

<p>Mayor of Haslemere</p>	<p>At a meeting of Haslemere Councillors last night, SCC's current plans for car parking charges throughout the town were debated.</p> <p>The implications of these proposals are expected to have a profound effect on many parts of the community. Waverley's plans for increasing prices but, in particular, extending the hours for payment in their own car parks will, we feel, exacerbate the situation even more.</p> <p>Unfortunately, as a council, we were not notified of these changes until alerted by a resident after the so-called consultation period had ended. We are most perturbed that we had received no prior warning of Waverley's intentions so were unable to comment on the effects of the changes, not only on residents but, more importantly, on two of the town's most important institutions, the Haslemere Museum and the Haslemere Hall.</p> <p>It is a fact that Haslemere relies far more on volunteers than other towns within the Borough. Although some patrons will find themselves having to pay for attending shows, concerts, lectures, etc, for the first part of the evening, it is the volunteers who help at each place who cause us the most concern.</p> <p>Those who help out when the public are present need to arrive early to get their instructions and greet the patrons. It seems iniquitous that, when giving freely of their time, these volunteers should have to pay to park their cars for the first half hour or so that they will be on duty.</p> <p>In view of this and the fact that Waverley's plans impinge on the outcome of the SCC proposals, we are asking that you will defer implementation of the latest charges and changes to timings until such time as Surrey has decided what traffic restrictions, if any, will be imposed on Haslemere.</p>
<p>Chairman Haslemere Hall</p>	<p>I write to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Haslemere Hall in relation to the new car parking regulations which are due to start on February 1st.</p> <p>As a current observer on the board of Trustees of the Haslemere Hall, you will be aware of the substantial amount of work carried out by the staff, volunteers and Trustees of the Hall to ensure that this most valuable asset can continue to provide a subsidised venue for local people.</p> <p>I am primarily concerned with the extension of the chargeable time in the Chestnut Road car park to 7.00 pm. as this alone will make the users of the Hall think twice before attending any event that starts at such a time as would oblige them to pay for a parking ticket.</p> <p>Your researchers will be aware that the car park is all but empty by 6.00 each evening, unless the Haslemere Hall or Museum has an event, so one must conclude that your</p>

