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Wetherby Way
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CV37 9LU

17 Feb.2015

Proposed car parking charges Greenway at Seven Meadows End.

Dear Paula Cheesman,

I am in favour of the Car Parking charges that you are proposing as above. I feel the rates are about right. However Let here is my concern.

Already and without charges being levied, on bright sunny days especially at weekends and in particular during school holiday cars are parked dangerously on Wetherby Way. An example is shown in the picture below.



What are required are double yellow lines to prevent an accident just waiting to happen.

I have raised this issue previously with Jenny Fradgley and provided a number of pictures as visual evidence.

(2)

As co-ordinator of Wetherby Way Neighbourhood watch, I would be pleased to meet with any one to discuss this issue further.

Yours truly



Copy to councillor Jenny Fradgley.

M/S Paula Chessman
Country Parks Manager.

06 MAR 2015



Dear Madam,

Thanks you for yours of the 2nd.

We do understand the need to raise revenue and car parking charges are the obvious and easy way of doing so.

With the new re-surfacing, fencing and tree topping around The Greenway, we awaited the inevitable.

--- --- --- But please do monitor the local street parking. We suffer badly with congestion already and know that this will escalate.



The suggested charges are modest but increases will be made --- --- and many out-of-town motorists cannot or will not pay.

I remain,

Yours faithfully

~~Paula Chessman~~

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Y. O. T. M.

We do have a problem of people parking in an area to unload bicycles and ride to Greenway, sometimes all day.

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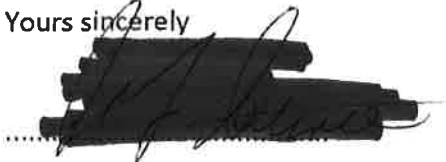
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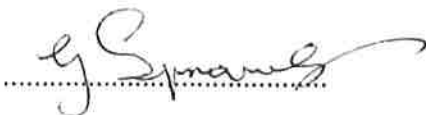
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Country Parks <parks@warwickshire.gov.uk>

Greenway Car Parking Charges

2 messages

3 March 2015 at 13:21

To: "parks@warwickshire.gov.uk" <parks@warwickshire.gov.uk>

Thank you for the leaflet put through my door yesterday regarding the proposed charges for the Greenway Car Park. I just have one concern regarding the charging for parking at the Greenway and this is it would force people to park in my road, Cherry Orchard and the other roads in the vicinity such as Hertford Road. We already have a problem being one of the closest roads to town, those that work in town park here all day for free and boys from KES are also parking here. The top of Cherry Orchard near to the pub is terrible and some days I can just about get my car down but ambulances, fire engines and other emergency vehicles struggle. We have a lot of elderly people in the street and an ambulance is seen quite often somewhere in the road. Are there any plans to make this area permit parking and have some sort of limit? Sanctus Road is permit so why not Cherry Orchard and the surrounding roads? It just concerns me more cars being pushed onto these roads from the Greenway and possibly making it even more impossible for emergency services, which surely should be top priority. I have lived in Cherry Orchard for 16 years and the problem is getting worse.

I look forward to receiving a response and if you are not the correct department to be aiming this at, I would be grateful if you would forward my email to whoever it may be.

Kind regards

Cherry Orchard

Country Parks <parks@warwickshire.gov.uk>

3 March 2015 at 15:42

Good afternoon.

My Manager has asked me to forward this to your department as the parking permit query may be a highways issue.

Would you be able to forward this on to the relevant person in your department, who can answer this residents question?

Many thanks

Charlotte Hodson
Country Parks Assistant Administrator
[Quoted text hidden]

16 MAR 2015

Sandfield Road
Stratford upon Avon
Warwickshire

Warwickshire County Council
Country Parks
Kingsbury Water Park.
Bodymoor Heath
Sutton Coldfield
B76 0BY

Dear Ms Cheesman

We are in receipt of your letter dated 2nd March 2015 re. introduction of car parking charges at the Stratford upon Avon to Long Marston Greenway.

We really think that you **should address the situation of parking in local streets** first as they are already saturated with cars parking in side roads and left all day whilst their owners are at work in town.

We live in a small cul-de-sac which is part of Sandfield Road. There are regularly ten (sometimes eleven) cars parked in the road all week and some are there on Saturday's too. The worst thing about this that they **park nose to tail including round the bend** at the top of our road. People from the area of Cherry Orchard and Wetherby way including many children going to school with Mums with pushchairs etc and disabled people have to walk around these cars making them walk on the road. Parking in the road also inhibits emergency vehicles and delivery vehicles using the road not to say the nuisance that is caused when the cars are parked opposite people's drives.

This saturation of vehicles parking in roads is not only common to our close but to other roads on Cherry Orchard. In our case it has become a car park for Kes school boys plus other regular users.

As we said in the beginning of this letter this situation of parking should be addressed **BEFORE** any further consideration of parking on the Greenway as it will cause further congestion on local residential roads. That is inevitable.

Yours sincerely





DAVID G GELDARD
Old Town Mews, Stratford-upon-Avon,
Warwickshire, [REDACTED]
Tel: [REDACTED]

06 MAR 2015

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03 March 2015

Dear Ms Cheesman

Re: Consultation on introducing car parking charges at the Stratford-upon-Avon to Long Marston Greenway

My wife and I wish to register our objections to the proposal to charge for car parking at the Stratford end of the Greenway on the following grounds:

1. The Greenway is one of the few remaining publicly owned spaces in Stratford and is a resource that is well used for healthy exercise by a wide range of local people of all ages. This is something that should be actively encouraged and promoted by the Council, to impose parking charges would to be send out entirely the wrong message.
2. Old Town Mews and the other residential streets around the Greenway already suffer from inconsiderate parking by commuters and shoppers. This situation will inevitably be made considerably worse if a charge is levied for parking at the Greenway. It seems totally unfair to burden a targeted group of your council tax payers in this way.
3. You are no doubt aware of the voluntary work undertaken by some of the local residents in locking and unlocking the access gate to the Greenway car park on a daily basis. It is our understanding that they are prepared to continue with this task.
4. One of the huge benefits brought about by the above voluntary work has been the elimination of the anti-social behaviour that this neighbourhood once experienced due to groups of youths congregating in the Greenway car park in the evenings and using the stretch of Seven Meadows Road that crosses the river as a racetrack. This must not be allowed to recur, and if the volunteers can no longer act will only be prevented if the Council take upon themselves the task of properly securing the car park overnight.
5. We seriously question whether the proposed charges will provide any useful financial return from either (a) the limited viewpoint of the Council's accounts or (b) the more holistic viewpoint of society as a whole. Dealing first with (a) we question whether the Council have properly factored into the equation the cost involved in the overnight securing of the car park. Turning to (b) the public are constantly being

urged to reduce the burden on the NHS by adopting healthier lifestyles; not to facilitate this and indeed to take an active step that will discourage it appears perverse. Furthermore, should the Council seek to save money by not maintaining the routine of overnight locking then the potential nuisance of resumed racing activity and other anti-social practices will again take its toll in health and other terms. The noise nuisance from racing was considerable, unsilenced or poorly silenced vehicles were used and sleep was disturbed on a regular basis. Neither can increased pollution be ignored. The speed limit on the relevant stretch of Seven Meadows Road was considerably exceeded, as well as being illegal this presented a real hazard to normal law-abiding road users.

If this were to happen again then almost inevitably there would be police involvement, so increasing pressure on another of our already hard-pressed public services. From a County Council standpoint, of course, the police budget is not their concern. The taxpayer sees it somewhat differently, in his view there is no wisdom in County seeking a small (if any) gain if this is more than offset by higher police costs.

There is no good logic in advancing the argument that the Greenway is the only one of the country car parks for which no charge is made. There are very good reasons for this exception and we strongly believe that the *status quo* should be maintained.

