



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 November 2015

Subject Heading:

**Proposal to Introduce Parking Charges
In Council Owned Parks and Open
Spaces – Comments to Advertised
Proposals**

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Policy context:

Culture and Leisure

Financial summary:

Implementation cost £215,000. Cost will
be met by the Parks and Open Spaces
Capital Budget 2015/16.

**The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council
Objectives**

Havering will be clean and its environment will be cared for	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
People will be safe, in their homes and in the community	<input type="checkbox"/>
Residents will be proud to live in Havering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SUMMARY

This report outlines the responses received to the public advertisement of the proposals to introduce parking charges in the parks car parks listed in Appendix 1.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee having considered the information set out in this report and the representations made, recommends to the Cabinet Member for Environment that the proposals to introduce the following parking charges:

- 20p for three hours and 50p for 5 hours proposed (Mon-Fri 8am-6:30pm);
- Maximum stay to be 5 hours;
- Free Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays;
- Free parking for Blue Badge Holders for up to 5 hours;

in the Parks car parks, as set out in Appendix 1, be implemented as advertised and the effects be monitored.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 At its meeting on 4 February 2015 Cabinet approved that the Leader in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Environment, would consider whether any parks and open spaces should be exempt from the car parking charges on the grounds laid out in the report and whether any alternative charges might apply to certain organisations which currently had significant use of a car park in a park or open space.
- 1.2 An Executive Key Decisions report signed off in May 2015 by the Leader of the Council, which excluded parks car parks with 20 vehicle spaces or less. If car parks are increased in size to hold 20 or more vehicles, charges will be brought in at that point in time.
- 1.3 It was decided that a proposal be put forward to introduce charging in a total number of 20 car park locations within council owned car parks. Charges in existing car parks in parks would be brought in to line with the new proposals.
- 1.3 The proposals were subsequently publicly advertised from the 2nd of October until the 23rd of October 2015 for a statutory 21 day period. Notices were placed on site and stakeholders, including statutory consultees were notified.
- 1.4 The Notice dated 2 October 2015 displayed in the relevant car parks, is attached as appendix 4.

2.0 Response Analysis

- 2.1 At the close of consultation 47 number of public responses were received of which 39 individuals did not support the scheme. 8 enquiries were received which either supported the scheme or had other questions. One petition with 26 names opposing the scheme at the Dell was received. This report outlines the responses received to the public advertisement of the proposals, which are

summarised in Appendix 2 to this report and recommends possible further courses of action. Comments are set out in Appendix 2.

- 2.2 The majority of the respondents to the survey felt the charging would deter people from using the parks facilities. However, as the parking charges being proposed are low, from 20p for 3 hours parking, free parking at the weekends and also free parking for disabled badge holders it is felt that the charging will not deter genuine users of the parks car parks.
- 2.3 Questions were raised about potential displacement to surrounding streets or access roads to the car parks. Due to the low charge it is deemed that displacement will be minimal. The majority of parks visitors are over the weekend when there is no charge for parking, there will be little change to the current parking situation. Displacement to access roads such as in Bedfords Park will be managed by implementing clearway restrictions and the issuing of Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) to offending vehicles.
- 2.4 A large number of respondents objected to the introduction of charges at the Dell car park, which is mainly used by the users of St Andrews Church. Their concerns were for users of the Church's facilities during the week which include the elderly, young mothers and families, funeral and wedding attendees. They also raised the issue of the upkeep of the car park which currently is carried out by the church.
- 2.5 The introduction of charges across the borough parks car parks does not seek to penalise any particular group. It is deemed that the low charges will not deter users of the Church's facilities. Income received from the machines will be invested back in to the parks and open spaces.
- 2.6 Issues have been raised about the condition of some car parks, i.e. The Dell and Upminster Hall, which some residents and members feel are not up to a good standard to be charged on, i.e. the surface is potholed and the area badly lit. It is not a requirement that car parks adhere to a particular standard to then allow charging. Previously due to budget cuts there has been reduced maintenance in the car parks, but with the introduction of charges parks may be able to carry out maintenance of its parks and car parks.
- 2.7 An issue was raised with regards to the capacity of the car parks. It was stated that on busy days there is a lack of space in some locations. Where possible due to the surface of the car park, bays will be marked out. This will have the effect of organising the parking, and as an effect increase the number of parking spaces available.
- 2.8 A number of responders asked if exclusions would apply to volunteers using the parks car parks. No provision is being provided for volunteers as part of this scheme. However, the visitors centre at Bedfords Park does have its own parking facility which will not be chargeable.
- 2.9 Questions have been asked as to what provisions are being provided for disabled residents. Disabled badge holders are allowed to park for free for up to 5 hours when displaying their blue badge and clock. They can park in any disabled bay, where marked, and if these are unavailable any vacant bay may be used to park.
- 2.10 It has been asked if there will be the option of purchasing season tickets. There will be no option to purchase season tickets other than at King Georges Playing