<p>GD</p>	<p>decision to extend the chargeable day is not to help control demand, but simply to raise revenue for the council.</p> <p>By raising money for the council, you thereby jeopardise the welfare of your constituents.</p> <p>Usually in a change of this sort there is consultation with the major users of the facilities. I am not aware of any consultation with people who I would have expected to have been consulted. Certainly no one at the Hall was consulted and, by implication, none of the Hall users were consulted.</p> <p>Indeed, the notice board in the car park where you placed the notice is not obviously a Waverley notice board, and even those who may have know that it was, would have been unable to read the statutory notice as the glass was filled with condensation.</p> <p>This lack of consultation can not be recognised as good practice by any yardstick and yet I understand that assurances were given at Waverley Council meetings that not only was best practice followed, but that there was widespread consultation.</p> <p>I wonder who reported these facts to the council or sub-committee. I wonder whether your own regulations and descriptions of “best practice” were followed.</p> <p>I suggest, most strongly, that the implementation of the new car parking regulations for the Chestnut Road car park should be put on hold until proper, widespread consultation has been undertaken.</p> <p>I believe that the Haslemere Hall is a valuable part of Haslemere and strongly object to any proposal which reduces the ability of the Hall to contribute to the life of the town.</p> <p>I write in my capacity as Chairman of the Trustees of the Haslemere Hall to urge Waverley to reconsider the extension of parking hours to 7pm at the Chestnut Avenue car park, Haslemere.</p> <p>Any additional revenue the extension might generate must surely be insignificant compared with the inconvenience caused to those who are attending functions, particularly at the Haslemere Hall.</p> <p>It is unlikely that car parking revenue would be generated from shoppers as shops in Haslemere close at 5.30, with the exception of Waitrose which refunds 60p of the parking charge.</p> <p>It is unlikely that revenue will be generated from those who visit restaurants as they are better able to time their visits and are likely to delay their visits. There is also little evidence that significant numbers of people eat before 7.00 pm.</p> <p>The one section of local people that will be adversely affected are the volunteers and patrons of the Haslemere Hall where most evening events start at 7.30 pm. Volunteer stewards have to be in place at 6.45 and many events start even earlier.</p>
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	<p>By extending parking hours to 7.00 pm, Waverley is, in effect, penalising the Hall, its patrons and its volunteers. Few other people will be penalised as, outlined above, shops would be closed and diners can be more flexible than those attending timed events.</p> <p>I urge you to reconsider the imposition of this extension of parking hours at your scheduled review in August.</p>
Haslemere Educational Museum	<p>The Trustees of Haslemere Educational Museum have instructed me to write to you expressing their serious concern over the proposal to extend the chargeable hours for evening parking in Haslemere car-parks. Whilst accepting the need of the Council to raise revenue, this proposal will discourage people from visiting the town during the evening for social and leisure events resulting in loss of income and viability for institutions such as the Haslemere Educational Museum and the Haslemere Hall.</p> <p>The Museum, as you know, is an independent charity, and is making huge efforts to increase both the revenue and its contribution to the life of the town, and often holds evening events to achieve this. The Museum has no parking on site and all visitors must use the town car-parks or street parking, and such visitors will be discouraged by having to pay to park.</p> <p>In addition to this our volunteers and staff who help with these events will be forced to pay. We will be encouraging organisers of events to start their meetings from 7.30pm to avoid charges for those attending, but volunteers and staff will have to tolerate not only the charges but also longer hours of attendance. Time off in lieu for staff will therefore be increased putting more strain on the management of the Museum.</p> <p>We believe that the decision to proceed, with extended hours and an increase in charges, has already been taken, but request that the instigation of the process be deferred to allow for satisfactory consultation with the Museum and the Hall (who were not consulted prior to the decision being taken). After which it may perhaps be possible to reconsider this action.</p> <p>The Trustees believe the Museum is a valuable part of Haslemere and strongly object to any proposal which reduces the ability of the Museum to contribute to the life of the town.</p>
RB	I would like to object to the increase in hours for pay and display parking in Haslemere and request that during the upcoming review the hours are reverted back to 5pm.
RM	Haslemere is a place where volunteers provide a really big service to the Community. I am aghast at the Waverley proposal to extend parking charges until 7 pm as this will hit just and almost only the people who make this splendid town work so well.
HD 5	<p>I am writing to ask Waverley to reconsider the extension of parking hours to 7pm at the Chestnut Avenue car park, Haslemere.</p> <p>The additional revenue it might generate must be pretty minimal as:</p>

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BC	<p>My objections to the extension of the parking hours in the Haslemere car parks to 7 pm. It is very detrimental to the evening functions at the Museum [and the Hall] and is most unhelpful as a result to the cultural life of the Town. With so little funding now available from local government for the Museum we have to rely more and more on special events, many in the evening, to keep going . We do not need this extra obstacle.</p>
JH	<p>As one who lives outside Haslemere I find that the charge for car parking after 1800 mean, a nuisance and a spoiler on an evening out. For example a Live Satellite production at the wonderful Haslemere Hall, starting at 1900, one has to be in the car park by 18.30 and pay for the full hour as there are no graduations of time.</p> <p>For evening events at the Haslemere Museum it is obviously just as bad. Motorists have been used by the government as 'cash cows' for many years (fuel, road tax etc) and Haslemere Town Council seems to be following in their footsteps. Please don't. Have you tried public transport in the evenings for the return trip home - it is abysmal. Please review your decision about charging for car parking after 1800 and revert to the previous times.</p>
LR	<p>I understand that it has been decided to increase the time for charging parking fees in the car parks in Haslemere town centre up to 7pm. This is a real problem as it just tips over into the time that volunteers come in to set up for events at both the Haslemere Hall and museum. Volunteers who give freely of their time will now be put out of pocket or be pushed to claim the money back from those ventures which barely cover their costs. Apart from restaurants there is little to do in Haslemere in the evening. This is really hitting the night time economy of Haslemere and we would appreciate it if you could reverse your decision.</p>
RDM	<p>My rationale for objecting is that Haslemere's restaurants, Haslemere Hall and Haslemere Museum, which do so much to create the cultural & social richness which Haslemere is so rightly proud, will suffer disproportionately by having a pay and display period until 7pm. Why would a logical person visit them, paying for the privilege of doing so when they can go to a restaurant, cinema or exhibition in other local areas with FREE parking?</p> <p>- The Haslemere Hall and Museum I believe receive support from Waverley, only local government could promote a change that would harm organisations that they support.</p>

