/Tesco instead. I estimate that my average visit length to Westbury is about 1 and half hours, paying £2 for that may make me question going there or reduce the number of shops I visit, thus harming the local economy. The bus would be £4 return so I'm unlikely to use that as an alternative and it is too far for me to cycle comfortably with young children. It seems unfair to charge on Sundays - these car parks serve local communities and commuters would not be using them on Sundays so it seems unjustifiable to treat these local car parks in the same light as city centre car parks. Please consider having a parking policy which is different for the city centre and the suburbs.

With kind regards

**Statement: PS20.39**

**Cabinet – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Re: Agenda item 20 - : Pay and Display Car parks**

**Statement submitted by: Georgie Mountjoy**

Dear sir or madam,

I am writing to vehemently oppose the proposed parking charges to Westbury-on-Trym Village Car Park. I am the Family Worker at Holy Trinity Church and the car park is widely used for community events, such as our community Parent and Toddler Group, *Toddlers Together*, held immediately next door to the car park at Westbury-on-Trym Methodist Church. We opened this group as all of the baby/toddler groups supporting new parents in the area had closed down post-covid and families/children were missing out hugely on interacting with their peers. Our group, which gets an average attendance of around 25 families a week, has proved a vital resource for parents/carers/grandparents/children. Most of the families who attend the group park for free in this car park. Many might not be able to attend if charges are imposed due to financial reasons or time limitations or they simply cannot carry all of the paraphernalia needed with young children if they have to park a significant distance away to obtain free parking. Many volunteers also park in the car park, resulting in them not being able to help anymore. The car park is also used for other events at both churches - Warm in Westbury (free lunches for those struggling with heating costs/lack of social interaction), Ukrainian welcome hubs, Environment awareness days, church baptisms, Westbury Community Fair - so much good, local work that depends on FREE parking in the area to enable every community member to attend for as long as they need to - rich or poor. introducing parking charges will also ensure that local residents are unable to park on their own roads - an ever-increasing problem - and local businesses, just overcoming the detrimental impact of covid with the lack of footfall this brought, will inevitably suffer hugely as a result. And how can ill people access the doctors surgery with no free parking near it? Please reconsider this proposal, which will have a huge, detrimental impact on the village. Please focus on proposals that will actually help our village, such as putting in speed bumps on Chock Lane, where cars speed down next to school children walking home, and DO NOT proceed with these charges or, at the very least, provide an initial period of free parking to enable people to visit shops or attend community groups without being financially penalised.

Yours faithfully,

Georgie Mountjoy

**Statement: PS20.40**

**Cabinet – 24 January 2023**

**Re: Agenda item 20 : Pay and Display Car Parks**

**Statement submitted by: Gill Brooks**

I live in Brentry, and this car park is outside the pharmacy and GP surgery that I use. I understand the need for raising revenue however you can, because of reduced central funding, and growing demand, but find the concept of paying to park for any brief time a step too far.

My mobility has changed, even walking from the Co-Op car park or bus stop can be a challenge some days. I still don't fit blue badge category, which I understand allows free parking. This means I need to use my car for access.

Please consider including a brief free period, as exists in some RPZs, or an exemption process, for those going for appointments, collecting prescriptions ,or church , in the spirit of equality and inclusion.



**Statement: PS20.41**

**Cabinet – 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023**

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

**Statement submitted by: Hazel Sparkes**

To whom it may concern,

I note that there are plans to introduce car parking charges at Westbury Hill Car Park in Westbury on Trym. While I live about a mile away and walk to the village, I would like to object to this as I believe that this will be detrimental to the businesses in the village as it will probably reduce their trade, which in the longer term will lead to the decline of what is currently a nice little shopping area. The village is within walking distance for many and saves many longer journey's in cars to bigger shopping areas. I also believe it will negatively affect people visiting the surgery there and increase parking in the roads around making it more difficult for resident. I hope that the plans to introduce charges in this car park will be reconsidered as your meeting.