Yours sincerely





- 2 MAR 2015

Old Town Mews, Stratford-upon-Avon

telephone: [REDACTED]

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26th February 2015

Dear Ms Cheesman

PARKING CHARGES – STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TO LONG MARSTON GREENWAY

In your letter to Residents of 27th January you invited views on WCC's proposal to introduce parking charges at the Greenway. First of all, let me declare an interest: I live in Old Town Mews, I am a regular user of the Greenway and I am a member of the group of volunteers who open and close the gate all year round.

I am also a relative newcomer to Stratford and I understand that this is the third occasion WCC has made this proposal. If your consultation letter was intended to make a case for imposing parking charges, it fails miserably to do so:

- You have quantified the proposed charging regime without any indication on how they have been arrived at other than being "set below street level"
- You hang your proposal on the abstractions of the needs to be "more commercial" and to "become self-financing" without any reference at all to a financial model and its assumptions
- You refer to charges being levied at other sites in the portfolio without any attempt to identify them and compare and/or contrast them with the Greenway
- You have made no attempt to quantify the present cost burdens on WCC - both capital and operational - represented by the Greenway
- If parking charges are imposed:
 - ❖ As night follows day the side roads close to the Greenway will be used for parking by Greenway users
 - ❖ The car park becomes a cash generating site and immediately becomes a potential vandalism target
 - ❖ Car park usage will have to be monitored 365 days/year and at a cost to WCC
- If over-night parking is to be prevented this means creating physically secure car parks at the Stratford end and at the Milcote crossing - at what capital cost to WCC ?
- How do you intend to prevent over-spill parking on the rural roads adjacent to the Milford crossing ?
- The work of the volunteer group is a no-cost 365 day/year service and this has a value to WCC as an avoided cost. Should WCC go ahead with its plan it is not unreasonable to assume that the group's view on continuing this free service to WCC could well be reviewed

Continued...../

**Ms Paula Cheesman
Warwickshire County Council**

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26th February 2015

While WCC might see the Greenway as a portfolio anomaly and, as such, a target for being brought into line, the plain fact is that it works and works well. Thousands of people use it - some Stratford Council tax payers, many from outside the area and overseas visitors to Stratford as well. It is difficult to imagine any of them not seeing the Greenway as a major attraction and an asset to the town.

Your letter is also silent on the decision making process: is this to be decided by WCC's elected representatives, by a WCC committee away from public gaze or by a third-party consultant? You will by now know that both our local WCC councillors have made public statements against the proposal, the local press has featured it and continues to do so, and the co-ordinator of the volunteer group has provided a lengthy critique of the proposal.

You have made absolutely no case that stands up to any kind of critical examination. It is, frankly, not that difficult to read between the lines and conclude that the decision has already been taken and you are merely going through the motions that the process requires you to go through.

Let me add one more voice to those already raised against this absurd proposal. Having served on a Parish Council in Warwickshire I am not entirely unaware of the workings of District and County Councils. There are times when it is wise for any public body to think through the law of unintended consequences; and if you do, you will surely conclude that you should now take a step back, put edict and doctrine to one side and just "do the right thing" - by Council Tax payers and Greenway users alike - and put this proposal back in its box once and for all.

Yours sincerely



J R Hollerton

cc: WCC Councillor - Jenny Fradgley
WCC Councillor - Kate Rolfe.

Tel [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Wetherby Way
Stratford Upon Avon
Warwickshire
[REDACTED]
1st March 2015

25 MAR 2015

Dear Ms Cheesman.

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I wish to register my objections to the proposal on the following grounds:

1. The Greenway is one of the few remaining non-commercialised publicly-owned spaces in Stratford. It is well used and much loved by many local, and not so local individuals, groups and families. Some walk to Long Marston and visit the shop or pub others enjoy the outdoors and visit the cafe's at the Greenway. There are dog walkers, cyclists, people in wheelchairs, children on bikes learning to ride, runners, individuals, groups and families share this space with the wildlife - a little less mauling of the trees and shrubs to save money by the wholesale chopping down of many of these items would perhaps give the wildlife a chance - The imposition of parking charges would threaten the encouragement of outdoor fitness and enjoyment. Something the Council should, in fact, be encouraging. More car park should be extended.
2. The residential streets around the Greenway are already significantly used by commuters and shoppers to park, to the clear detriment of residents of those streets. In your letter of 27th Jan 2015 you state that

The available carparking is already used to the capacity and beyond. Parking charge imposition would only exacerbate this position and merely divert your department's suggested problems onto council tax payers. I would not welcome double yellow lines on what should be a dead-ended residential area.

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This service has reduced the number of public disorder incidents that occurred when the car park was permanently open.

I trust you will take my strong objection into account when a decision is made on this issue. I will continue to follow the course of the 'consultation' and will be contacting my M.P. and local councillors.

Yours sincerely

(Mrs) Josephine Robinson

GREENWAY PARKING - Stratford-upon-Avon

For the attention of the officer responsible for parking @ Warwickshire County Council.

As a resident living in close proximity to the Greenway Car Park, I'm extremely concerned that the County Council may introduce parking charges for the Greenway Car Park. My concern is due to the problems that already exist in streets that are in close proximity to the Greenway, where drivers are using local streets for free all day parking in order to go to their place of work or educational establishment. Should the County Council introduce parking charges in the Greenway Car Park, it would no doubt increase what is now becoming an unacceptable situation, where sometimes driveways are partially blocked by cars that are parked all day.

If the County Council does go ahead with the proposal, and introduces the parking charges, surely the County will have a responsibility to introduce parking restrictions in my street, and the surrounding areas, so that our streets don't become akin to an overspill car park.

Please use the space below for any additional comments you may wish to make.

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT OF LOCAL GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS (OF WHICH WE ARE PART) OPENING & CLOSING CAR PARK GATES 365 DAYS/YEAR WITHOUT FAIL AND AT UNSOCIABLE HOURS SHOULD CONTINUE. NO EVIDENCE OF ANY COST ADVANTAGE IF CHARGES ARE MADE AS VOLUNTEER ACTION WOULD STOP. COUNCIL PROVIDES NO FACILITIES AT SITE UNLIKE OTHER PARKS. ALSO FAILURE TO CLOSE GATES AT NIGHT WILL LEAD TO RETURN OF ANTI SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE CAR PARK.

From: name(s) Street WETHERBY WAY.....

Phone (optional) e-mail (optional)

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*Largest amount of cars are from K.E.S.
this stops people parking to go and
do maintenance work for people who have to double
park and block*

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From: name(s) [REDACTED] Street [REDACTED] Wetherby Way
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ALSO BINS LEFT AGAINST OUR FENCE AT THE
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I HAVE BEEN TO COMPLAIN BEFORE CHRISTMAS

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We have had cars deliberately double parking blocking the road.

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SOMETIMES WITH A CAR PARKED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROAD ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO GET BY.

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Yet another ridiculous proposal from the council!
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congestion in the town, to introduce charges would
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congested

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Phone (optional) e-mail (optional)

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Cars parking at Greenway already
overspill at weekends + holidays
parking dangerously along Wetherby
way.

From: name([redacted]) Street Lingfield Crescent
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Phone (optional) e-mail (optional) [redacted]

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Phone (optional) e-mail (optional)

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SPE OVER

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Phone (optional) [REDACTED] e-mail (optional) [REDACTED]

- 2 MAR 2015

COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE PARKING CHARGES AT THE GREENWAY

To:
Paula Cheesman
Country Parks Manager
Kingsbury Water Park
Bodmoor Heath
Sutton Coldfield
B76 0BY

We the undersigned regularly travel to the Stratford Greenway, some with our young children, at various times over the week to meet and walk for pleasure and our general health and fitness.