	<p>Clearly this fails even the most superficial assessment of value for tax payers money or indeed common sense.</p> <p>- Westminster did not proceed with it's proposal for evening (and weekend parking fees) due to the impact on people who work / volunteer in places of entertainment and on the restaurants, theatres and museums themselves . If this was felt to be a convincing argument in Westminster why should it be any different in Haslemere?</p> <p>- If Surrey needs to drive greater economies from its budget it should review its expenditure before seeking the easy option of imposing additional costs on the people it is supposed to serve and support. Mary Portas' recent report highlighted the need for Town Centres to be actively supported to promote the development of businesses within them, this appears not to have influenced the thinking of Surrey CC yet again. Empty shops employ no staff, negatively impact the feel of a High Street and pay no business rates.</p> <p>- May I suggest that as an alternative Surrey reviews how it can share it's back office functions with another CCs as there is no logic for the current duplication of Legal, HR, Finance etc seen across CC and London Boroughs when they are all essentially carrying out the same activity. The removal of this waste will generate significant savings, especially if the activity is outsourced to a private company who will deliver services far more efficiently that can ever be achieved by local government?</p>
<p>J.P</p>	<p>I write in protest to the extended parking times at the above named car parks in Haslemere from 6pm to 7pm additional to the increased charges introduced earlier in the year.</p> <p>As a life member of the Museum for 30 years, and a Trustee of Haslemere Hall for 10 years (whilst Deputy Chairman of the Haslemere Musical Society) I can vouch for the fact that both these traditional institutions in Haslemere run on a financial knife edge. They receive little by way of Council grants (unlike similar institutions in the County & Borough) and rely on charitable donations and an army of volunteers to support their continuous functions.</p> <p>Both the Museum and the Hall have a full programme of evening events of a wide range of cultural, entertainment, educational and social activities. The extension of parking times to 7pm has a distinct deterrent effect on attendances for local community residents and visitors, also for volunteer helpers required for earlier preparation of some events.</p> <p>Our elected Councillors for County, Borough and Town are, of course, aware of the need to encourage rather than depress our local traditional institutions. The public also recognise that Councils require increases in their income periodically, even in times of austerity. My current plea is for the Borough's Executive to be content with the increased parking charges, but demonstrate their role to the public they serve by reverting the time cap to the previous 6pm at both car parks.</p>