Thanks very much for recording my objection.

Best wishes,  
Hazel Sparkes.

**Statement: PS20.42**

**Cabinet – 24 January 2023**

**Re: Agenda item 20: Pay and Display Car Parks**

**Statement submitted by: Helen Stockford**

Hello

I've heard you are planning to bring in parking charges in the car park near the Doctors surgery.

I am very unhappy about this and would like to know why?

Thanks

**Statement: PS20.43**

**Cabinet – 24 January 2023**

**Re: Agenda item : Pay and Display Parking**

**Statement submitted by: Jayne MacLeod**

Dear sirs,

I am objecting for charges to be made at free car parks, around Bristol.

This will result in traders losing trade.

People are struggling with bills already, this is making life harder for everyone.

I am aware you are to be discussing Shirehampton, Henbury, Lawrence Weston, and Westbury on trym.

I for one, will not go to these shop's if I have to start to pay to park.

This is outrageous.

Especially the car park in Westbury on trym, it has. Doctor surgery there, it's APPALLING.

Please re consider, people will be up in arms.

RIP traders.

## **Statement: PS20.44**

**Cabinet – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Re: Agenda item 20 - : Introduction of Pay and Display Parking**

**Statement submitted by: Jill Kempshall**

Cabinet Meeting 24th January Budget Item New Car Parking Charges  
Statement Regarding Negative Impact on Westbury on Trym

I am an elderly resident of Westbury on Trym (WoT). While some of the points below relate to other areas of Bristol I only have specific knowledge of this area. I am in favour of encouraging walking and cycling for the fit.

I urge the Cabinet to consider the following points regarding the proposal to introduce parking charges in WoT, however “low level” at the onset.

1. There has been a lack of consultation with businesses or organisations and charities using local premises or with local residents
2. The proposal may well be counterproductive if the cost of installation and administration of parking charges is outweighed by the loss and failure of businesses in an already fragile local economy. Several independent shops are either struggling or have closed recently.
3. Charges will discriminate against the elderly or those who rely on their own transport. This is recognised in the Equalities Assessment. Public transport into WoT is currently totally unreliable on all routes. Access to and from the centre is via steep hills on all sides except one (Westbury Hill, Waters Lane, Chock Lane, Falcondale Rd, Passage Rd, Henbury Hill) making shopping on foot or by bike impossible for many, including me.
4. Charges will add to the cost of “paid for” activities in the village hall (no nearby bus stop), and nearby churches (youth activities, fitness classes for elderly etc.) They may also erode the current level of volunteering in local premises (with the elderly, refugees, the library etc).
5. The proposal is contrary to the Local Plan Review aim of supporting and revitalising town centres like WoT.
6. It will add to the parking problems experienced by residents living close to the centre of WoT. Parking turnover rate in the car park does not currently appear to be a major problem.
7. If it is intended to introduce free parking for the first half an hour, this is not sufficient, given the time it currently takes to be served in some of the banks plus one other shop or the Post Office at the other end of the shopping centre. Evenings and Sundays must be free.

8. Electric vehicle charging points will need installing in numbers.

Jill Kempshall 23.1.23

## **Statement: PS20.45**

**Cabinet – 24 January 2023**

**Re: Agenda item 20 : Pay and Display Car parks**

**Statement submitted by: Karen Self**

I would like to make the following statement:-

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On agenda item ' Introduction of Pay and Display Parking in District Car Parks '

I wish to raise a few issues about the proposal to introduce car parking specific to the Westbury-on-Trym car park:-

