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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI645910113**

Thank you for your request for information relating to follow up to FOI637382536: New charges for Charterhouse resident car permits for Terry Road.

You have requested the following information:

**When I accessed minute 105 I found the document**

**<https://edemocracy.coventry.gov.uk/documents/s59481/Appendix%2022%20-%20EIA%20-%20Resident%20Parking%20charges.pdf>**

**It states in the opening paragraph**

**Coventry City Council has recently undertaken a public consultation exercise in respect of all budget proposals, including the proposed increase to resident permit charges. The consultation indicated that many respondents were supportive of the proposal. None of the feedback to the consultation exercise expressed concerns in regard to potential impacts on protected groups.**

**Could you please obtain the relevant consultation documents and the responses and which areas were consulted.**

The consultation was promoted city wide. All the consultation papers and final report related to the budget consultation are available online – please use the following link:

<https://letstalk.coventry.gov.uk/budget24-25>

We attach a document containing the comments that relate specifically to the parking permits however, these relate to the wider scheme not specifically Charter House.

**Could you also find documents which confirmed that the Charterhouse scheme would be charged at £10 and who decided on this and when this new scheme would start to operate.**

We advise that there is no documentation held specific to the Charterhouse scheme and therefore advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. The Charterhouse scheme was not looked at in isolation.

The decision to introduce the £10 permit charge was taken by Council in February 2024 and applies to all permit schemes across the city (not just the Charterhouse scheme) with the exception of the CBS Arena scheme which will remain free.

The roll-out of the charge is ongoing and it will continue throughout 2024/25. The Charterhouse scheme was included in phase 1 of the roll-out.

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Yours faithfully

**Information Governance**

**Q3 ( Please give us your views on the proposals overall.)**

26 - War Memorial Car Park Charges - disagree, up to 1 hour should be free. Risk local streets being clogged with parked cars

There are some good and some not so desirable proposals. I agree with making sure there is no overlap within the working of the council and looking for external funding for certain things will be beneficial. This is going to impact greatly on everyone. There seems to be a lot of charging the public, for waste, parking, council tax, transport.

Standardising permit schemes seems fair across the board, though there are some areas that don't have these schemes and they will be unaffected. Maybe think about expanding these schemes as there are a lot of roads that are blocked with parked cars.

They sound very sensible. However, with regard to Residents Permit Parking, there need to be a much better way for registering vehicles. Especially visitors. The website hasn't worked for a long time. I have no idea how many vehicles are register at my address, (with family moving in and out again) and am using really old paper permits issued in 20129 when I have a visitor. The current system is not fit for purpose

I also believe that permit areas/charges should all come into line across the board and be charged a little more than they do. The carpark charges at the War memorial park should lose the 3 hours free parking and given a 1 hour free parking then charged after that.

The proposal for parking charges doesn't go far enough. £10 per annum is laughable, when other authorities easily charge 10x that. You could easily recoup more by moving to a monthly model where the psychology of paying smaller amounts but more frequently could be easier to sell (e.g. £3 per month or £1 per week). The charges for multiple vehicles should be higher for additional vehicles beyond 2 per household (that seems like a reasonable number).

The short-stay parking regime is also a huge burden because of how difficult it is to enforce a 1 hour free stay. The model should move to a city-wide pay-to-park model, albeit with a short 20 minute free period to maintain stop and shop. It is obvious that the 1 hour free stays are ignored across the city due to the lack of enforcement. Bringing in a charging system allows revenue to cover the costs of enforcement, and also allows shoppers and visitors to stay beyond the free stay period. A 30 minute or 1 hour stay worked when a lot of shops were retail, but now many businesses are cafes or salons, where staying for over 1 hour is not uncommon, so people should be able to pay to park for almost as long as they like (say with a £10 daily cap, like the off-street car park), but a more reasonable hourly rate for shorter stays up to 4 hours.

I agree with some of the proposals, parking permits and premiums for empty homes are fair and proportionate.

Permits for parking in HIMO areas/ areas with larger homes could be on a scale so that 1st car single price then escalates for each additional vehicle - 2nd car 1 and 1/2 3rd car double etc - this would discourage vehicle ownership, anti social parking and fit with the councils green credentials. Could make exemptions for disabled where a vehicle is the only means of travel. as some shop owners are using pavement space and where safe could the council licence and charge for this - that would ensure the safety could be assessed.