3.0 Proposed Scheme

3.1 Introduction of parking charges to the parks listed in Appendix 1 is as below:

- 20p for three hours and 50p for 5 hours proposed (Mon-Fri 8am-6:30pm);
- Maximum stay to be 5 hours;
- Free Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays.
- Free parking for Blue Badge Holders for up to 5 hours

3.2 Disabled badge holders will be able to park for free for up to 5 hours in any marked disabled bay, if these are unavailable then any bay may be used when displaying the blue badge and clock.

4.0 Staff Comments

4.1 The Head of Culture and leisure Services and the Parks and Open Spaces Manager have considered all of the comments that have been received (as set out in Appendix 2) and have taken note of the various objections that have been made.

4.2 Having considered all of the comments received, it is the view of Council officers that the original proposals put forward remain the most cost effective method of generating income to bring up the standard of the parks. Officers believe that in some car parks the introduction of car parking charges will free up space for “genuine” park users and that the relatively low cost of parking will not put off such users from parking and subsequently visiting the park. Should users not wish to pay the parking charges they can visit the park at weekends or evenings (after 6.30pm) when the charges do not apply.

4.3 Free parking will be available for Disabled Badge Holders up to 5 hours who can park in any bay should designated disabled bays not be available as long as they display their badge and clock.

5.0 Recommended Action

5.1 The proposals to implement car parking charges, as set out in the notice included in Appendix 3, are implemented as advertised with the following car parks removed as per the Executive Decision report dated 15 May 2015: Cranham Brickfields, Dagnam Park, Parklands, Hacton Parkway and Playsite, Hylands Park, Hornchurch Country Park (South End Road). Westlands Playing field is to be excluded as it has been agreed that the adjacent St Edwards School use the car park for staff parking for an agreed licence fee. Tylers Common is to be excluded as this is common land and will require special permission to implement charges. The effects of implementation are monitored.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

The MTFs savings for the Parks Service are £100k in 2015/16. This is made up of £50k from car parking income and £50k of efficiencies that have been identified. A further £200k of savings is required in 2016/17, which is due to come from car parking income. The total income relating to car parking charges was originally projected to be £250,000 by year 2, linked to the setting of fair parking charges in some parks and open spaces, to discourage commuters and to generate income to help maintain the parks.

The estimated one off cost of introducing the parking charges as set out in this report is £215,000. This cost will be met through funds identified in the Parks and Open Spaces Capital budget 2015/16.

It is envisaged that £26k of income will be generated in 2015/16, which is lower than envisaged due to the time it has taken to secure the necessary approvals. The shortfall of £24k in 2015/16 is being contained within the Parks and Open Spaces budget. At this stage it is anticipated £103k will be generated from car parking income in 2016/17, representing an under achievement of £147k against the total MTFs saving in year 2 of £250k. This projected under achievement of income is linked to the amendment of the proposed car parking charges in the light of the Consultation period that took place prior to final decisions on the charges being made. Officers are currently looking at how this income shortfall can be managed, in the context of the Council's wider car parking strategies, ahead of the 2016/17 financial year. An SLA is being drafted between Culture and Leisure and Parking and Traffic Control which will detail the cost of collecting the cash. This is to be charged back to Culture and Leisure.