1. Westbury Hill serves as the car park for the doctor's surgery, and the various medical clinics at the back of it. It is already hard to get a doctor's appointment; now the council proposes to add further discouragement.
2. It serves as the car park for the pharmacy, located next to the surgery. Many people using the pharmacy have mobility restrictions. They are not all eligible for a blue badge, as their restrictions sometimes fall outside the blue badge criteria
3. The car park serves worshippers at the adjacent Church. The Church does not have any separate parking facility. Therefore your EIA needs to include religion in this instance
4. The council's stated aim (according to the Bristol Evening Post) : to charge commuters who park there all day, is irrelevant in this case, as there is a 3 hour limit in parking in Westbury Hill.
5. Parking charges will mean fewer shoppers in what is, at present, a tolerably healthy group of independent businesses: an ironmonger's a shutters business, a kitchen design shop, two hairdressers, to name but some. Like it or not, W-o-T has a high car ownership and many people travel to the village by such transport to go to the businesses mentioned. I should also point out, that electric and hybrid car ownership is high in this area, based on my own observations.
6. A parking permit of £280 per year works out at approximately £1 per working day. When combined with the recently lowered bus fares introduced by Labour's metro mayor Dan Norris, this works out a good option for commuters who want to use it as a P&R into the city, particularly those who live in Chepstow and travel to Bristol centre for work.

To conclude:-

The proposal is discriminatory against people with disabilities and churchgoers, who are not able to find street parking for free elsewhere, and walk the distance to the surgery/pharmacy/church/shops. It may have a detrimental impact on local businesses already suffering due to this Tory induced cost of living crisis.

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I am travelling back from Derby on the day, if I make it in time I will be there to support the statement (and my question, which is to Cllr Don Alexander).



**Statement: PS20.46**

**Cabinet – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Re: Agenda item 20 - : Pay and Display Parking**

**Statement submitted by: Mrs Bavin**

I write to oppose the possible parking charge for Westbury on trym car park..if it is inevitable..which I sincerely hope not..then first 2 hours free..then a pound thereafter...I use the church and health centre and bring revenue to the much needed shops and cafes in the village

Yours

Mrs bavin



**Statement: PS20.47**

**Cabinet – 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023**

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

**Statement submitted by: Neil Mathews**

I am emailing to protest the hasty proposal to charge in Westbury Hill car park. The car park is a vital facility to attend GP appointments and pick up prescriptions from the chemist next to the health centre. The car park is also used extensively to attend church services at Westbury Parish Church.

Please reconsider, or at least allow free GP / church parking.

Best regards,  
Dr Neil Matthews

**Statement: PS20.48**

**Cabinet – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Re: Agenda item 20 - : Pay and Display Parking**

**Statement submitted by: Sue Barrass**

Good Morning,

It has come to my attention that Bristol Council is contemplating charging for car parking in the Westbury- on Trym Car Park by the Methodist Church Hall. I am most concerned as I am a long serving Producer of the Westbury on Trym Country Market, not living in Westbury, so consequently use the Car Park for a few hours, therefore it would cost me dear to park there every week,in future.

The Country Market is well supported by local customers and provides home grown, home baked and home produced items for sale, which may cause the Market to close due to insufficient Producers able to attend the Market due to excessive car parking charges.

I feel that charging high prices for car parking and a MINIMAL season ticket charge, will force local shoppers to abandon local shopping, which every shopping centre is striving for.

Sue Barrass

**Statement: PS20.49**

**Cabinet – 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023**

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

**Statement submitted by: Sue Queree**

I object strongly and I am 100% against the introduction of car parking charges at Westbury Hill Car Park or, indeed any other car park being considered at the meeting on 24 January.

The Westbury-on-Trym community should not be charged a fee to use the car park serving the GP surgery.

Thirty Minutes Free Parking would NOT be sufficient time for residents and patients seeking treatments and consultations by the medical staff at the surgery.

I urge you to throw out this proposal.

