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Coach parking must be provided in Bourton by CDC to avoid major road safety and traffic flow issues in 2024.

Let the towns look after parking and managing

Parking is already expensive and the new machines painfully slow. If it gets any worse, people will stop coming in to the centre of town.

You have to keep free parking allocation to keep people coming to town/village centres which are already struggling. Further and higher charging is an easy option but short sighted in my view.

Free parking for all

the charges shouldn't be too high to encourage visitors to the town

The town of Cirencester is already like a ghost town. Raising parking charges will do business in the town no good at all.

Cash is legal tender, we should all be allowed to use it. I never go into town now, as refuse to be told i have to be cashless. Terrible for old folk, they cant cope with phone payments etc. We should have machines that take all payments.

I believe that an increase in charges is inevitable given the financial position of Local Government. My view would be that overnight parking should be chargeable, and Sunday parking could be kept in place or charged at a reduced rate. I also think tourist areas should see differing fees given that they are in areas with high footfall such as Bourton-on-the Water and Stow. There also needs to be a greater use of technology such as ANPR cameras and barriers to ensure that fees are being charged more accurately, rather than for example, paying for 2 hours and only using an 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Put up charges bur Reinstate free parking after 3.00 O'clock Mon to Sat and free parking on Sun

Start charging for anything longer than 1 hour on lay-bys along Cirencester to Cheltenham bypass - £100 per stay for lorries beyond one hour - that will help fund clearing up their mess

I am not happy at the withdrawal of the payment by cash option at parking machines.

If charges are to be made on a Sunday, they should only apply to a few central car parks.

Charge more for coach parking across the whole of the Cotswolds

You seriously need to bring back at least one cash meter, the town is losing so much revenue as so many people don't know how the card system works...I personally wouldn't use a card to pay for something as minimal as parking. I'd do what the majority of other's do, either travel to a town with cash meters or go to one of the towns with free parking.

there. should be a one hour. free parking ie for residents to shop and long term over one hour should be charged in all car parks

Permanently free parking to encourage shopping in local shops. The loss of revenue should be recovered from business rates.

Charging for parking does not help the high street. People will simply buy online.

Stop vanity projects and concentrate on delivering basic services to all. Garde Waste collection charges are way to high compared with surrounding areas and will encourage fly tipping, not very green policy if you need to drive long distances to Fosse Crossvf

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Locals parking badge for residents in tourist places like Bourton on the water. The extra money raised in the village by tourist should pay for households who pay council tax get a badge. Each household can apply for a free badge. To encourage locals to shop locally I'll year around

I think parking should be free - Cirencester Town is dying, increase the fee will drive people away from the town and thus reduce income, if Witney can do it why not Cirencester?

More free parking to increase footfall in town centres town centre is now dead need more customers not empty car parks

My view on keeping Sundays free of charge would help families and customers using the car parks to be able to enjoy a day out without the extra cost of parking.

Charge for Sunday parking but free for first hour. Keep cash and card payments as this will encourage more people to use the car parks, and why not pay on exit so you pay for what you actually use.

A rural bus scheme would help reduce car use and mobilise our ageing populace

Increase charges but Reintroduce 30min charge or more 20 min free bays and Let parish select 10 free parking days a year for events.

There should be free 1-2 hour parking to encourage more visitors / shoppers into our towns

Putting up car parking charges will result in towns becoming even more empty resulting in fewer businesses paying business rates. Why would I pay extra to park when I can go to an out of town shopping area and park for free.

Free after 3 was better for local people than free on Sunday which is largely restaurant goers. It would be good to give local people a number of free parking hours a year. This would soften the Blue ofcrased charges and make people think about whether they need to drive.

Taxing shoppers is a deterrent to footfall driving shoppers out of the town and to out of town centres or Witney.

Increase parking in line with inflation %. But, introduce a max 50p first 1/2hr. Keep after 6pm free. Introduce a reduced flat rate all day £3 Sunday charge.

Further increases on car parks will mean fewer people using them and going and parking elsewhere. We already pay for council services and this is making us pay again. No increases.

Parking should only be used to cover the cost of providing the parking itself and not as a revenue stream or redistribution mechanism

Introducing Sunday charging and increasing charges at other times will reduce footfall to the towns, ultimately resulting in those businesses paying less tax (or none at all), employing fewer people (and paying less tax) and damaging the reputation of the Cotswolds.

Could technology, cameras perhaps, increase revenues and compliance?

Increase car park charges for visitors whilst freezing residents parking fees

Increasing parking charges discourages visits to town centres and use of local businesses. Town centres would attract more visitors (and use of local businesses) if parking charges were reduced.

Charge the same on Sunday as for overnight parking. Other days increase 10%, but from 11am to 2pm double the staytime. This would encourage lunchtime shopping and dining, but not increase stay times across the board..