Legal implications and risks:

Parking proposals have been advertised and a public consultation has taken place for the statutory 21 days between 2nd of October to 23rd October 2015.

Human Resources implications and risks:

The proposals contained in this report will result in existing StreetCare staff taking on some additional responsibilities in terms of collecting cash from the parks car parks. This will therefore be contained within existing resources, although Culture and Leisure will be required to cover StreetCare costs in relation to this matter. An SLA is being drafted between Culture and Leisure and Parking and Traffic Control which will detail the costs to be charged back to Culture and Leisure.

Equalities implications and risks:

Disabled Badge Holders are permitted to park for free up to 5 hours when displaying their disabled badge and clock. Disabled Badge Holders can park in any disabled bay, if these are occupied or otherwise unavailable, then any other bay can be used.

The organisation recognises the proposal will have a disproportionate impact across some protected characteristics –where possible parking advice in relation to disabled badge holders who should be exempt from these charges will be clearly displayed.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Cabinet report 21 January 2015 – not attached

Cabinet report 04 February 2015 – not attached

Executive Decision Report 15 May 2015 – not attached

Appendix 1 – List of locations

Appendix 2 – Consultation responses

Appendix 3 – Notice of Proposals

Appendix 4 – Consultation letter/email

Appendix 1 – List of Parks where charging is being considered

Bedfords Park (Main Car Park adjacent to Visitor Centre)	Gidea Park Bowls	Haynes Park (Slewins Lane)
Bretons Outdoor Recreation Centre (main)	Gidea Park Sports Ground (adjacent to the Depot)	Hornchurch Country Park (Squadron Approach)
Bretons Outdoor Recreation Centre (overflow)	Harold Wood Park (Harold View)	Hylands Park
Brittons (Ford Lane)	Harold Wood Park (Recreation Avenue)	King Georges Playing Field
Brittons (Rainham Rd)	Harrow Lodge Park (adjacent to the Depot)	Rise Park
Broxhill Centre	Harrow Lodge Park (Rainham Road)	Upminster Hall Playing Field
Central Park	Harrow Lodge Park (Warren Drive)	
The Dell	Haynes Park (Northumberland Avenue)	

Appendix 2 - Consultation response table

No.	Response	Reply
1	<p>My observation would be that parking charges would be more beneficial at the weekends rather than during the week.</p> <p>Week days visitors are the elderly, regular dog walkers and parents with small children. Whilst the charge is only small this penalises the most beneficial people of our community.</p> <p>During the weekends the parks are not only rammed with families but also teams of sports players (I would suggest you visit Harold Wood) at a weekend where even with the new additional car park it is impossible to park.</p> <p>Also within my business I visit sometimes the same park several park over an 8 hour period several times. If there is a max of 5 hours will this also have a no return clause.</p> <p>In other counties it is possible to buy a yearly parking permit is this also going to be an option in Havering parks.</p> <p>Finally many of the Havering Parks are quite secluded how are the council going to monitor the parking meters of possibly vandalism and theft, surely the cost of introducing and installing the meters and the up keep of them will never be covered by the small cost of a ticket.</p> <p>Unless the long term plan is to increase charges soon after their instillation.</p>	<p>With regards to your comments about the times for charging in car parks. The decision was taken by Cabinet not to charge on weekends or evenings, this gives the option for people to use the parks facilities and not have to pay for parking on the weekends should they wish to do so.</p> <p>With regards to your comment about the no return, there are currently no restrictions for a no return, therefore you will be able to return and park at the same car park several times a day should you wish to do so.</p> <p>Councillors and Officers are also considering the risks of vandalism and theft from machines and it has been decided that car parks with spaces for less than 20 vehicles will not be included in the scheme.</p> <p>Your comments have been logged and will form part of a report to be presented before the Highways Advisory Committee.</p>
2	<p>Parking charges in the manor Harold hill. This idea is so wrong in so many ways. There are a maximum of 10 unmarked spaces in the car park so very little revenue to be made. The car park is badly maintained with pot holes and a single track path as an entrance. It is not big enough to cope with the fishermen, footballers and their supporters, dog walkers and deer spotters. If charges are enforced people will park out in the road for free at settle road causing more congestion at the school gates of drapers and pyrgo and dycorts schools. The machines will attract vandals and thieves to the area.</p>	<p>I am unsure of which Park your email refers to. However, since your email I have been advised that the Council has decided that they are not going to propose charging in any car park which has spaces for 20 vehicles or less. The excluded parks are:</p> <p>Cranham Brickfields, Dagnam Park, Parklands, Hacton Parkway and Playsite, Hylands Park, Hornchurch Country Park (South End Road),</p> <p>The following are also being excluded from the proposed charges: Westlands Playing field, Tylers Common</p>
3	<p>Can you please confirm that parking for blue badge holders will be free in the event that charging is implemented, as we have no choice other than to use our cars.</p>	<p>Thank you for your email sent today. In response to your enquiry below I can confirm that blue badge holders will be able to park in disabled bays for a maximum of 5 hours. If no disabled bays are available, then blue badge holders can park in any bay as long as the blue badge clock and badge are displayed for a maximum of 5 hours.</p>