DA	<p>I am writing to lend my support to all those from Haslemere who are objecting to your extension of car parking hours to 7pm. This extension of the charging times serves no useful purpose, either to ease congestion, or make the roads safer. So then it has to be a fund raiser for Waverley and a tax on Haslemere. And I would agree that it is not only unfair and antisocial but seems very ill-thought out. As you know all independent shops in Haslemere are shut by 5.30p.m. So your charges, only apply to the volunteers who run our Haslemere Museum and Haslemere Hall and those shopping in Waitrose. A tax on our volunteers, our community and our food. But is this tax a fund raiser at all? At 6.30 this Saturday evening, I counted 35 cars in the main central car park next to the supermarket. So that would raise (35 x 35p) a mere £12.25 . Can you tell me the costs of patrolling and policing this extra half an hour? Has anyone done the maths? The equation is simple. Cost to our community versus income raised. Is it worth it?</p>
C&DS	<p>I am writing to support strongly the proposal to reverse the decision to extend parking charges in Haslemere to 7pm. The short term use of car parks after 6pm is mainly by people going to, participating in or helping events in Haslemere Hall or Haslemere Museum. The decision to impose charges after 6pm has been seen as a tax on community and voluntary activities. Moreover for those giving their time for nothing (eg theatre or museum) it is totally inequitable.</p>
J&DR	<p>My husband and I would like to see a reversal of the decision by Waverley Borough Council to extend the charging hours to 7pm because of the negative impact it will have on the Haslemere Community, particularly for those involved in organising events at the Museum and The Hall which are largely fund raising to keep the buildings going. These events help to cover expenses and do not provide profit as such. These venues are most important to the community life in Haslemere and receive very little financial help from Waverley in relation to their costs. The town has had a most challenging few months with the road works closing off through traffic in part of the town centre and will not benefit from further penalties. Rather the Town is in need of help.</p>
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MW	<p>I am writing to you to inform you that I object to the extended hours of charges by WBC in Chestnut Avenue and Waitrose Car Parks, as they have an unjust effect on Haslemere Hall, and its volunteers and users, and users of Haslemere Museum. As a user of both, I feel so fortunate to have such wonderful facilities in my locality, and I appreciate the fact that local volunteers, give up their time to support them, in order to serve the community. Whilst I appreciate that WBC needs to raise revenue; in the current climate it is unfair, that in doing so, they should be penalising, these local facilities, trying, at the same time, to keep up their own revenues.</p>

<p>JCSM</p>	<p>I was very glad to learn that the decision to extend charging hours at the St Christopher's Road car park are to be reviewed in August</p> <p>I strongly hope that this decision will be reversed. I understand that statutory notice was given, but I cannot believe that any realistic consultation has taken place. It cannot be right that volunteers should have to pay in order to give their services for duties at the Hall or the Museum. The suggestion that volunteers should be willing to pay for the privilege of giving pleasure to the public is simply not sensible, and it is not reasonable for these two important organisations to reimburse volunteers for the charges.</p> <p>The charges are discouraging to the volunteers and detrimental to the life of the Community. They give the impression that Waverley is not willing to support volunteers nor the important organisations for which they work but only in raising more money from the already considerable parking charges. I should add that I am not directly affected because I have my own garage.</p>
<p>HD</p>	<p>I am writing to ask Waverley to reconsider the extension of parking hours to 7pm at the Chestnut Avenue car park, Haslemere.</p> <p>The additional revenue it might generate must be pretty minimal as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all the shops are shut after 5.30 pm except Waitrose which has its own car park where it refunds 60p of the parking charge • the Restaurants are open but few people eat before 7 pm (and patrons may well delay their arrival as a result) <p>However it does damage the volunteers and patrons of the Haslemere Hall where most evening events start at 7.30 pm (volunteer stewards have to be in place at 6.45) and many events start even earlier. The Haslemere Hall is such an asset to the Town and you don't need me to tell you how little demand the Hall places on the ratepayers. It is an amenity that I suggest is to be encouraged at every opportunity. Penalising it with an arbitrary parking charge seems a very perverse way of encouraging the use of the Hall and I urge you to reconsider the imposition of this extension of parking hours at the earliest opportunity.</p>
<p>MS</p>	<p>I wish to formally register a protest against the decision taken to extend the hours of car park charges at the Chestnut Road and Waitrose car parks in Haslemere from 6pm to 7pm. This will adversely impact on the many volunteers serving at the award winning Haslemere Museum and at the Haslemere Hall. Both these institutions, which are greatly valued here in Haslemere, rely on people freely giving up their time to keep them running. (As one of the original founders of the cinema in the Hall - back in 1989 - I am only too aware that the cinema could not function without volunteers. It is grossly unfair that these volunteers should now have to fork out for parking charges in the evening or that the Hall should feel obliged to refund these out of its meagre resources) I consider that it was an outrageous action by your council to extend the hours whilst increasing the charges. I said in my letter in The Haslemere Herald at the time it smacks of moving the goal posts! I request that the council please review this unfortunate decision with a view to returning the cut off time to 6pm.</p>