We feel that this is a core use of this land held on behalf of council tax payers which the council should be encouraging, rather than threatening it by the imposition of parking charges.

The council should also bear in mind the positive effect such use can have on developing children and on family life.

On this basis we object, in the strongest terms, to the proposed introduction of parking charges in any form.

NAME	ADDRESS	DATE	SIGNATURE
Y Molson	Farm Close	11-2-15	[Signature]
D M Smith	Queens Ave	11-2-15	D M Smith
J Scumbs	Greenway Rd.	11.2.15	J Scumbs
T Hadleyson	[Redacted] St Peter's Way	11.2.15	T Hadleyson
L RAININGS	[Redacted] Hill View S.U.A	11.2.15	[Signature]
J Well	[Redacted] Cherkote Gardens Village	11-2-15	J Well
J M Adams	Sivelyon Crescent	11.2.15	J.M. Adams
L J MANNING	[Redacted] Queens Ave	11.2.15	L J Manning
S S WILKINS	LANE BOND HANE RADWAY, CV35 0UB	11.2.15	S S Wilkins
L SMITH-VINCENT	[Redacted] Radway CV35 0UB	11.2.15	L Smith-Vincent
S Jeffries	[Redacted] Old Town Mews	11.2.15	S Jeffries

20 signatures

From: [REDACTED]

Old Town News
Stratford - upon - Avon [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 12 February 2015 20:43
To: <Paula.Cheeseman.parks@warwickshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Fw: Tree Maintenance on The Greenway

20 FEB 2015

I am forwarding this letter sent to my local councillors which reflects my feelings on developments on The Greenway. We go for a brisk walk down the disused railway line regularly but would never class it as a country park! There has been minimal maintenance of this track during the past 5 years when this idea was originally proposed. The recent "maintenance", confined to the car park area has been carried out because you intend to charge people. It would seem that when there is the chance of extracting money then trees can be cut down overnight whereas other departments of Warwickshire gov. uk tell us that they do not believe in cutting trees that have grown out of all proportion due to lack of maintenance and presumably lack of money.

I would like to hear some honesty and some joined-up thinking from Warwickshire. This idea was opposed by Greenway users in 2010 and local residents have managed the gates efficiently since then. Your proposal is an insult to their efforts and the over hasty tree-felling etc has left you looking to recoup those initial costs. [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 7:26 PM
To: Jenny Fradgley
Subject: Tree Maintenance on The Greenway

Hi Jenny.

We went for a walk on The Greenway on Tuesday and were met by a gentleman from Warwickshire County Council who wished to know our opinion on the work that has gone on around the car park during recent weeks. This has involved the cutting down of a large number of trees and has given the site a much more open aspect- might even be thought rather brutally raw if you are into tree preservation. This he told me was neglected maintenance work carried out to make Stratford a pleasanter place to live and such work had to be self-financing so the introduction of parking charges we would surely see as reasonable?

Having been fed the gospel of The Holy Tree- we don't cut trees down, nesting habitat et al-It seems somewhat bizarre to find trees being cut down wholesale as if it were a fuel crisis in a third world country! We have been asking for our sunlight back for over a year now, a situation that has developed because of the very lack of maintenance I was quoted by the official with his questionnaire.

A final point. Compartmentalisation. We live in Warwickshire and would expect a measure of consistency between District, County, Highways and Country Parks. Too often we hear: Not our department. It makes no sense that a Light Fest has been created 200 yards from where we live for the benefit of car users while we are still suffering from lack of winter sun and warmth in our houses.

I would welcome your response and that of Kate and do feel free to forward my letter to Gavin who is still working on his maintenance plan I take it as we heard no developments last month.

Wetherby Way
Stratford upon Avon
Warwickshire

Ms Paula Cheesman
Country Parks Manager
Country Parks Department
Kingsbury Water Park
Bodmoor Heath
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7 March 2015

Dear Ms Cheesman

Consultation on the introduction of car parking charges at the Stratford-upon-Avon to Long Marston Greenway

I would be grateful if you could answer my request, regarding the above consultation, electronically by e-mail to ratatstrat@tiscali.co.uk.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like you please to supply me with a copy of the Greenway Country Park Car Park Charging Business Case that sets out the following:

1. The proposed fee paying arrangements and the estimated cost of all works necessary at the Greenway car park to turn it into a fee paying car park.
2. The annual additional costs associated with servicing/administering the fee paying arrangements, including any tender and contract management costs or internal service management costs and overheads, as applicable.
3. The mechanism for and the cost of enforcing 'No Overnight Parking' without the current voluntary good will of local residents.
4. Current annual income from all sources e.g. rent from the café/ bike hirers and the racecourse.
5. Estimated annual income from car parking fees paid.

Should there be no Business Case document that sets out some/all of the requested information, please confirm this and supply the requested information in a non-business case format.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information request.
Q Only no opinions.

Local people regard The Greenway as a cherished and important resource which is accessible to all.

Warm regards

Nadhim

Nadhim Zahawi
Member of Parliament for Stratford on Avon

Tell me what you think and what matters to you and your family by completing the survey on my website
www.zahawi.com

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<http://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/> for more on museums, archives and events
Sign up to our regular Heritage and Culture Warwickshire e-newsletter [here](#).



Paula Cheesman <paulacheesman@warwickshire.gov.uk>

charging for parking on the Greenway.

1 message

Kate Rolfe <katerolfe@warwickshire.gov.uk>

28 February 2015 at 15:27

To: Paula Cheesman <paulacheesman@warwickshire.gov.uk>, Stuart Ikingill <stuartikingill@warwickshire.gov.uk>, Mike Brain <cllrbrain@warwickshire.gov.uk>, Jenny Fradgley <jennyfradgley@warwickshire.gov.uk>

Hi all - like Jenny I could not find the link so decided to write directly to you and I trust that this objection will be made public. Cllr Jenny Fradgley also asked if I could ask that her objection is also made public as part of the consultation process.

If charging were to be introduced on the Greenway carpark there will be displacement parking on the neighbouring streets - in particular Old Town Mews and Wetherby Way. There is also a distinct possibility that cars will park up on the grass surrounding the entrance therefore causing a traffic hazard. The road through Old Town Mews is narrow and windy and any more cars parked along this road will cause major disruption to the residents of Old Town Mews.

As you are no doubt aware, there has been a group of local residents, who have diligently opened and closed the gates to the Greenway and are absolutely happy to continue doing so. However, if charging were to be placed on this car park, then that offer of a free service will cease. If charges were imposed then the entrance to the car park will be open 24 hours a day. This does mean that this car park may well become an area for joyriding etc. All joyriding ceased when the resident group took action and set up a rota for opening and closing the site.

In order to make this car park a paying car park then I assume that the County will make good the entire area of parking which will of course carry a certain cost as well as the machinery put in to take payments. I really am having trouble understanding the viability of all of this. Dog walkers will cease to use this and will fill up the areas around. Hardly any commuters use this now when it is free, so why would they use it when they have to pay.

The Greenway is a much valued local facility and I believe that the proposed income from charging is minimal. Why change something that works and involves community cohesion for such a small intake of money but such a huge loss to the community.

Regards Kate Rolfe



Paula Cheesman <paulacheesman@warwickshire.gov.uk>

Re: The Greenway

1 message

1 of 2

Jenny Fradgley <jennyfradgley@warwickshire.gov.uk>

28 February 2015 at 12:49

To: Kate Rolfe <katerolfe@warwickshire.gov.uk>, Paula Cheesman <paulacheesman@warwickshire.gov.uk>

Hi Paula,

Sorry I forgot to add that the link given for the public consultation is difficult to use. Have I got the correct link - www.askwarksgov.uk -.