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a few 15 mins parking bays in each area for locals residents might help

It us ready far too expensive for regular visits to town. You are frightening away the visitors already. If you charge for parking on Sundays the town will die

Keep rates the same but Introduce 24hr charging in certain car parks. For example, Cirencester Market Place. Extend maximum parking durations in car parks - if someone is willing to pay why limit their stay? If parking fees must increase 30mins free should be enabled in all car parks.

Free on Sundays and free after 3PM

Do a Witney, help businesses by having free parking but time limited. Its our land

Any increase in charges will further reduce the footfall in local businesses - keep charges unchanged.

You have already killed towns and villages with parking charges. So you have ghost town with businesses going bankrupt and everyone drives to the trading estates, with free parking!

The car parks are always full since Covid, so raising charges will assist supply

Charge in all car parks across the Cotswolds evenly - some car parks are still fee free

support working taxpayer and working families

Witney provides free parking and is booming. This should be looked at - it might encourage shoppers in who otherwise might not come to Cirencester and spend more money, growing the economy.

1st hour should be free to encourage shoppers, then a lower hourly charge, Sundays should be free

Decrease car parking charges to encourage greater use by visitors to the town and therefore increase businesses and the viability of the town. You are killing the town and therefore your income. The

A more rigorous checking of parking and targeting those who don't pay, run over their time etc could bring in additional money.

Keep free Sundays and increase weekday charges

Remove Sunday parking, but increase charges by 7% rather than 15%

If you fill all the shops cut rates for local people to run shops make the centre of Cirencester a car free zone take away them stupid so called paths that people keep falling over then fill the area with market stalls three times a week the parking along by the black horse for disabled think of ten or more market stalls and lots more shops you will take the money in and keep parking charges the same

Reduced prices more free parking to increase town centre use

Don't charge on a Sunday, it will just push cars onto the surrounding streets. What about a discount scheme for residents for Mon to Sat parking. It works in Scarborough district. They also don't charge anyone from 30 Sept to 31 March and the car parks were busy and the various towns packed even on a wet No day.

So little parking is available that short term parking costs (2-3 hours) should be minimised but those needing long term in car parks should pay more. Priority should be given to shoppers to help rejuvenate the town commerce.

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Our town seems to be thriving again increasing parking charges will damage the viability of the town.

You want to encourage people to the Cotswolds, not push them to use side roads, housing estates and obstruct residents from parking! Witney still offers free parking, thus encouraging us to visit the town for shopping!!

Freeze parking charges as now. Reintroduce "free after three" to support local businesses. Pay for these changes by increasing the capacity of car parks (removing pedestrian walkways), and making general cost savings in council activities.

Parking is already expensive and will deter even more people coming into town if it is increased further. I already think twice about coming into town and paying for parking.

new meters installed that measure the time that we are in car park and pay only for time used on exit from parks

Parking up to 1Hr should be free to encourage local people to support their high streets. Car park fees outside this time should be increased with inflation including Sundays.

I'd agree with the increase in charges but local shopping need encouraging as much as possible due to the shift to online shopping. Increasing charges will not help with this.

As there are more visitors to Cirencester, especially in the summer, would it be possible to have some car parks which are cheaper for residents

I've always felt it was very cheap to park in our car parks and if you know the money is going towards ensuring our council can support its residents and deliver services, then it seems like a no brainer to raise money this way!

keep the charges the same and save money by not spending on pandering cyclists with priority schemes

we should protect the local economy from parking increases, if you drive people out of the TC to shop in retail parks businesses will close reducing your other revenue streams so it would be a short sighted step

The council should be encouraging people to use the shops in Central Cirencester as the town centre has taken a huge hit recently especially with Tesco closing and other shops as well. You have done away with the popular free after 3pm please do not treat people like cash cows raising the car parking fees and taking away free Sunday parking. Take a leaf out of West Oxfordshire DC with their free parking at Witney

Witney gives free parking...period! Town is thriving while most towns are becoming ghost town. I no longer shop in Ciren. Forcing people to pay by card is outrageous. Give people who pay their taxes (& your wages)the choice.

I think you are a bunch of robbing bastards

The free parking after 3pm meant that local shops were used. Now residents are pushed out to large shopping centres that offer free parking. It's had a huge impact on families and businesses alike and I'd love to see where the money made in those three hours if charging has been spent. You're trying to help families and businesses but have done the opposite.

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Although you say you kept car parking the same, you actually removed the successful free after 3. This has seen a reduced footfall into the town centre, playing your part toward killing off a vibrant town centre. If you continue to over charge, then there won't be much of a town centre left to visit meaning you will not increase your income anyway.

Free on Sundays and bring back free after three to support local businesses!

I will simply go elsewhere and spend my money with other businesses, driving customers away helps no one

Rarely park in Cirencester

High parking fees put people off visiting Cirencester. Keep them low.

