

# **Appendix 3**

## **Car Park Charging – Parks Consultation 2021**

### **Final Consultation Report**

**30 November 2020 to 10 January 2021  
Public Consultation**

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# 1. Consultation Methodology and Respondents

The council is considering the introduction of car parking charges to car parks in parks for the purpose of protecting these particular car parks for park users and also to help generate income that would be used to offset the costs of maintaining the borough's parks and open spaces. As part of informing this proposal, in December 2019 the council carried out a statutory consultation (under sections 6, 30, 32, 35 and 124 and Part III for Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Act 1984) on this proposal.

Residents' feedback from the consultation indicated that they wanted more opportunity to have their say. As a result we reopened the consultation (under Section 19 of the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976).

The proposals are to introduce parking charges in the following parks:

Mill Hill Park

Old Courthouse Recreation Ground

Scratchwood Open Space

West Hendon Playing Fields

You can view the details of the proposed tariffs here.

The income generated from the parking charges will be used to contribute towards the upkeep and maintenance of the car parks and our parks and open spaces. This income will also help alleviate the budget gap as outlined in the council's [Medium Term Financial Strategy](#).

## 1.1 Technical details and method

In summary, the consultation was administered as follows:

- The Consultation was open for six weeks, from 30 November 2020 to the 10 January 2021 inclusive.
- The consultation was published on Engage Barnet <http://engage.barnet.gov.uk> together with the proposed tariffs; <https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/car-parking-charges-parks>
- Respondent's views were gathered via an online survey. Paper copies of the questionnaire were also made available on request. A number of responses were also received via email.
- Relevant members of the Council were contacted and made aware of the consultation.
- The consultation was promoted via posters in and around the respective parks car park.

## 1.2 Questionnaire design

The questionnaire was developed to ascertain how the car parks are currently used and to gauge opinions on the proposed tariff structure.

To enable further understanding and to permit residents the opportunity to express their views:

- An open ended question, where respondents were invited to write any further comments on the proposals, well as more general comments was included;
- As were key demographic questions to help understand the views of different demographic groups.

