



12 November 2015

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Mr Damian Roberts
Director of Operations
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Dear Mr Roberts,

Re: Amendments to the Waverley Borough Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order

I refer to the above amendment, the effect of which is to reduce the charging period by 30mins (from 7pm to 6.30pm).

Following our recent committee meeting the Chamber feels that an opportunity has been missed to support the night-time economy in the town. This would better be achieved by the charging period ending at 6.00 pm.

The difficulties with business permits have also still not been addressed. The Chamber calls for incentives for local businesses to give their staff reasonable price terms that are flexible enough to support part-time working.

Free parking on Thursdays could shift to Small Business Saturday in 2016, and it is suggested that this start at 10am so as not to encourage business employees to take up the free parking spaces.

48% of tickets are issued in Farnham representing a profit to Waverley Borough Council of £1m. In addition 40% of business rates are generated from Farnham. Given the size of the contribution from the town, we would like to see more support for business in Farnham and therefore welcome the continued consultation.

I would also take this opportunity to point out that under item 5.1 there is a reference to the display of tax discs, which are now obsolete.

Yours sincerely

Richard Ellmer
President