BC	<p>This message will just register again my objections to the extension of the parking hours in the Haslemere car parks to 7 pm.</p> <p>It is very detrimental to the evening functions at the Museum [and the Hall] and is most unhelpful as a result to the cultural life of the Town.</p> <p>With so little funding now available from local government for the Museum we have to rely more and more on special events, many in the evening, to keep going . We do not need this extra obstacle.</p>
LM	<p>I am the owner of theatremonkeys which is a children's theatre school running from Haslemere Hall. I am writing to you to voice my extreme concerns about the car parking charges in Haslemere being extended to 7pm. Currently almost 200 children come along to my after school classes on a weekly basis at the hall so this affects a large proportion of the local community. When I started the school I wanted classes to be affordable so that a wide range of children would be able to attend so it is not just for the privileged. For this reason, I never charge for families to watch the children in their shows or for their costumes.</p> <p>The fact parents and family members now have to pay to park when they pick up their children and also when they come to watch them in end of term productions is not only a drain for the parents but could be potentially very damaging for my business. As the Chestnut Road car park is the only safe place for them to park to collect their children from Haslemere Hall I feel they have no choice in this either.</p> <p>I do hope that my concerns and those of the parents of my students are listened to. This is a very special community and we want to encourage those that live here to continue to engage in all the wonderful things that go on here.</p>
AC	<p>I would like to see nil car parking charges in the Haslemere car parks for up to 2 hrs, which would preclude commuter parking in these, while encouraging shoppers and thereby boosting trade for local businesses. There would then be no need for you to have pay and display tickets or ticket machines, as each car could display a cardboard wheel showing the time of parking.</p> <p>The free parking arrangements for Weyhill car parks should remain as at present.</p> <p>At the very least, where there are now car parking charges, the finishing time for charging should be restored to 6.0pm. The present extension to 7.0pm is a step too far and is damaging to the evening volunteers at Haslemere Hall and Haslemere Museum.</p>
M F	<p>I have recently learnt that car parking charges in Haslemere are to be extended into the evening. This decision could have serious and damaging affect on the two main cultural centres in this area ie Haslemere Hall and Haslemere Museum. Both attract audiences in the evening to their fundraising events, which are also supported by help from many unpaid volunteers. Most are elderly, and rely on their own car transport having been defeated by the long distances or the steep hills they must cover in order to reach Haslemere Town Centre. Without the income from these evening events Haslemere hall and Haslemere Museum could not survive. Only recently the Museum was praised in a major National Newspaper and Haslemere Hall has similarly been mentioned in the past. A decision to increase the cost of car parking at this crucial time of day could prove harmful to these important institutions. Serving a very wide catchment area. They</p>