4	<p>I just discovered that the council is proposing to charge for parking in Hylands Park. This has raised a number of concerns for the area with regards to the knock on effect to increased parking in Osborne Road.</p> <p>There is already a culture of parking in the road and then getting on a bus.</p> <p>The 193 buses stop at the park entrance and opposite very regularly so causing a hazard to pedestrians crossing the road.</p> <p>Since the increase in size of Francis Bardsley School the number of parents dropping off and picking up their children has increased.</p> <p>Also the traffic has dramatically increased and will become more when the new increase in size of Towers School has been completed.</p> <p>There are occasions when motorists park across driveways when they can't get parked. As the road has speed bumps (ie three across the road) many motorists will drive down the centre of the road with no regard to motorists driving in the opposite direction which is a very dangerous thing to do.</p> <p>If the parking in the road is increased then this practice will increase so making the road potentially more dangerous.</p> <p>Maybe parking restrictions / residents parking / driveway designation with white lines could be considered as a solution to the problem.</p> <p>Please be assured my concerns are for the public and residents safety in Osborne Road. Can you please acknowledge this e mail and keep me informed of the council's decision on this concern.</p>	<p>Thank you for your email dated the 2nd of October 2015. I have noted your response to the consultation and have passed on your concerns to the Parking and Traffic Control Schemes Team.</p> <p>May I suggest that if you would like the Council to consider the introduction of parking controls in your street that you speak to your neighbours and arrange a petition and also speak to your ward councillor (list can be found here: http://democracy.havering.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1) about your concerns. This will gain you further backing for your concerns.</p> <p>If vehicles are blocking your driveway then you can call 01708 432787 or email parkingenforcement@havering.gov.uk as this is an enforceable contravention and the Council will send out an officer to investigate and potentially enforce against these vehicles.</p>
5	<p>I wonder if you are able to point me to who I contact about the above parking charges coming into force for Bretons. As I and another member in my family park at the rear of our house where the back entrance to our property is as we do not have the facility of parking out in the street at the front of the house a) we are on the pedestrian crossing b)we have no parking bay for pavement parking and if you park in the road this causes congestion and can be a danger for people using the crossing. Also from 1 – 8 Bretons residences have a separate area from the car park for them to park, 9 – 11 Bretons do not. What I would like to enquire is about having a parking residence permit which would allow us to use the space immediately outside our back entrance without paying the daily charges that would incur.</p> <p>If you can help in any way it would be very much appreciated as I am not sure who to contact to request this.</p>	<p>Unfortunately there are currently no plans to bring in resident parking bays in to the car park. If you are having trouble parking on your road, you may wish to consider requesting the Parking and Traffic Control Team to consider implementing resident parking controls on your street, you can contact them using the email: schemes@havering.gov.uk With regards to other residents having an area to park, I have been informed that no residents have been granted permission to park in the car park. The charges being proposed will affect all vehicles parking in the car park.</p>
6	<p>behalf of members, user groups and staff protest against charging in bretons car park. Scandalous that charging is being allowed in such poorly maintained car park. Limit of 5 hours not enough for many users. Motorists will park on Rainham Road causing problems. want proposed charges to be ceased or the above issues to be considered.</p>	
7	<p>walk dogs and arrive at 7.30am and leave by 9.15am. Will be able to purchase a ticket to start at 8am? Purchase annual permit?</p>	
8	<p>horrified with proposals. 1. no overcrowding in harrow lodge, may cancel membership.2. warren drive, parents use the car park to relieve the strain on the streets. This may be a danger. 3. hylands park too small to be viable. 4. 20p will soon increase. 5. Council is only implementing charges to benefit financially from suppliers of these schemes.</p>	
9	<p>Harrow Lodge park, issues with less visitors due to charges leading to increased obesity. Push parking in to the streets.</p>	
10	<p>the Dell. Car park used for weddings and funerals and is too far away from town centre.</p>	