S.Queree  
Stoke Lane

**Statement: PS20.50**

**Cabinet – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Re: Agenda item 20 - : Pay and Display Parking**

**Statement submitted by: Dr Tony Hoare**

**Bristol City Council Cabinet Meeting: 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**

**Agenda Item 20: Introduction of Pay and Display Parking in District Car Parks**

**Re: Proposal to charge for car parking in Westbury Hill, Westbury-on-Trym**

This submission is from a ‘Transport and Place-making’ group of local residents, who are also members of several key stakeholder groups in Westbury-on-Trym affected by this proposal. Our specific local remit is to explore existing and future transport issues affecting the Westbury, and their links to its character, vitality, sustainability and attractiveness. We have pursued this in a number of ways, including carrying out detailed surveys of parking in the Westbury Hill car park and elsewhere.

We support the Council’s general strategic aims to promote Bristol as a ‘*sustainable city*’, embracing ‘*vibrant local neighbourhoods*’, but are concerned that the proposal as it stands would have the opposite effect on Westbury-on-Trym. Our response to the current charging proposal for the Westbury Hill car park is based on ensuring the future sustainability of the Village and is summarised below, followed by our reasoning.

- ***Most importantly, the Westbury-on-Trym car park should be retained as a short stay car park.***
- ***Long stay places should not be sold.***
- ***The first hour should be free***
- ***If charges are approved, an hourly rate of £1 is not unreasonable, with the exception of this first hour.***
- ***If pay machines are to be used they should include cash and card options for those without mobile phone access to parking apps.***

**A short stay car park**

The Westbury Hill car park is central to many of the Village’s key amenities, serving shoppers and users of the wide range of its other services and community activities, particularly patients visiting the adjacent premises of the Primary Care Centre (PCC), those taking part in the very many activities at the Methodist church, and at the Village Hall at the top of Waters Lane. These include children’s classes, scouts and guides, a toddler group, meetings for vulnerable adults and several more. Westbury

Hill is also the main parking site serving the weekday social activities and Sunday services at Holy Trinity, the nearby Parish Church, which also lacks any sizeable car park of its own.

Parents, carers or others use the car park as a safe space to stop briefly and take children and others to activities in these venues, and to collect them later. It also offers a safe place for parents to park for a short time and walk with children to the local Primary School (Westbury Academy), so avoiding adding to the parking congestion at its entrance on Channels Hill.

In consequence, the car park is very well used, and is often full in the middle of the day. Our surveys have shown that almost all vehicles are just there for a short time. The Council's data accompanying the proposal report only occupancy rates based on raw counts at different times, saying nothing about the turnover rates behind them. In contrast, our group's parking survey for the Westbury Hill car park, mid-week in January 2022, recorded numberplates of cars by specific parking space at 20-minute intervals between 10.00 and 12.50. Of the total of 95 spaces, only six had the same occupant for the whole survey period, and on average each space had a 37% chance of a change of occupant 20 minutes later.

In its wider context, Westbury is identified as a 2<sup>nd</sup> tier centre in the Bristol Local Plan, and rightly so. It serves a wide catchment area in NW Bristol needing not just local shopping but also banks, legal and other services described earlier. A substantial part of the catchment is not readily accessible by public transport and a substantial part of its population is not sufficiently mobile to be able to walk, scoot or cycle into Westbury. Those who can't drive also need to be dropped off in the Village. So access by car for short visits is much valued. Significantly, the proportion of the local ward population aged 65 or over is almost twice the city-wide average (<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/files/documents/1992-westbury-on-trym-and-henleaze-ward-profile-report/file>).

It is obviously important for local businesses and services that customers can access them. Without this the centre of Westbury will decline further, and people will travel further to find the goods and services they need, many to alternatives with ample free parking, as at Cribbs. This generation of additional road transport is not a sustainable option, and runs counter to the Council's own declared policy to move towards net zero carbon.

So the opportunity to visit for comparatively short periods by those who are not able to travel by modes other than the car is essential to enable the Village to function as a local centre.