Many thanks Jenny Fradgley

On 28 February 2015 at 04:45, Jenny Fradgley <jennyfradgley@warwickshire.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi Paula,

I might have sent this to the wrong person, so my questions might not have reached you.

Residents, close to The Greenway- Stratford end, have reported to me that cars have been seen being driven along the Greenway. I think this is because the bollards that close down the side entrances are broken or easily removed and the kissing gate and wider gate are no longer there, access to The Greenway is open. Residents are concerned as there have been problems with cars racing here some years ago.

I am aware that the County has to save money and has to look at all operations to make sure proper savings are made however I am opposed to charging for parking at The Greenway for the following reasons;

Charging here will displace parking to nearby streets, namely Wetherby Way, Old Town Mews and Sandfield Road. Wetherby Way has two sharp bends at its entrance and parking here is exceptionally dangerous. There are no yellow lines but I have in the past had to ask the police to come along to put polite notices on cards here. Sandfield Road is already at capacity with commuter parking and residents are very concerned. Old Town Mews is unsuitable for on street parking with its bends and wide dropped curbs.

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Side entrance bollards are broken and the kissing gate and wider gate have been removed so as reported by residents, cars are already driving along the Greenway.

The proposed business plan is questionable as to viability. It may well give little or no return to the County.

I believe that charging here will not be fair or proper on local residents who will have to bear the consequences of displaced parking.

Thank you for your attention.

Regards Jenny

On 27 February 2015 at 04:59, Kate Rolfe <katerolfe@warwickshire.gov.uk> wrote:

On 27 February 2015 at 12:52, Jenny Fradgley <jennyfradgley@warwickshire.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi Stuart,

I have found the link - www.wwww.askwarks.wordpress.com - but when I go there I just cannot find the

consultation on the Greenway. I raised this some time ago and it is still difficult to use.

Please may I give my formal objections to charging at the Greenway to you;

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I understand this is a bridleway rather than a linear park.

For all these reasons I am totally opposed to the proposal to charge for parking at The Greenway, Stratford end.

Regards Jenny Fradgley



Paula Cheesman <paulacheesman@warwickshire.gov.uk>

Car Parking Charges on The Greenway.

1 message

Marstonlady@aol.com <Marstonlady@aol.com>

17 February 2015 at 15:48

To: paulacheesman@warwickshire.gov.uk

Cc: mikebrain@warwickshire.gov.uk

MARSTON SICCA PARISH COUNCIL.

Dear Paula,

Thank you for your email concerning the above which was discussed at our Parish Council Meeting last night. Whilst we appreciate the need to introduce charges at the Stratford entrance to The Greenway in order to bring it in line with other car parks in Stratford we do object most strongly to any suggestion of charging at the Milcote car park.

If charging were to be introduced it would certainly lead to vehicles parking on the grass verges on all sides of the road near to car park causing damage and compromising road safety.

Furthermore, signage and machines necessary to implement the charging of fees would impact on the rural nature of this site.

For the above reasons we wish to register our strong opposition to this suggestion as regards Milcote.

Joan Matthews
Chairman/Acting Clerk.
Marston Sicca Parish Council.

See over:



Paula Cheesman <paulacheesman@warwickshire.gov.uk>

Re: Car Parking Charges on The Greenway.

1 message

Mike Brain <mikebrain@warwickshire.gov.uk>
 To: Paula Cheesman <paulacheesman@warwickshire.gov.uk>
 Cc: Joan Matthews <marstonlady@aol.com>

18 February 2015 at 10:35

Dear Paul,

As Vice Chairman of Marston Sicca PC, District Councillor for Quinton and County Councillor for the location at Milcote I fully support the views below and strongly object to the introduction of any charging regime, especially at Milcote for the reasons given below. The very essence of the Greenway is to support a healthy living style by walking, jogging and cycling. By introducing parking fees will drive away the very people who benefit from a healthy living style, which would be a retrograde step in my opinion and most certainly we don't want users parking and eroding a rural grass verges and in Stratford parking alternatively in housing estates like Old Town Mews and Sandfield Road.

I realise that a minority of commuters are using the Seven Meadows car park for free parking, but this could be dealt with by limiting the parking period to 3 or 4 hours to accommodate the Greenway users, but not the commuters.

At the Long Marston end of The Greenway there is no facility for parking, although it's become very busy, so motorists are parking on the grass verges as they have no alternative, which is causing a quagmire. Can this be looked at as this end of The Greenway is very busy with the extension into Meon Vale?

Kind Regards

Mike

On 17 Feb 2015, at 15:48, [REDACTED]

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Old Town Mews
Stratford-upon-Avon
Warwickshire

(on behalf of Greenway Volunteers)

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
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13 FEB 2015

12 February 2015

Paula Cheesman
Country Parks Manager
Country Parks Department
Kingsbury Water Park
Bodysmoor Heath
Sutton Coldfield
B76 0BY

Dear Paula

Consultation on the introduction of car parking charges at the Stratford-upon-Avon to Long Marston Greenway

I write on behalf of our group of around sixteen local residents who, as volunteers, have every day (including weekends, public holidays, Christmas Day etc) since mid-December 2010 assiduously unlocked and locked the Seven Meadows car park of the Greenway on behalf of your department following the last ineffective proposal in 2010 to introduce car parking charges.

Whereas the group is grateful for the promised advance notice of a few days before the matter went public, members are dismayed that, after such four successful years of the present arrangement, there is now renewed consideration of introducing charges for parking.

The arrangement has been a no cost arrangement for the council and we estimate, on a very conservative basis, that our group has, over those four years, saved your department well over £30,000 in staff time or contractor fees.

The group recognises the pressures on public finances (however occasioned) but considers that the arguments made in 2010 (and apparently also in 2007) not to introduce parking charges still hold good.

In this respect, representatives of the Country Parks Department have given us to understand that over recent years your department has already made annual operational savings of around £750,000 to £800,000 and yet, despite this previous forward looking good housekeeping, is now caught in the current round of imposed, apparently across the board, future reductions in net spending.

One would hope that your department, if it has indeed made the savings other council departments have yet to make, would, instead of revisiting car parking charges at the Greenway, be able to persuade the Council that any new burden on your department should be waived in this respect.

The group offers the following comments on, and objections to, the current consultation and proposals:-

1. THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

- a. What we have seen of the consultation presents as no more than a snapshot survey, a questionnaire or even just information giving rather than a meaningful formal public consultation, given, especially, that no background information, costings, projections, alternative options etc are provided.

No mention is made of purported adherence to national guidance for consultation by public bodies or, indeed, to any consultation principles adopted by Warwickshire County Council.

In any event, given the particular usage of sites such as the Greenway and the lack so far of any significant wide local publicity, the effective period for responses appears to be fundamentally short – three months is usually seen as an appropriate minimum period.

It is suggested then that the current process would not meet the criteria for a full, formal public consultation and that the current proposal should, therefore, be abandoned.

That said, your online process talks of a closing date of 9 March 2015 whereas your letter of 27 January 2015 to local residents mentions a closing date of 13 March 2015 – hopefully, come what may, this later date will be respected for all responses, however submitted?

- b. There appear to be already established twin premises of being 'more commercial' and 'self-financing' - so any consultation appears to be addressed solely to how an inevitability will be implemented.

It is understood that these twin premises are now applied to all 'discretionary' services provided by the council but, if they are applied regardless of strong local opinion, then, for many purposes the council becomes just a self-determining trading operation and local voters can do little, if anything, to influence matters.

There is some perceived incongruity in the present consultation in that the local community (under penalty of legal proceedings) is required to pay council tax for the provision of local services/amenities only for considerable parts of that tax to be spent on employing people to consider how to extract more money out of the local community for using those very services/facilities for which they have already been taxed.