11	which notice is correct? 4, understanding that no charging in the sports centre but will charge in depot.5. depot car park is used as an overspill, sports centre users will find it difficult to park for 5 hours or more6. modify the scheme to not include the sports centre.	
12	Oppose charges in Hornchurch and the dell. Land has never been maintained. Weekday users such as toddler groups, elderly, also funerals and weddings will be charged. Other sites included will deter residents to make the most of community spaces.	
13	Crystal windows to have permit parking at an agreed cost. Can you confirm the system which will be in place to allow this?	
14	Object to inclusion of Rise park as this will cause displacement in surrounding roads.	
15	resident and park user for 49 years. Dog walker using park twice a day would cost £100 a year. Can the council consider season tickets as this will be easier than carrying change.	
16	Oppose charges at the dell. Area has never been maintained and church has maintained the surface and also the locking of the gate.	
17	Object to the proposals of charging at Gallows corner sports ground. Mid-week cricket matches, which require stay of more than 5 hours. Also other midweek functions. Will council staff also pay for parking too? Request a meeting with council and club members asap.	
18	St Andrews church, object to proposals to bring in charges in this and other locations as she uses the facilities in this location, feels as though the children using the facilities will be penalised.	
19	Protest against charges in st Andrews church. Will be to detriment of users of the church during the week. Church maintains the car park. Negative image of church as people may think the church is imposing the charges.	
20	Protest against charges at st Andrews church. Involved in mothers and toddler groups, penalise users of the facilities who are already hard up. Concerned that the charges will go up. No commuter parking.	
21	the dell. concerned about the principle of charging being brought in. penalising users of the park during weekdays. Will volunteers be exempt from the charging?	
22	Objection to the parking charges at St Andrews church .	
23	Oppose against charges at St Andrews Church. Penalise young families, retired, funeral and wedding attendees.	
24	Object to charges at Harrow Lodge Park. Will effect parents dropping/picking up children from school. Vehicles will be pushed in to surrounding areas.	
25	Does not object to charging, but would like the council to upkeep the park	
26	oppose all charges. particularly at Rise Park and Bedford's park. Raised issues with displacement on street.	
27	26 names on a petition from members of the public opposing charges at the Dell	
28	Object to charges at the Dell, various groups using the facility will be affected. Sent in above petition.	
29	We have no objections to the new proposed P & D charges providing the capacity of the car parks is adequate for demand. This is particularly true at Hornchurch C P, Squadrons Approach (especially with the opening of the new visitor centre), Harrow Lodge Park, Sports Centre and Harold Wood Park. LBH initiated the successful walking for health scheme which is run by volunteers and often we are unable to park at these meeting points Would you please advise what action is being taken to address this issue.	