	<p>provide the main education and leisure needs of many local people and others. They are both charities of which Waverley should be justly proud. I trust these matters will be reconsidered and a way forward to compensate them and their audience supporters should this become necessary.</p>
BF	<p>As a resident of Grayswood with an office in Haslemere please record my objection to the proposed extension of charging hours to 7.00 p.m. Notwithstanding the state of the economy such proposition defies logic let alone sanity.</p>
B&B	<p>We are writing to object in the strongest possible terms to the extended hours of charging for car parking in Waverley's off-street car parks in Haslemere town centre. These hours were extended from 6pm to 7pm earlier in 2012 and we understand are the subject of review this month. For the following reasons, we request that you take the necessary steps and secure the reversal of this extension by Waverley Borough Council. The first reason is that the process by which Waverley made the decision to extend the hours for charging did not meet the appropriate standards. The consultation of the local community and stakeholders who would be affected by the decision was inadequate; for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • although statutory steps were taken to advertise the change, these were wholly inadequate in their execution: the advertisement in the local press (the Haslemere Herald) was presented in virtually illegible font size and without drawing attention to the implications for the town; similarly, the notices posted in Chestnut Avenue Car Park were placed in positions where it was not possible to read them easily and in plastic coatings that soon became opaque with condensation; and • although Waverley Borough Council has an active involvement in Haslemere Hall, by way of both annual funding and participation of a Borough Observer (a role we believe is currently filled by Councillor King), we understand that there was <u>no attempt</u> to consult with either the management or the user groups of Haslemere Hall, even though the impact of evening charging in the town centre car parks would inevitably impact the Hall. <p>As you know, such defects in process, including inadequate consultation, call into question the legal validity of a decision such as this. The second reason is that the extension of charging into the evening has a detrimental impact on the town, especially the life of the Haslemere Hall and the Haslemere Museum, effectively adding a Culture Tax to the existing demands on people's budgets. Both users and volunteers, participating in evening events at the Hall and the Museum are now charged an additional cost which, in the case of the Hall, is actually resulting in the Hall using some of Waverley's funding in order to refund volunteers' Waverley parking costs! Thank you in advance for your diligent consideration of these issues in your review and for taking the right steps to reverse the evening charging introduced earlier this year. We would ask that you submit a copy of this letter to the Executive in its deliberations.</p>

COMMUNICATION RECEIVED - SUPPORT

PM	<p>I simply wish to record my support for the charging hours extension to 7pm being continued. Many of my fellow residents evidently labour under the misapprehension that parking is “free”, whereas the land on which the car parks is constructed has significant capital value, and requires significant routine repair and maintenance. There is also the question of enforcement, both in the car parks and on the street, which I understand currently operates at a deficit. You only have to look at Aberystwyth in Wales to see what happens when you lift parking enforcement, so it is necessary and has to be paid for somehow.</p> <p>As a council tax payer in Waverley, as well as owner and driver of two cars, I cannot quite see why I in my capacity as a taxpayer should be expected to subsidise me in my capacity as a driver.</p>
PB	<p>Having read a number of articles and letters in the Haslemere Herald I wanted to assure you that not all people in Haslemere are against change and that sometimes the minority make the most noise.</p> <p>From my reading of the situation the arguments being put forward are:</p> <p><u>Parking Charges</u></p> <p>Necessity to raise revenue</p> <p>It is understandable that the Council raises revenue from parking though naturally people don't want change especially when it hits their pocket. I am sure that the changes to the car parking order were properly advertised but the reasoning has not been communicated to the residents. Not everyone is able to comprehend the parlous state of local authority finances and more could be done to explain what options were considered and why the times were changed and car parking charges raised. When you look at Councils such as Poole and Allerdale where motorists get hit 24 hours a day it is not all bad in Waverley.</p> <p>Consistency of approach</p> <p>Haslemere does not appear to have been singled out by the Council therefore it seems that this approach has been across the board.</p> <p>The impact upon community groups</p> <p>Perhaps a way of diffusing some of the anger from groups such as the Haslemere Hall is to offer them a smaller number of concessionary permits in recognition of the good work they do for the town.. Shopkeepers will never be happy with charges but after all they are there to make money but seem to forget that the Council also needs money to function.</p> <p><u>Wey Hill Car Park</u></p> <p>The poor state of repair</p> <p>The car park is in a disgraceful state of repair and an embarrassment to the town and I applaud attempts to address this. I have heard it described as looking like a war torn Beirut and why don't the Council do something about it so there will be plenty of</p>

people who would like to see this improved.