- c. Certainly, in respect of the Stratford Greenway, there are only five immediately apparent main ways in which extra revenue could be raised:-

- Charge for admission – impractical at this particular site given its layout and also totally inappropriate given that no public facilities of any type (e.g.

visitor centre, toilets, cafeteria, disability facilities etc) are provided by the council itself.

The Greenway does not, of course, attract the accreditation of being a 'country park' - it is merely (despite its pleasantness) a linear journey along a disused railway line (described on the WCC website as a 'permissive bridleway').

Furthermore, in suggesting that the lack of parking charges at the Stratford Greenway is an anomaly within all the county's 'country parks', no consideration is given to the fact of the Greenway's particular proximity to at least three sizeable residential areas.

- Increase the rents from the two railway carriages – not mentioned in the consultation but presumably inappropriate as any increase may well drive away the only facilities of any sort available at the site.
- Increase the current charge to the racecourse for use of the car park as an exit - something not disclosed in the consultation document.
- Impose (or increase) charges for the various events (e.g. marathons) that your department permits to take place along the Greenway.

Such events are presumably what a public facility should be about and should not be deterred?

Nowhere in your documentation is mention made of such events or of any income already raised from them.

It appears that any extra work incurred by your department on the ground in respect of such events is often minimal yet, at present, our volunteer group is sometimes used to open early (e.g. at 7.00 a.m.) to accommodate them.

- This brings us to charging for parking – it is easy then to see why many people see the present 'consultation' as merely a paper exercise which is a preamble to the unacceptable inevitability suggested in b. above.
- d. It is assumed (although it is not totally clear) that both the Seven Meadows and Milcote car parks are under consideration but, assuming that the two established premises in b. above apply across the whole of your department, one would have thought that the present consultation would have offered greater background information and the opportunity to make comment on what charges could be imposed/increased elsewhere across the country parks and greenways (other than by way of general annual review).
- e. It is unfortunate that any on-site interaction with users at the Stratford Greenway is taking place in the winter and that, if as has been reported to us, it appears to be no more than the asking of a few questions of a few users present at the time.

It is also noted with concern that, at the last time of checking, there was only a single public on-site notice and that was placed where vehicles were already exiting the car park over the alligator teeth.

- f. Although the council has recently (apparently after some prompting by local councillors) also leafleted certain local residents, the consultation form itself makes no mention of potential 'parking creep' (into e.g. Old Town Mews, Wetherby Way and Sandfield Road).

The council will be well aware of the importance of this issue for local residents from past proposals to charge (but, in passing, has reportedly not included the Sandfield Road area in its recent leafleting).

- g. It is recalled that, even though there are far fewer houses at the Milcote end, parking by Greenway users on the country roads adjoining the Milcote car park has also been of concern.
- h. As the consultation is silent on the question of opening hours one can only assume that the hours at the Seven Meadows end will remain the same and that, at the Milcote end (where there is currently no barrier), the same hours will be applied and enforced.
- i. We understand that an outcome statement of the present process will be published and, although we appreciate that there must be a conclusion to any consultation process (of whatever validity), we reserve the right to comment on such an outcome statement.
- j. We request confirmation whether any decision following the current process will be undertaken by an individual from the council under delegated powers (and, if so, who that will be and when) or by an open committee or sub-committee of which specific public notice will be given.

2. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

No details are given of the current running costs of the Stratford Greenway or of the current income from e.g.

- Rent from the two railway carriages
- The income for the use of the Seven Meadows car park as an exit by the racecourse

3. CAPITAL COSTS

- a. Considerable work has very recently been undertaken in and around the Seven Meadows car park.

Although we have been informed that this was routine, overdue work undertaken within the 2014-2015 budget, its timing is manifestly unfortunate and no attempt has been made to demonstrate to consultees and local residents that the timing was

indeed coincidental and did not, in any way, presage any foregone conclusion over parking charges.

b. The consultation fails even to mention how the inevitable and considerable up front capital costs over both sites are to be covered if parking charges are to be introduced e.g.

- The number and cost of ticket machines to be installed (it is assumed that ANPR cameras are now nationally and locally considered unacceptable and inappropriate).

In passing, it is noted that (perhaps presumptuously) electric cabling to serve ticket machines was installed in the Seven Meadows car park some years ago.

- The possible need to install an exit barrier over the alligator teeth at Seven Meadows if overnight parking is now to be expressly prohibited (and presumably enforced in one way or another).
- The possible reinstatement of the height barrier at the Seven Meadows entrance to deter the initial entrance of, for example, the several camper vans that regularly appear and remain overnight over the summer months.
- The possible need install an exit barrier at the Milcote end.
- New signage, publicity etc.

4. ONGOING REVENUE COSTS

a. Even after any (not inconsiderable) initial capital costs have been recovered (or converted to revenue costs) there will inevitably be considerable ongoing running costs to be borne in mind before any parking charges produce a surplus to go towards the already directed overall departmental 'self-financing' goal.

b. The consultation paper fails to mention any of the following:-

- The cost of somebody (presumably with transport) to unlock at both sites before 8.00 a.m. every day of the year and then, again on every day of the year, to lock at both sites at 4.00 p.m., 6.00 p.m. or 9.00 p.m. depending on the time of year.
- The cost of emptying, and accounting for, the contents of the ticket machines – this will presumably have to be undertaken very frequently given their vulnerable siting.
- The cost of monitoring and enforcing the parking restrictions over periods that could be as long as 13 hours a day in the summer.
- The cost of providing an out of hours contact point for any cars locked in overnight (even if there might be an opening up charge).

- If the above is to be contracted out in one form or another, on what basis and at what commercial cost.

It is understood that various models may well arise for consideration e.g.

- The council keeping all receipts and giving over management to a private company that would then have to raise its own revenue by the 'robust' (and possibly even 'aggressive') issuing of penalty notices.
- Income sharing with a private company – although this may spread the risk it would also negate a fair proportion of any income.
- Bringing in private contractors to manage the whole car park at an undisclosed annual cost.
- The council undertaking the whole thing in house.

The 'consultation' document lamentably fails to consider and ask for comment on any of these, or other, possible models, despite the fact that, in 2010, it was expressly stated that the then existing publicly funded parking enforcement resources in Stratford were unable to take on any extra workload.

- The cost of any appeals system where a penalty ticket has been issued.
- The potential loss of income if the two railway carriages are vacated because of increased rents or changed public usage of the area.

- c. It is, therefore, impossible for any consultee to establish the not inconsiderable extra costs to be committed (and risked) by the public purse before any potential surplus could be gained and applied to the 'self-financing' goal.

A figure of annual income from parking charges of £20,000 to £25,000 has been suggested by council officers.

Apparently this is a gross figure and not based on, or substantiated by, any specific or detailed research – a fundamental issue also raised by objectors in 2010.

However, if one looks roughly at the apparent staffing and operational costs as above (including on-costs and payments for overtime or unsocial hours) then it is quite possible that the cost of managing the car park would probably come close to, if not exceed, the equivalent cost of a whole staff post.

On this basis, the net contribution to the 'self-financing' goal would be minimal at best (and possibly a negative one) and, on any sensible 'commercial' test, would be totally unjustified.

6. 'PARKING CREEP'

- a. The consultation fails totally to address (or even express concern about) the obvious potential for 'parking creep' into neighbouring residential areas – the very issue that was so forcefully raised as an objection in 2010.
- b. This, it is suggested, shows a lamentable failure to consider the views and interests of those who vote for local councillors and pay council tax.