30	<p>As a regular worshipper at St.Andrews church I was dismayed to hear that the council is considering charging attendees at the church to use the car park. This would presumably include mourners at funerals as well as the numerous other groups that attend the church, such as the babies and toddler groups. Although it has always been known that this is a 'council' car park, it has never been maintained as such. There has always been pot holes there , indeed the church paid to have the pot holes repaired a few years ago, and the car park has never had spaces lined or had shrubs and hedges cut back. Indeed, the amount of maintenance carried out over the years has been nil. Church staff are even required to lock the gate at night! Now you have the nerve to propose charging people to use this 'car park'. It is not even as though this car park is used by shoppers or visitors to the cemetery, but is solely used by church visitors.</p> <p>I know that you are proposing to charge 20p for 3 hours stay (how this would be cost effective with you having to install machines, collect the money and presumably bring the car park up to standard I don't know) but we all know that these charges are bound to rise in time. I therefore ask you to reconsider this unfair proposal, which would only distress mourners and inconvenience users of the church, many of whom are experiencing financial difficulties.</p> <p>I should be grateful for your comments.</p>	<p>Your concerns have been noted and will form part of a report for the Highways Advisory Committee detailing the responses to this consultation.</p> <p>The original reason for introducing charges in some of Havering's parks and open spaces was to deter commuters and encourage greater use of those parks by genuine parks visitors. The same reasons apply in relation the new (amended) charges that are to be brought in for these same parks and this reason also applies to some of the other car parks where charges are to be introduced for the first time.</p> <p>However, there is another important reason for introducing the charges which is to generate income that can be re invested back in to the parks, to make savings, maintain the car parks and help maintain the current standards of grounds maintenance.</p> <p>Currently there is no proposals for increased charging.</p> <p>I have raised your concerns about the upkeep of the parking space to the Parks and Open Spaces Manager who will look in to the matter.</p>
31	<p>I am opposed to the plan to charge for parking in our parks. Further, I would like to see a copy of the related business case? Would you be able to send a copy of the business case to me please?</p>	
32	<p>I am opposed to these charges. And do not believe that this ill considered scheme will even pay for the cost of installing and maintaining the machines and wages of the enforcement collection of the pittance in revenue And as to Cllr Ramseys reason to defer Commuters Does he really believe that does he know where these parks are and if he does. Please get him and others that may agree with him Certified</p>	
33	<p>objections to charges at Harrow Lodge Park. 1. deter people from social and physical activities. 2. nearby school users will park on the road not the car park which is more dangerous.3. vandalism of machines more costly to repair.</p>	
34	<p>Oppose charges at the dell. Area has never been maintained and church has maintained. Deter users of the church during the week.</p>	
35	<p>Oppose to charges at the Dell. No maintenance by council in the past. Church installed barrier.</p>	
36	<p>oppose charges at the Dell. Church maintains the lighting, provide a vital function to the community, not fair charging volunteers.</p>	
37	<p>oppose charges at the Dell. Church maintains the lighting, provide a vital function to the community, not fair charging volunteers.</p>	
38	<p>Oppose charges at the Dell. Deter vulnerable members of society.</p>	
39	<p>Oppose to charges at Squadrons approach. Will deter visitors to the new visitors centre.</p>	
40	<p>Oppose to charges at the Dell. Will have a negative effect on mother and baby group.</p>	
41	<p>Oppose charges at the Dell. Charges will only effect worshipers, council have not maintained the car park. Charges justified of car park is tarmacked and lined and maintained.</p>	
42	<p>Oppose charges at the Dell and all other parks. Will deter people from using the church during the week. Worried that charges could be increased without consultation.</p>	