You should leave parking charges and free Sundays as they are. You shouldn't be charging residents the amount you're short. Everyone has difficult decisions to make.

Double the charges in the Rissington Road car park in Bourton-on-the-water

I believe free parking on Sundays should be kept, Free after Three should be reintroduced and parking charges frozen or cut.

Unless I can find free parking I rarely stop in my town. I buy on line instead. Look at the number of empty shops and ask why? High rates/taxes and inconvenience.

free parking at all times

We need to encourage visitors not discourage!

Increase the business rates of the supermarkets and out of town outlets to cover the difference. Increasing the parking charges will kill the shops in the town centre which is already moribund.

An introduction of free or very low/token parking will encourage many more visitors and retail customers, the council should then be collecting additional tax from businesses, proportional to the increased revenue brought in by the scheme

COuncils should sell off all car parks, use the income to rebate council tax and business rates and let commercial operators set their own pricing.

Parking is already expensive and the town needs to be accessible to all households.

all town parking should be free

There needs to be an Increase in business Rates on Out of Town Retail and the increased Rate Income used to subsidise In Town Parking Income , Likewise CIL Payments should be applied from Bathurst and Residential and Commercial New Developments within CDC with no exemptiond

Please re-introduce the free parking after 3pm

Free on Sunday and return of free after 3pm

Parking charges deter visitors and shopping. Be careful.

Increase out of town hyper market business rates to offset parking costs to support small shops in town.

All residential areas of Bourton-on-the-Water should have double yellow lines to dissuade tourists from parking for free here which reduces council parking revenues

Increase the parking charges on all days but not for registered businesses and residents.

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Council tax here in the Cotswolds are already higher than most councils I feel it's unfair to expect residents who haven't no means of increasing their income to fund rising costs in fact I would support reduced council for pensioners

Each car park should have at least one coin machine for the elderly, tourists, and the technology disabled

Make use of the car park on the Whiteway near the rugby club for normal public use (not season tickets)

Keep free parking for locals and charge people from outside area

Pay cuts/ freezes at the exec level to fund the service cost gap

Parking should be free as it would encourage more people into Cirencester. It's free in Witney!

witney thrives as a shopping destination because of plenty of free parking

Offer more spaces per car park for 30 or 60 mins free, for people to pick up, drop off and do single errands. It will help keep the town retail units commercially viable and you will collect more in rates. Offer small number of spaces for 3+ hrs at much higher premium. Rich people will pay for the convenience.

I can't get a blue badge as my husband has Alzheimers classed as hidden disability so parking charges anytime are major cost for me.

charge blue badge users a flat fee for use of car parks; car parking has already gone up a lot; i would remove free parking rather than increase fees everywher. people will shop in out of town centres more and more as parking is free.

20 minutes free parking would be handy to encourage local business usage - but I would not expect all day free parking

Allow coaches to Park in Rissington road car park at £20 a coach x 4000 coaches per anum will give an easy £80,000 for council coffers, easy money and good to support local business and clear the roads for local residents,

Parking in towns should be free of charge to support business and to encourage more spending on the high streets. Parking charges elsewhere should be charged at an appropriate and reasonable cost, also supporting businesses that rely upon visitors to the region and the local community to boost the economy.

Car parking fees should be reduced in price to ensure that the town centres survive. I currently live in CDC area and currently shop in Cirencester due to the parking fees being less than Cheltenham, if Cirencester car parks have an increase I charges I will go to the retail parks in Cheltenham

Increase free parking options for the first hour or 2 to encourage residents and tourists to depend money in local businesses thus increasing local business income keeping our towns and villages vibrant.

To encourage sustainable transport, parking charges should increase.

Raise council tax by more. Keep parking charges as they are and reintroduce cash payment options

Should be free every where

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Parking charges stay the same, charge local businesses/clongonmariants to advertise their businesses

I think free parking on Sunday should be kept, raise prices by 15% (if absolutely necessary) but restore "free after three" for price-sensitive customers and to increase footfall in the town.

Parking charges is prominent way to improve the budget and should be utilized gracefully.

Increased charges weekday and weekend but have free after 3pm

As an independent trader in Cirencester I am reluctant to see any increase in parking charges as it discourages locals from supporting their local high street and drives them to shop in out-of-town superstores.

Should be left as they are, I don't shop in Cirencester as the cost of parking is awful.

It would be a mistake to charge for parking on Sundays as this would warrant more traffic wardens working unsociable hours - which would reduce the income.

Increase charges but look at other areas like evening and overnight parking through technology use.

I try not to park in CDC car parks as it costs more than parking in seaside towns like Newquay Poole etc

I think the free parking in the Council's car parks on Sundays should be kept and should be extended to the other days of the week.