7. 'LOCALISM'

- a. Although he has been noticeably quiet on the matter of late, the Prime Minister has in the past repeatedly declared his support for local determination by local people yet the present consultation regrettably (and perhaps disrespectfully) fails to mention, let alone recognise or consider, the suggested merits of continuing the present unlocking and locking arrangement with local volunteer residents.

This has not only provided this basic service but has also served to alert the council to any problems and has resulted in a virtual absence of the previous public order problems in the Seven Meadows car park.

- b. In this respect, the group, nevertheless, declares its willingness to continue with the present understanding and arrangements indefinitely but clearly reserves its position if the council continues in its proposal to introduce parking charges.

The Stratford Greenway is a much valued local facility in its present format and it appears inappropriate to change matters just because of some political dogma of commercialism or charging to be applied indiscriminately across the board.

This may be a valuable opportunity for the council to demonstrate that it is capable and willing to respect the interests of local council tax payers and voters by appreciating that it should not pursue further the issue of charging for parking at the Greenway.

The members of our group may also submit their own responses, either as individuals or as members of other community organisations and, in so doing, may express further or other views.

This letter has been copied, in particular, to:-

County Councillor Jenny Fradgley
County Councillor Kate Rolfe
District Councillor Mike Brain
Nadhim Zahawi MP
Amanda Chalmers, Editor of the Stratford-upon-Herald

Yours sincerely





Paula Cheesman <paulacheesman@warwickshire.gov.uk>

Fwd: Renewed proposal by WCC to impose parking charges at the Stratford Greenway

1 message

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24 February 2015 at 08:37

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From: **Ann and Mike Watkins** <ann-and-mike@hotmail.co.uk>

Date: 23 February 2015 at 16:50

Subject: RE: Renewed proposal by WCC to impose parking charges at the Stratford Greenway

To: Isobel Seccombe <isobelseccombe@warwickshire.gov.uk>

Cc: Peter Butlin <cllrbutlin@warwickshire.gov.uk>, Graeme Fitton <graemefitton@pilot.warwickshire.gov.uk>, Monica Fogarty <monicafogarty@pilot.warwickshire.gov.uk>

Dear Mrs Seccombe

Thank you for your prompt reply.

I regret, however, that its contents serve only to increase our concerns – it is, of course, the inherent inadequacy of the process itself that is central to those concerns.

We had hoped that, given the unfortunate history of this matter for the council, the council would, on this occasion, have wished to address the to be expected views of local people in a more open and clear manner.

We will continue to monitor the situation.

Thank you again

Regards

Mike Watkins

From: Isobel Seccombe [mailto:isobelseccombe@warwickshire.gov.uk]
Sent: 23 February 2015 11:43
To: Ann and Mike Watkins
Cc: Peter Butlin; Graeme Fitton; Monica Fogarty
Subject: Re: Renewed proposal by WCC to impose parking charges at the Stratford Greenway

Dear Mr. Watkins,

Thank you for your email in respect of the Greenway. I am aware of the concerns expressed by you and others, and I believe that these will be taken into account through the process. I have forwarded you note to those concerned in the highways department to build into the evidence.

kind regards,

Izzi Seccombe ..

Izzi Seccombe
Leader
Warwickshire County Council

Stour and the Vale Division

On 21 February 2015 at 17:15, Ann and Mike Watkins <ann-and-mike@hotmail.co.uk> wrote:

Hello

I assume that you will be familiar with the current renewed proposal by WCC to introduce parking charges at the Stratford Greenway.

I believe that, when a similar proposal came before the WCC southern area committee in 2007, you voted against it.

There was a subsequent proposal in 2010 which was apparently dealt with under delegated powers – this was withdrawn after massive local public objection.

I now contact you on behalf of the volunteer group of local people set up in 2010 to lock and unlock the gate at the Greenway as a follow-on of that withdrawal.

Attached is a copy of a letter sent on behalf of that group in response to the current 'consultation' on the renewed proposal – rather long I'm afraid but it is a matter that requires some detail.

Our concerns and objections are in essence:-

1. **THE PROPOSALS ARE INAPPROPRIATE/UNNECESSARY** e.g.
 - a. Charging would discourage leisure users of The Greenway – the frequent, healthy, outdoor exercise the council should be actively seeking to promote
 - b. The Greenway must be at the very minor end of the spectrum of local cuts
 - c. WCC appears to have considerable cash reserves and recorded an operating surplus in 2013-2014 of £3.5m - so should have room to exercise some financial discretion over The Greenway

2. **THE COUNCIL IS ACTING/CONSULTING INAPPROPRIATELY** e.g.
 - a. Proposals appear driven by a rigid adherence to a 'commercialism' agenda
 - b. There is nothing to suggest that any revenue would be directly applied for The Greenway
 - c. The consultation is inadequate and flawed

There is no statement of projected income, additional collection costs or of any projected 'surplus'
 - d. It appears that the final decision may be made by a single councillor under delegated powers

3. **THE COUNCIL IS NOT LISTENING TO OR CONSIDERING ITS VOTERS/COUNCIL TAX PAYERS**

- a. WCC has demonstrated, over at least 8 years, a repeated determination to impose something it knows is vehemently opposed by local residents/council tax payers
- b. The council is clearly aware that the inevitable 'parking creep' into neighbouring residential areas remains a major concern for local residents/council tax payers, yet fails totally to address it
- c. The council appears quite happy to displace its own perceived 'problems' onto such locals
- d. The proposal fails totally to cover the contribution of those local volunteers who in 2010, in a spirit of 'localism', stepped up to the mark to lock and unlock every day of the year and, in the process, have saved the council many thousands of pounds

4. IN ESSENCE – WHAT NOW CONSTITUTES 'DEMOCRACY' AND 'LOCALISM'?

I hope that, as well as being a previous objector to similar proposals, you will, as Leader of the Council, be concerned that the council should consult its constituents in a proper manner, listen to them and recognise the principle of localism.

We have already been in contact with our local county councillors (Kate Rolfe and Jenny Fradgley).

We would welcome your comments on the current process.

My thanks in anticipation.

Regards



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Craig Williams <craigwilliams@warwickshire.gov.uk>

Re: Consultation Response

1 message

Stuart Ikingill <stuartikingill@warwickshire.gov.uk>

10 June 2015 at 16:12

To: Ann and Mike Watkins [REDACTED]

Cc: Craig Williams <craigwilliams@warwickshire.gov.uk>

Hello Mike and Ann,

I can find no record of having responded to you (if Paula has already done so, please forgive the repetition).

Firstly, I would like to reassure you that we will not allow responses to be 'timed out'. All responses will be summarised in the report to Cabinet and the accompanying report by the Warwickshire Observatory. Your letters will be included as part of the background papers, but I will redact your contact details whilst also making it clear that the response is on behalf of the Greenway volunteers.

For ease of reference, I've used your letter text to provide responses below.

Kind regards

Stuart

1. THE STATUS/FUNCTION OF YOUR LETTER

a. Whereas we are grateful for the time and effort you have put into the letter, we are not totally sure where it is meant to fit into the overall process.

***It is being treated as part of the consultation dialogue albeit that this has continued beyond the initial window. Is that what you mean by the question?

b. It clearly acknowledges that the 'consultation' data has yet to be analysed and summarised in a report, so (unless your department intends not to revisit its initial thoughts in the light of responses to the 'consultation') your letter can only be taken as some form of elucidation of those initial thoughts.

c. In passing, much of this information is similar to that obtained by one of our members under a Freedom of Information request.

However, although that request was made on 10 March 2015 (well before the final closing date for 'consultation' of 27 March 2015), it was not responded to until 1 April 2015 (after the closing date).