43	<p>Oppose charges at Bedfords Park, volunteer at the park and concerned that charges will deter visitors and also staff will not be able to park, also maximum time period is 5 hours, volunteers on occasion stay longer than this. Wants decision to be reconsidered.</p>	
44	<p>I would like to express my disagreement with the above proposal on several counts: Firstly to limit maximum parking time to 5 hours is just not fair at this park. What happens when the five hours are up? Go home, go to another park? No good for a nice family day out during the school holidays. I presume the 5 hours is to deter commuters but what commuter in their right mind would park here then make their way to the train station? Secondly, I can't believe it will be financially viable given the cost of marking out bays, signage, meters, policing the parking etc. Has anyone actually bothered to count the number of vehicles that do park here on a daily basis? Thirdly I would like to think that the Council would want to increase the number of people who use our parks and this ludicrous idea will deter people, especially families, during holiday times.</p>	
45	<p>Objects to the parking charges in Bedfords park. The cost outweighs the benefits. Parking meters and other furniture required for this scheme is inappropriate for this park. Scheme not thought out. Detriment to the number of visitors to the park and the health of visitors. tax on fresh air, space and exercise. park is only accessible by car.</p>	<p>Thank you for your response to the consultation with regards to the proposed parking charges in the parks car parks. Your comments have been recorded and will form part the report which will be presented to the Highways Advisory Committee before any decision is made.</p>
46	<p>I would like to object in the strongest possible terms to the proposed time restrictions and charges in Bedfords Park.</p> <p>I have been using Bedfords Park since the 60's and there is utter outrage over the proposed time restrictions and charges. The park is only accessible by car and to introduce a 5 hour time limit will restrict the use of the park to around 40 cars.</p> <p>Councillor Roger Ramsay made the statement to the local press that:</p> <p>"These charges are to deter commuters and freeing up spaces for genuine visitors".</p> <p>Could you tell me when surveys were carried out into levels of commuter parking in Bedfords Park and can you tell me how many commuter vehicles are involved. Please demonstrate to me how you have arrived at the comments from Cllr Roger Ramsay.</p> <p>The nearest bus stops to the Essex Wildlife Trust Centre are over three quarters of a mile away. One in Orange Tree Hill and one in Lower Bedfords Road. To access the park from Orange Tree Hill on foot you would have to walk down Broxhill Road which has a very narrow pavement on one side only and a child's buggy does not fit on it.</p> <p>In the last 3 weeks there have been 3 serious accidents in Broxhill Road, all on the stretch that families would have to walk on and all involving vehicles leaving the road, one accident in the first week of October resulted in the police closing Broxhill Road when a Transit van crossed the pavement at the entrance to St Francis Hospice and ended up in the ditch.</p> <p>To access the Centre from Lower bedfords Road you have an uphill walk for three quarters of a mile through fields and woods where there are no pavements. A young family with children in buggies would have no option but to travel to the park by car.</p>	<p>Thank you for your response to the consultation with regards to the proposed parking charges in the parks car parks. We are unable to answer comments individually however, your comments have been recorded and will form part the report which will be presented to the Highways Advisory Committee before any decision is made.</p>

	<p>If you limit the time allowed in Bedfords Park to 5 hours how do people attend Essex Wildlife Trust events such as the Bat Evening, Owl Evening and Bouncy Castle Day which all exceed these time limits?</p> <p>The Essex Wildlife Trust has over 20 full time volunteers and the Clear Village Walled Kitchen Garden has around a dozen – These volunteers are in the park all day – where are they going to park?</p> <p>Some of the volunteers, of which I am one, have told me they will simply leave</p>	
47	<p>Proposal to install parking meters is disgusting, this will discourage parks and pool users. Parks do not need meters they need patrons.</p>	

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL

**THE HAVERING (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES)
(AMENDMENT NO*) ORDER 201***

1. Notice is hereby given that the London Borough of Havering proposes to make the above named Order under powers within the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended and all other powers.

2. The effect of this Order will be to:
 - a) To introduce Season Tickets for use in King Georges Playing Field car park.
 - b) Introduce pay and display parking controls in the following Parks car parks Mondays to Fridays between 8am and 6.30pm.
 - c) Maximum stay will be 5 hours.
 - d) The tariff rates for Pay and Display parking will be
 - i) 20 pence for up to 3 hours and
 - ii) 50 pence for up to 5 hours.

Proposed Parks car parks affected.

King Georges Playing Field	Tylers Common	The Dell
Bedfords Park (Main Car Park adjacent to Community Centre)	Upminster Hall Playing Field	Dagnam Park
Gidea Park Sports Ground Depot	Westlands Playing Fields (on non-school days only)	Gidea Park Bowls
Harold Wood Park (Harold View)	Bretons Outdoor Recreation Centre (main)	Hacton Parkway and Playsite
Harold Wood Park (Recreation Ave)	Bretons Outdoor Recreation Centre (overflow)	Haynes Park (Northumberland Ave)
Harrow Lodge Park (Rainham Rd)	Brittons (Ford Lane)	Haynes Park (Slewins Lane)
Harrow Lodge Park (Sports Centre)	Brittons (Rainham Rd)	Hornchurch Country Park (South End Rd)
Harrow Lodge Park (Warren Drive)	Broxhill Centre	Hylands Park
Hornchurch Country Park (Sqn App)	Central Park	Parklands
Cranham Brickfields	Rise Park	