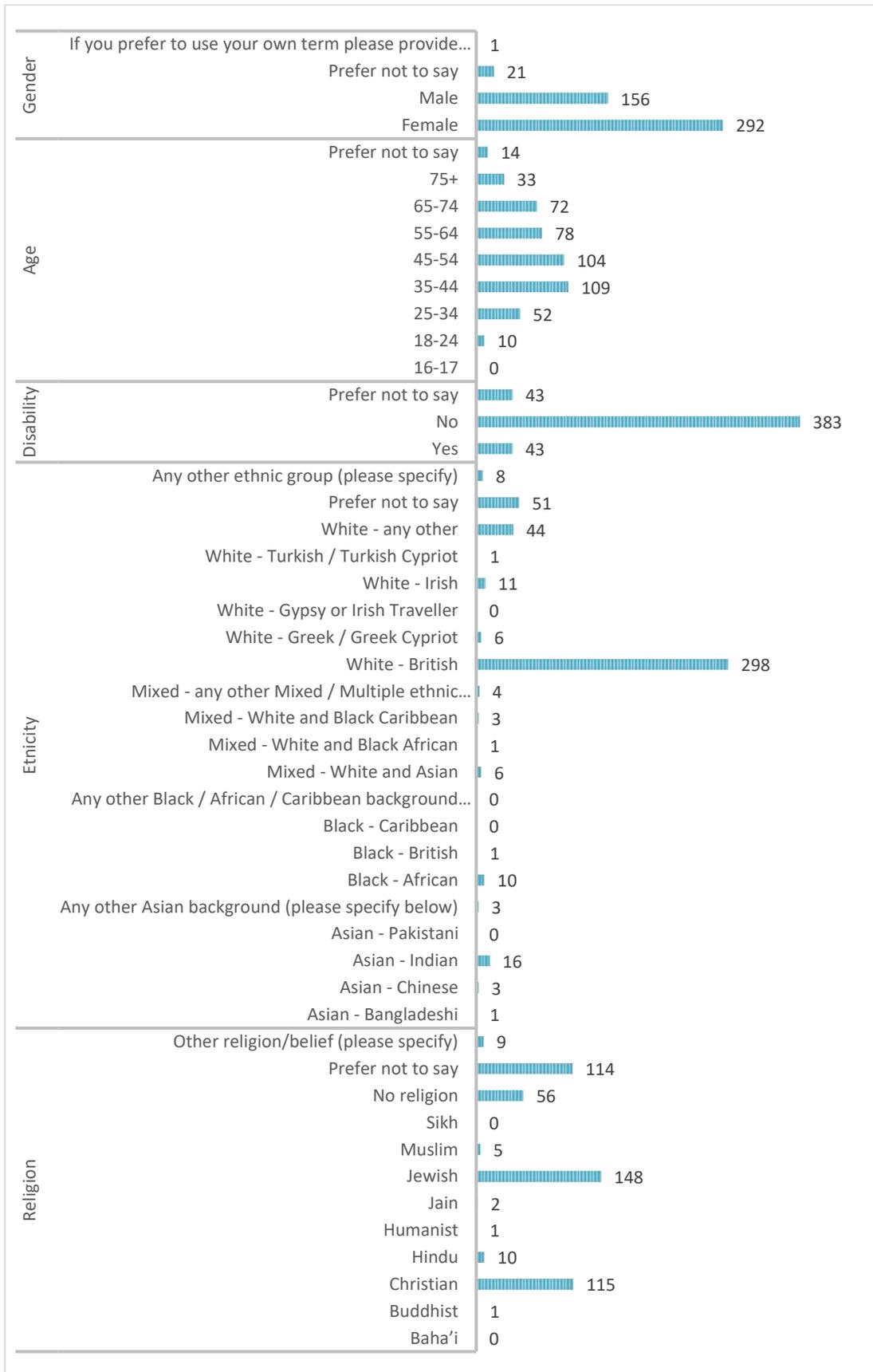
## 1.3 Response to the consultation

A total of 537 residents took part in the online questionnaire. In addition, a further 11 responses were received via email.

## 1.4 Respondent profile from questionnaire

The chart below shows the demographic profile of those who responded to consultation questionnaire.

**Figure 1: General public consultation sample profile – key demographics**



## 1.5 Interpretation of the results

In terms of the results of the questionnaire it is important to note that:

- The public consultation is not representative of the overall population of Barnet but provides information, in particular on the opinion of a specific demographic of residents and stakeholders who are more engaged with the council and their local park.
- All open-ended responses to the public consultation have been classified based on the main themes arising from the comment, so that they can be summarised.

## 1.6 Calculating and reporting on results

The results for each question are based on “valid responses”, i.e. all those providing an answer (this may or may not be the same as the total sample) unless otherwise specified. The base size may therefore vary from question to question.

# 2. Consultation Results

The results are provided under the following headings:

- Online questionnaire
- Other Contact including emails and phone calls.

## 2.1 Online Questionnaire

Residents were asked a series of questions in order to ascertain who uses the car parks, how often and for what purpose.

### i. Respondents were asked ‘Do you use any of the car parks in the following parks? (Please tick all that apply)’

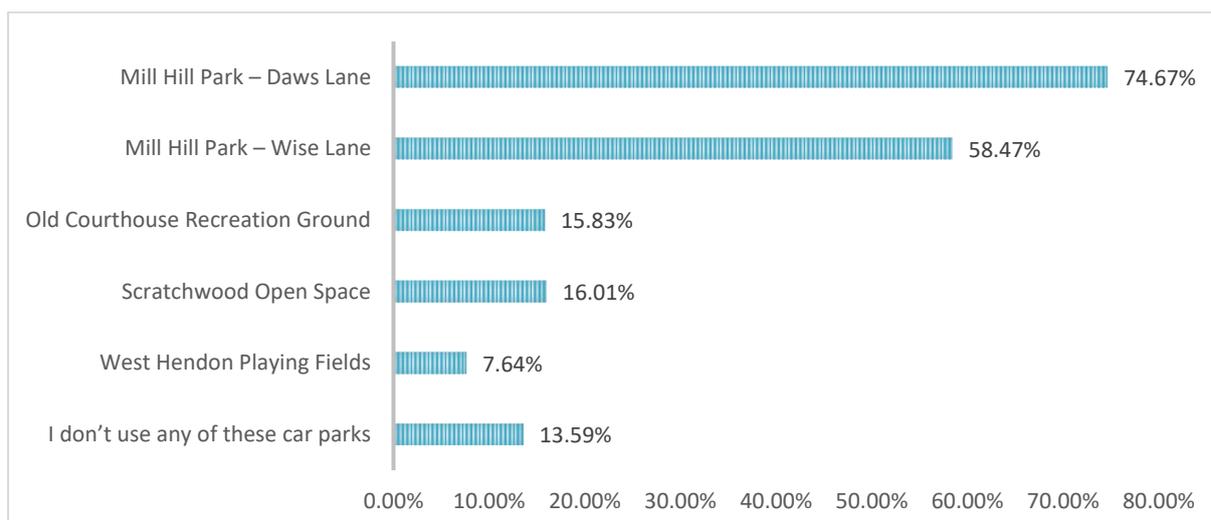
In summary:

- 537 people answered this question.

Answer Choices	Responses
Mill Hill Park – Daws Lane	401
Mill Hill Park – Wise Lane	314
Old Courthouse Recreation Ground	85
Scratchwood Open Space	86
West Hendon Playing Fields	41
I don't use any of these car parks	73

*Respondents could select multiple responses*

**Figure 2: Percentage of users by park within the proposals**



**ii. Respondents were asked 'How frequently do you use the car parks?' (Please tick one option on each row)'**

In summary:

- 442 people answered this question, 95 people chose to skip the question.

