## **Responses to Consultation on reducing the Charging Period** from 7.00pm to 6.30pm

From: Amy Corstin [mailto:amy.corstin@redmistleisure.co.uk]
Sent: Wednesday 11 November 2015 14:43
To: Farnham Chamber of Commerce; Damian Roberts
Cc: Farnham Clerk
Subject: RE: Off-Street Parking Proposed Amendments

Dear Richard and Damian,

Thank you for circulating the off-street parking proposed amendments.

Having reviewed this, I would like to write to you on behalf of Fabulous Farnham, who represent retailers and small businesses in Farnham.

The overall consensus is that this is too late and will lose the desired impact a change in times would be capable of making for retailers and also local pubs and restaurant. Visitors to the town centre are more likely to stay later and possibly visit more retailers, be that a shop and then a local restaurant on the basis that they can afford to do so. We would like to propose an earlier time of 6pm, along with free parking on Saturdays.

For 2016, We would also like to propose that the December free parking on Thursday's for 2016 are in addition to free parking on Small Business Saturday, as there should be clear demonstration of supporting the opportunity to encourage footfall to the town in whatever means possible. These are two great opportunities with substantial awareness that should not be selective.

As a town, the retailers want to see improvements to the opportunities that are created for more footfall and feel parking will play a tremendous part in this one way or the other.

Kind regards,

Amy Corstin

17 November 2015

Dear Mr Homewood

I realise that this is a few days late however I just wanted to confirm that at Haslemere Town Council's Planning & Highways meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November the above amendment was considered. Haslemere Town Council has no objection to the charged parking times being reduced by 30 minutes and fully supports such a proposal.

Yours sincerely Sarah Nash **Deputy Town Clerk** Haslemere Town Council