- iii) authorise the use of cashless payment methods within the off street car parks listed in item 2 a) to this notice and Schedule 1 to the Havering (Off Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) Order 2014

3. A copy of the proposed Order, of the Order being amended, together with the Council's statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order and plans showing the locations and effects of the Order can be inspected until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Order is made or as the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Order, during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive, at the Council's Public Advice and Service Centre (PASC), accessed via the Liberty Shopping Centre, Romford, RM1 3RL

4. Any person desiring to object to the proposals or make other representation should send a statement in writing of either their objection or representations and the grounds thereof to Martin Stanton, Parks and Open Spaces Manager, London Borough of Havering, Culture and Leisure Services, Stable Block, Langtons House, Billet Lane, RM11 1XJ, quoting reference P/D002 to arrive by 23rd October 2015.

Dated 2nd October 2015

Graham White
Interim Director of Legal and Governance

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The Resident/Business

**Martin Stanton
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**Please call: Traffic & Parking Control
Telephone: 01708 431056/433464
Email: schemes@havering.gov.uk**

**Our Ref: Parks P/D002
Date: 02 October 2015**

Dear, Sir/ Madam,

PROPOSED Pay and Display Implementation In Council Owned Parks and Open Spaces

I am writing to advise you that the Havering Council is looking to introduce Pay and Display (P&D) charges in a number of Parks and Open Spaces car parks. P&D machines are being installed to ensure that genuine park users are able to use the park.

Locations are listed below:

Bedfords Park (Main Car Park adjacent to Visitor Centre)	Gidea Park Bowls	Haynes Park (Slewins Lane)
Bretons Outdoor Recreation Centre (main)	Gidea Park Sports Ground (adjacent to the Depot)	Hornchurch Country Park (Squadron Approach)
Bretons Outdoor Recreation Centre (overflow)	Harold Wood Park (Harold View)	Hylands Park
Brittons (Ford Lane)	Harold Wood Park (Recreation Avenue)	King Georges Playing Field
Brittons (Rainham Rd)	Harrow Lodge Park (adjacent to the Depot)	Rise Park
Broxhill Centre	Harrow Lodge Park (Rainham Road)	Upminster Hall Playing Field
Central Park	Harrow Lodge Park (Warren Drive)	
The Dell	Haynes Park (Northumberland Avenue)	

The proposed rates and hours of operation are as follows:

- 20p for three hours and 50p for 5 hours proposed (Mon-Fri 8am-6:30pm);
- Maximum stay to be 5 hours;
- Free Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays.
- Free parking for Blue Badge Holders

The draft proposals and copies with supporting schedules may be viewed between 9:30am and 4:30pm Monday to Friday by prior appointment, at the Public Advice & Service Centre, 20-26 The Liberty Romford. To arrange an appointment please contact the Schemes Team on 01708 431056 / 433464.

If you wish to comment on the proposals please do so in writing, by email to schemes@haverling.gov.uk or by post to Traffic and Parking Control (Schemes), London Borough Of Havering, Town Hall, Main Road, Romford, RM1 3BB.

We would appreciate it if you could limit your reply to the consultation by responding as follows:

1. You are **in favour** of the proposals
2. You are **not in favour** of the proposals
3. You are **in favour of part of the scheme**

In all cases, please limit any comments you wish to make to 100 words.

All comments should be received by **Friday 23th October 2015**.

If you are responding to the consultation letter we are unable to reply to individual points raised at this stage. However, your comments will be noted and taken into consideration when presenting the final report to the Highways Advisory Committee and any issues will be addressed at that time. We will make contact in due course to provide you with the meeting date and times.

Please note that all comments we receive are open to public inspection.

Yours faithfully,



Gurch Durhailay
Project Officer
Traffic and Parking Control



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