### *The charging regime*

For the reasons stated above we recommend the abandonment of any plan to sell annual permits. This would effectively block-book several spaces. They would also be vulnerable to 'copy and share' abuse, once purchased. Furthermore, a mixture of permit and 'pay on the day' parking would likely reduce overall revenue to the Council compared to the exclusive use of spaces by short-term parkers. If each space not allocated to a permit-holder is otherwise occupied for as little as one hour each day this is a financial gain for the Council. Its figures as provided in the proposal show occupancy is already high (the highest of the ten sites under review

by some way), so there's little spare capacity, and more permits must mean fewer short-term parkers and less revenue.

We regret any imposition of parking charges at the Westbury Hill site and note that over all the sites identified the proposal will not make a significant contribution to the Council's budget. However, if charges are approved the proposed £1 per hour seems reasonable and might encourage more who can find alternative ways to access the Village to do so. However, as we have noted, there are many for whom this is not an option. An initial free period would greatly benefit them, including patients to the PCC, those transporting the less mobile, those bringing children and others into the Village, and thus supporting continued high footfall and turnover for local services.

The Council's proposal targets *'discouraging all day parking, maximising the use of space and ensuring effective turnover of spaces to support the local economy'*. The Westbury Hill site does this now. Many different short-term needs are already successfully met, and large numbers can visit the Village each working day by car for a variety of purposes. On that criterion alone, the further 'stick' of charging is not needed.

Whilst understanding the Council's wish to raise revenue from its car parks, and the particular appeal of the Westbury Hill site in its calculations, our group feels strongly that any charging regime needs also to maintain its value to local residents and businesses as a provider solely of short-term parking, with an appropriate free period to serve many of the current uses we have outlined.

And finally, would it be possible to install electric car charging points within the car park as a further way to support Bristol's sustainability agenda?

*The Westbury-on-Trym 'Transport and Place-making' group*

*23rd January, 2023*

**Statement: PS20.51**

**Cabinet – 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023**

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

**Statement submitted by: Jenny Whitfield**

Dear Sirs,

It is unbelievable that during these difficult times for local businesses to thrive, that you have chosen to charge for car parking during the weekdays and on Sundays at all the present free car parks.

This is more than likely due to the mismanagement and wastage of funds by the present City Council. For instance, earlier last year, the present Mayor decided to fly some distance abroad for a meeting, which he could have participated in via Zoom, saving money belonging to the Council.

This is a very unwelcome decision, affecting those older members of society in particular, who will have to pay for medical appointments and other essential needs.

I beg you to rethink making these charges.

Yours faithfully,

Jenny Whitfield (Mrs)

**Statement: CS20.52**

**Cabinet – 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023**

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

**Statement submitted by: Sylvia Vooght**

I understand you plan to charge for parking at Westbury on Trym car park.

The availability of free car parking saves trailing down one street after another looking for a space, costing fuel, pollution and time. Charging there will be counter productive; at least let the first hour be free.

Think of Westbury as the nearest place with a variety of shops, pharmacies, post office, banks, GPs, to which surrounding village and suburban residents drop in. It's like Thornbury but in some ways better supplied. Small businesses need every encouragement to thrive and provide an alternative to eg The Mall, Cribbs Causeway. Free Parking!

Sylvia Vooght



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

**Statement submitted by: Luwi Henderson**

To whom it may concern.

I have just heard about Bristol city council's plans to

£1/hour to park in the carpark next to the doctor's surgery in Westbury on Trym Village.

Charging will have a detrimental effect on businesses where parking availability is already a problem, particularly as you have reduced available spaces immediately outside the shops by something like 7/8 parking spaces by extending the double yellow lines there.

The side streets around the village high street and village hall are already overflowing with parked vehicles so that residents who do not have driveways have to park far from their homes. Your plans will only make that worse

That aside, at this time where we are suffering with the cost of living crisis it is insensitive to think this is the time to capitalise on parking charges.

I'm appalled by these proposals and must state that I do not support your motion at all.

If you must press on, then at least allow 2 hours free before your charge applies. But even that is not ideal. If people are to take their time looking at the shops and spending money there it's beneficial for Bristol's economy!

Yours sincerely,  
Luwi Henderson