*** FOI legislation provides for 20 working days, but as stated above, we will not 'time out' any responses.

d. It is, therefore, unfortunate that now, after the closure of the 'consultation' period, greater detail emerges formally into the public domain relating to financial matters and various operational options - information that we would have expected to have seen disclosed as part of any proper 'consultation' process.

e. We would also like to draw your attention to at least two fundamental problems with certain information in your letter and the FOI response (which we have to assume is based on information provided by your department):-

i. It is stated that the '*estimated annual income from car parking fees*' will be in the region of £20k to £25k p.a.

At (very) best this would appear to be a suggested gross income (see below) but, if it has been presented as a net income, then the views of 'consultees' could well

have been inappropriately influenced.

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a. It is clear that such costs have yet to be assessed in detail and the options have not been made public.

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We look forward to:-

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***Confirmed as 16 July 2015, 1.45pm at Shire Hall, Warwick.

On 12 April 2015 at 16:25, Ann and Mike Watkins <ann-and-mike@hotmail.co.uk> wrote:

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Many thanks for yours.

- a. Again, despite your declared preferred option, it is clear that the options have yet to be fully evaluated and costed and the various outcomes have not been made public.
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We must now presume that, in the light of recent guidance issued to councils by the Secretary of State for Transport, any thoughts of using a contractor who will undertake the task solely for the revenue from penalty notices will now be laid totally to rest.

***Agree. We would not enter into a contract based solely upon enforcement income.

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***This could be a good option, but I accept that use of volunteers may be at odds with a fee based car park.

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- a. It is clear from the above that no possible figure can be (let alone has been) identified for presentation to the public or identified for consideration by the Cabinet.
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- a. We covered this in our original letter only because your proposals had said that you would prohibit overnight parking.
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- c. The present arrangements have generally reduced overnight parking to a minor issue and the introduction of charging would, we suggest, do little, if anything, to reduce its incidence.

***I think we are agreeing on this point, in that anything that is introduced regarding charging / signage etc. can only deter overnight stays, i.e. certainly no worse than current situation. For example, expired pay and display tickets could be subject to enforcement.

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I have copied this e-mail in similar terms to yours.

Regards

Mike

From: Paula Cheesman [mailto:paulacheesman@warwickshire.gov.uk]

Sent: 02 April 2015 16:30

To: Ann and Mike Watkins

Cc: Stuart Ikeringill/PT/WarksCC; constituents@zahawi.com; Jeff Clarke; Jenny Fradgley; Kate Rolfe; Mike Brain

Subject: Consultation Response

Please see attached letter, which I have also put in the post to you.

Regards,

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The Greenway. Station Road. Long Marston.

1 message

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17 February 2015 at 16:00

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Cc: jeffmorris@warwickshire.gov.uk, graemefitton@warwickshire.gov.uk, mikebrainuk@yahoo.co.uk

MARSTON SICCA PARISH COUNCIL.

Dear Paula,

While our Parish Council were discussing the proposed parking charges at Stratford and Milcote - see previous email - the subject of the road and parking at the Station Road, Long Marston end of the Greenway was raised.

So many cars are now parking here to avail themselves of the wonderful facility of the Greenway, that the road and verge have now become one and the area is an absolute quagmire together with huge potholes. Are there any plans to provide a car park at this end? If not could I ask that the area be tidied up, and made suitable for cars to park outside The Greenway in a tidy and safe manner?

You will see that I am copying in Jeff Morris and Graeme Fitton so that they are aware of our concerns.

Regards

Joan Matthews
Chairman/Acting Clerk
Marston Sicca Parish Council.

GREENWAY PARKING - Stratford-upon-Avon

For the attention of the officer responsible for parking @ Warwickshire County Council.

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*There is a danger of an accident at the entrance
as road turns corners - visually impaired due to
parked cars.*

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*There is a parking Bay in Kempton Close. How long would it be before the residents cant park because Greenway users start to use the Bay...? Also, as the cars are parked over the kerbs how long will it be before there is an 'Accident' involving pedestrians.**

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** Perhaps the estate (and other estates near by) would like a Traffic Warden to ticket cars for illegal parking and thereby solving the problem in a tick.*
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also there will be the same problem at the other end of the greenway at Mikote Parking on Main Road

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it works very well. We cannot take
any more parking in our roads. It works at
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We moved here 3 years ago from Shottery Rd because of all the traffic and parking, now we have the same again.

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The cars park on the pavements making it very dangerous also in the dark.

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From: name(s) Street CHERRY ORCHARD

I USE A MOBILITY SCOOTER.

TO ACCESS THE PATH ON TO SEVEN MEADOW ROAD

AT THE END OF CHERRY ORCHARD WHERE YOU CROSS

CARS ARE PARKING ACROSS THE DROPPED KERBS

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When Old Town Mews was developed by Bovis in the late 80's it was considered to be an off road parking area and consequently each property had a garage and a drive. Thus only visitors or trades would park in the road. Occasionally the Police and Fire Brigade would remind residents of the danger of roadside parking as it would seriously restrict access for ambulances and fire engines, and even occasionally issuing a ticket for obstruction. As of today, if parking takes place on each side of our narrow roads larger vehicles cannot pass as witnessed by the refuse collection lorry.

We are of the opinion that 'parking creep' would herald serious safety standards if large vehicles (fire engines) just cannot navigate their way to a house fire without ramming parked cars out of the way. At the worst, charge for Greenway parking, but restrict parking in Old Town mews by double yellow lines in between drive chamfers, and make it enforceable by Traffic wardens.

PS. the small 0 has broken on my keyboard and I have to use the number zero instead!



Paula Cheesman <paulacheesman@warwickshire.gov.uk>

Re: Stratford Greenway

1 message

Jenny Fradgley <jennyfradgley@warwickshire.gov.uk>

4 March 2015 at 11:24

To: Paula Cheesman <paulacheesman@warwickshire.gov.uk>, Kate Rolfe <katerolfe@warwickshire.gov.uk>

Hi Paula,

I have just completed the online survey, but have not been able to say that I am a Councillor. Having completed it I strongly feel that residents have not been given any kind of business plan to judge the financial probity of this proposal. What are the costs, what is the financial model and its assumptions, present costs etc Is there any consideration to costs to be incurred by WCC to mitigate displaced parking on hard pressed residents, which will surely happen.

I have asked residents to contact you re the Community Action to keep the Greenway safe, by operating the gate and having a morning and evening presence at this vulnerable site, and their thoughts as to its future operations in the light of possible charges here..

Regards jenny

On 2 March 2015 at 08:18, Paula Cheesman <paulacheesman@warwickshire.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Cllr Fradgley

Thank you for your comments please be assured they will be analysed as part of the whole consultation. In the meantime, it may be useful to fill in the online survey to help us to understand your issues further. Once the consultation has closed on the 13th March (now extended until 27th March to allow for further local letter drop) a full report will be produced setting out the findings. The results should be published on Ask Warwickshire under the feeding back to you button. This will be shared with you hopefully in April 2015.

Once again thank you for taking the time to let us know your views.

Regards,

Paula Cheesman
Country Parks Manager
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From: [REDACTED]
Date: 05 February 2015 19:26
To: "Jenny Fradgley" <jenny.fradgley@92ban.freeserve.co.uk>
Subject: Tree Maintenance on The Greenway

Hi Jenny.

We went for a walk on The Greenway on Tuesday and were met by a gentleman from Warwickshire County Council who wished to know our opinion on the work that has gone on around the car park during recent weeks. This has involved the cutting down of a large number of trees and has given the site a much more open aspect- might even be thought rather brutally raw if you are into tree preservation. This he told me was neglected maintenance work carried out to make Stratford a pleasanter place to live and such work had to be self-financing so the introduction of parking charges we would surely see as reasonable?

Having been fed the gospel of The Holy Tree- we don't cut trees down, nesting habitat et al-It seems somewhat bizarre to find trees being cut down wholesale as if it were a fuel crisis in a third world country! We have been asking for our sunlight back for over a year now, a situation that has developed because of the very lack of maintenance I was quoted by the official with his questionnaire.