Use of assets and charging

It is incumbent on the Council to look at its assets such as the car park and make sure that it is maintaining them and receiving the income it can from charging. Many of those complaining are not Haslemere residents but for years have freeloarded on the town as it is a convenient and gratis car park. They come to the station and give nothing to the town. When you look at the cars that get free spaces in this car park it is clear the users can pay but they just don't want to. I cannot see why they should not pay as they are consuming a service that otherwise we would have to subsidise as Council Tax payers but they have been used to this perk so naturally will carp about any changes.

Drainage

The necessary drainage improvements have to be paid for and charging would help do this. In wet weather the similarity to a bomb crater is striking and the same people who do not pay to park here probably expect a perfect surface.

Common land and use by the fair

The fact that the site is Common Land has been quoted to me as a reason why nothing can happen. To me this is procedural delay and just the sort of box ticking that councils get accused of using as an excuse to do nothing. I agree you should make sure the correct procedures have been followed to avoid a challenge and if necessary the Council should go back and get another consent to allow it to push on with this project.

Saturday Refuse Service

The new facility at Witley is fabulous and works very well. The point made is that everyone travelling to Witley is not environmentally friendly. The concern of many people is the green waste. Most people appreciate that the other waste needs to be split in order to improve recycling rates but inevitably there will be grumbles as it is change. If there could be a clearer kerbside regime or one vehicle remains for green waste on a Saturday morning would be a worthwhile compromise.

Double deck

There is room to double deck the car park but it is not clear whether there is a business case for this prior to controlled parking zones as people will park on residential roads first. My concern would be in the relationship to Wey Hill and the surrounding properties therefore maybe the top tier could be smaller

Frontage to Wey Hill

In any decked car park care will need to be taken to ensure the balance between a built up façade and viewing for security. If there are buildings on the front they should inter-relate with the car park so that they overlook and the occupants will help police the area through looking onto the car park.

Local businesses

It is clear from the number of vacant and poor looking units that Wey Hill traders survive on the edge therefore the strategy for the car park should seek to enhance the trade through keeping part of Wey Hill car park as a shoppers car park, having a low

priced ½ hour slot and offering traders a reasonably priced parking pass. The Council should not be in the business of massively subsidising traders but giving them a helping hand would go down well.

Wey Hill Neighbourhood Planning Forum

My concern with this is that it is a self appointed group of people (of a certain persuasion) who purport to represent the views of the town. Whilst it is fine to have them as consultees care is needed not to assume that they represent the majority. Groups such as the Haslemere Society and residents' associations represent a broad church of views yet sometimes their leaders suggest they are speaking for all when meetings are poorly attended and there is not as widespread a membership as the Council is lead to believe. In my own experience it can be that people have lost faith in the representatives but they are so entrenched that it can be difficult to stand against them.

Anything needs to wait for street parking

Waiting for Surrey to sort out street parking is a fudge. If the car park is resurfaced and this pushes people onto residential roads this will galvanise the people to lobby Surrey to act. I accept that our road could be affected but that is not a reason to stand in the way of a general improvement for the town.

On Street Parking

I support the group that says it was a mistake for Surrey CC to try and push this through by lumping both commuter parking problems and shopper car parking together. All this did was galvanise opposition to the commuter changes which had support from many residents.

Commuters

As mentioned above people who park in the streets are mostly people from the outlying towns who do not contribute to the infrastructure of Haslemere. . Charging them makes this more equitable. There are another bunch of people who park when they could walk from the edges of Haslemere. This may need some work in terms of focus groups to look at car share spaces, more bike racks, motor bike spaces and timed shared taxis. Perhaps this is something the forums could look at.

Local businesses

I am not advocating no charge for all parking but having a residents' pre pay card (like the Oyster Card) could make it easier as what stops people popping into small towns like Haslemere is not having change. . Anything like this will help businesses without depriving Surrey CC and Waverley of the chance to earn revenue. As it was the proposals seemed poorly thought out and communicated and were hijacked by associates of Councillor Steven Renshaw thus giving plenty of ammunition to wholesale opponents of change. There will always be the people who think they should not pay and will take the risk but a few days of extra wardens should give the message to these people !