A final point. Compartmentalisation. We live in Warwickshire and would expect a measure of consistency between District, County, Highways and Country Parks. Too often we hear: Not our department. It makes no sense that a Light Fest has been created 200 yards from where we live for the benefit of car users while we are still suffering from lack of winter sun and warmth in our houses.

I would welcome your response and that of Kate and do feel free to forward my letter to Gavin who is still working on his maintenance plan I take it as we heard no developments last month.

[REDACTED]

12/02/2015

[REDACTED]
New Cottages
Shottery Road
Stratford Upon Avon
[REDACTED]

30 MAR 2015

19 March 2015

Paula Cheesman
Country Parks Manager
Kingsbury Water Park
Bodymoor Heath
Sutton Coldfield

Dear Ms Cheesman,

Proposal to introduce parking charges at the Stratford-upon-Avon to Long Marston Greenway

I am standing as a District Council Candidate in May 2015 in the Shottery ward and as a result I have been speaking with residents in the ward as part of my campaign. It has come to my attention that there is a great deal of objection amongst local residents to the proposal to introduce parking charges at the Greenway.

I am writing to make you aware of that significant objection and that I, as a candidate and a local resident myself, object to those proposals.

Of course in this climate the need to raise money is understood. However it would appear to me that imposing parking charges could well be financially counter-productive in that:

- a) there will be the need for the regime to be enforced
- b) there will be avoidance of the scheme by increased parking in residential areas which may result in the local council having to take costly measures (including resident permit scheme, restrictions, signage) in response.
- c) increased cost in opening and closing of the area (currently undertaken by a volunteer residents team - which will disappear if charges are implemented).

Of course aside from the financial aspect there are good reasons in principle to object including:

- a) that it interferes with the right of the public to enjoy this area due to the cost (many use the area daily and they may feel the cost makes that prohibitive) and the inconvenience of the imposition of charges (having to clock watch whilst using Greenway).

- b) any decrease in usage of this area for exercise interferes with the desired society-wide objectives to encourage exercise and healthy living.
- c) that it is wrong in principle to take measures which inflict increased parking on nearby residential areas

I also say that it is wrong in principle to look at charging in this area when there has already been relatively recently proposals and consultation for charging in this area which resulted in a compromise whereby local residents take care of opening and closing the area. It seems wrong to have taken advantage of this local goodwill to then look to re-introduce charges; this smacks of coming back for a second bite at the cherry.

Whilst I appreciate that a substantive response cannot be provided to this letter, I would appreciate an acknowledgment of receipt and I am happy for that to be done by email (which I have set out above).

Yours sincerely

A large black rectangular redaction covers the signature and name of the sender. The name 'Andy Gillis' is partially visible at the bottom left of the redacted area.

Old Town Mews
Stratford-upon-Avon
Warwickshire
[REDACTED]

Mrs Paula Cheesman
Country Parks Manager
Country Parks
Kingsbury Water Park
Bodmore Heath
Sutton Coldfield
BY6 0BY

- 6 FEB 2015

4 February 2015

Dear Mrs Cheesman,

Consultation on the introduction of car parking charges at the Stratford-upon-Avon to Long Marston Greenway

I write with reference to the above and your letter dated 27th January 2015 (copy enclosed) concerning the plans for the car parking charges at the Stratford-upon-Avon end of the Greenway.

The introduction of these parking charges will encourage motorists to park their cars at roadside parking in Old Town Mews. The road layout in Old Town Mews is not appropriate for this; the houses are densely positioned and the roads are not designed for on-street parking. Thus, increasing the on-street parking, with the associated traffic movement using limited vision, would not only increase the risk to vehicle accidents but also would present a health and safety issue for the residents.

Against the background of my comments in the above paragraph I strongly object to the proposals outlined in your letter of 27th January 2015. However, should your proposals be accompanied by a firm commitment by the Council to introduce restricted on-street parking in Old Town Mews by the use of yellow lines, or equivalent, then the strength of my objection would be significantly less.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Copies: Chairman of Warwickshire County Council
Chairman of Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Wetherby Way
Stratford upon Avon
Warwickshire

25th February 2015

27 FEB 2015

Paula Cheesman
Country Parks Manager
Kingsbury Water Park
Bodymoor Heath
Sutton Coldfield
B76 0BY

Dear Ms Cheesman,

Consultation on the introduction of car parking charges at the Stratford upon Avon to Long Marston Greenway

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4. I understand that, since December 2010, a group of local volunteers has every day of the year been locking and unlocking the gate on behalf of your department and thereby saving you considerable sums of money. I understand that these volunteers are prepared to continue and the council should be embracing this contribution by members of the public.

Therefore, I would be grateful if you could answer the following questions:

1. What is the net financial benefit to the council of imposing parking charges, taking into account the costs involved in installing the parking ticket machines and the staffing costs required to lock and unlock the gates?
2. The proposed tariffs seem low when compared to similar Country Park facilities especially when the reason for their introduction is to increase council revenues. It could, however, be argued that the tariffs have been set at this level to discourage parking in local streets. What assurances can you give that the tariffs will not be increased shortly after introduction?
3. What assessment has been performed to consider the impact of Greenway users finding alternative free parking in Wetherby Way or Old Town Mews? The blind 90 degree bend at the entrance to Wetherby Way already poses a hazard which will be exacerbated by additional cars parked on this road. Has a risk assessment been performed to understand

Newbury Drive
Stratford-upon-Avon
CV37 9LZ

25th February 2015

Dear Paula Cheesman,

RE: Consultation on the introduction of car parking charges at the Stratford-upon-Avon to Long Marston Greenway.

In response to your letter of 27th January I wish to draw your attention to my views regarding your proposal.

As a resident living in the housing estate directly next to the Greenway car park, I anticipate that people wanting to avoid paying for parking charges will automatically drive into Wetherby Way and the adjacent roads and park along these. The safety of our children would be put at risk with an increase in traffic and with cars turning around in narrow cul-de-sacs. If cars are parked on these narrow residential roads there would also be more difficulty for the access of emergency vehicles and the roads will become hazardous. The dangers would also increase at the Milcote end, with cars parked on the grass verges on a narrow and winding road.

The Greenway is fully used by local residents on a daily basis. Not just dog walkers and cyclists, but runners and walkers, like myself, benefitting from the easy access to a pleasant environment where to exercise. In the current climate active, healthy lifestyles are always being promoted, therefore by putting a parking fee on the walk, run or cycle will be a disincentive. There is an inherent freedom by not having to commit to a particular timescale, which would be removed by having to purchase a parking ticket for a certain length of time, and this will also impact on people using the Carriage cafes and the businesses themselves.

I do not see how this area can be viewed in the same way as your other parks because it is simply a walk, and not an expanse of land to roam in. Parking charges are just another way of taxing us, however we do feel strongly that the council should perhaps look to reduce their expenses somewhere else, rather than pressurize the parks department to become self-financing. I assume that there will also be costs involved to run the car park. Will the financial gain be of any consequence therefore?

I wish to be informed about any further matters arising from your proposal.

Yours sincerely,



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Old Town Mews
Stratford upon Avon
CV37 [REDACTED]

20 February 2015

Ms Paule Cheesman
County Parks Manager
Kingsbury Water Park
Bodysmoor Heath
Sutton Coldfield B76 OBY

26 FEB 2015

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Consultaation on the Introduction of Car Parking Charges at the Stratford upon Avon to Long Marston Greenway

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Old Town Mews
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CV37

10 February 2015

11 FEB 2015

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16th February 2015

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 Old Town News

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15th February 2015

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18 FEB 2015

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