	Mill Hill Park – Daws Lane	Mill Hill Park – Wise Lane	Old Courthouse Recreation Ground	Scratchwood Open Space	West Hendon Playing Fields
<b>Daily</b>	11.32%	6.75%	0.70%	0.68%	1.09%
	48	26	2	2	3
<b>A few times a week</b>	21.46%	17.40%	3.52%	4.41%	1.81%
	91	67	10	13	5
<b>Weekly</b>	17.69%	15.84%	7.04%	4.41%	2.90%
	75	61	20	13	8
<b>Less than once a week</b>	12.26%	12.73%	10.21%	6.78%	3.99%
	52	49	29	20	11
<b>Occasionally</b>	29.95%	31.95%	13.03%	21.69%	11.59%
	127	123	37	64	32
<b>I don't use this car park</b>	7.31%	15.32%	65.49%	62.03%	78.62%
	31	59	186	183	217
<b>Total</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>276</b>

iii. Respondents were asked 'For what purpose do you use the car park(s)? (Please tick all that apply)'

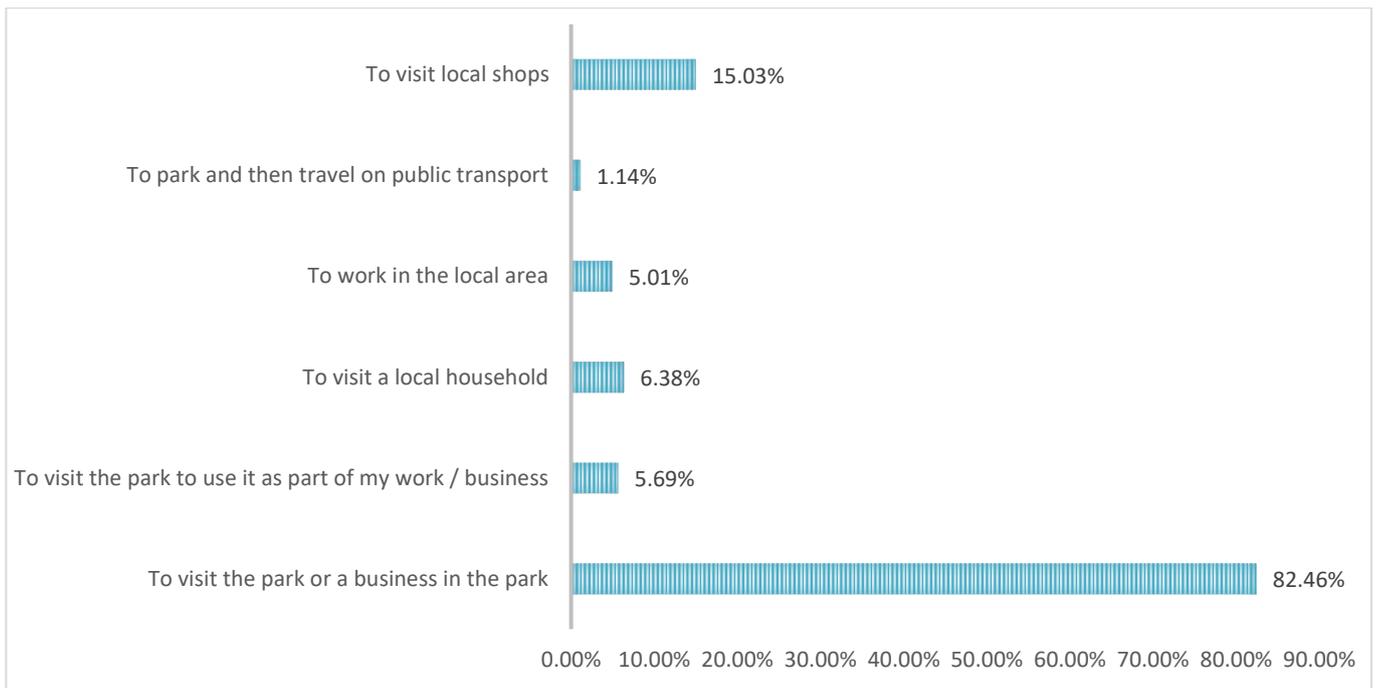
In summary:

- 439 people answered this question, 98 people chose to skip the question.
- 71 respondents provide a response under 'Other' all of which have been coded against the relevant choices included as part of the question. The full breakdown of these responses is provided in Annexe 1 of this report.

Answer Choices	Responses
To visit the park or a business in the park	412
To visit the park to use it as part of my work / business	25
To visit a local household	29
To work in the local area	43
To park and then travel on public transport	5
To visit local shops	66

*Respondents could select multiple responses*

**Figure 3: Percentage of how users use the parks**

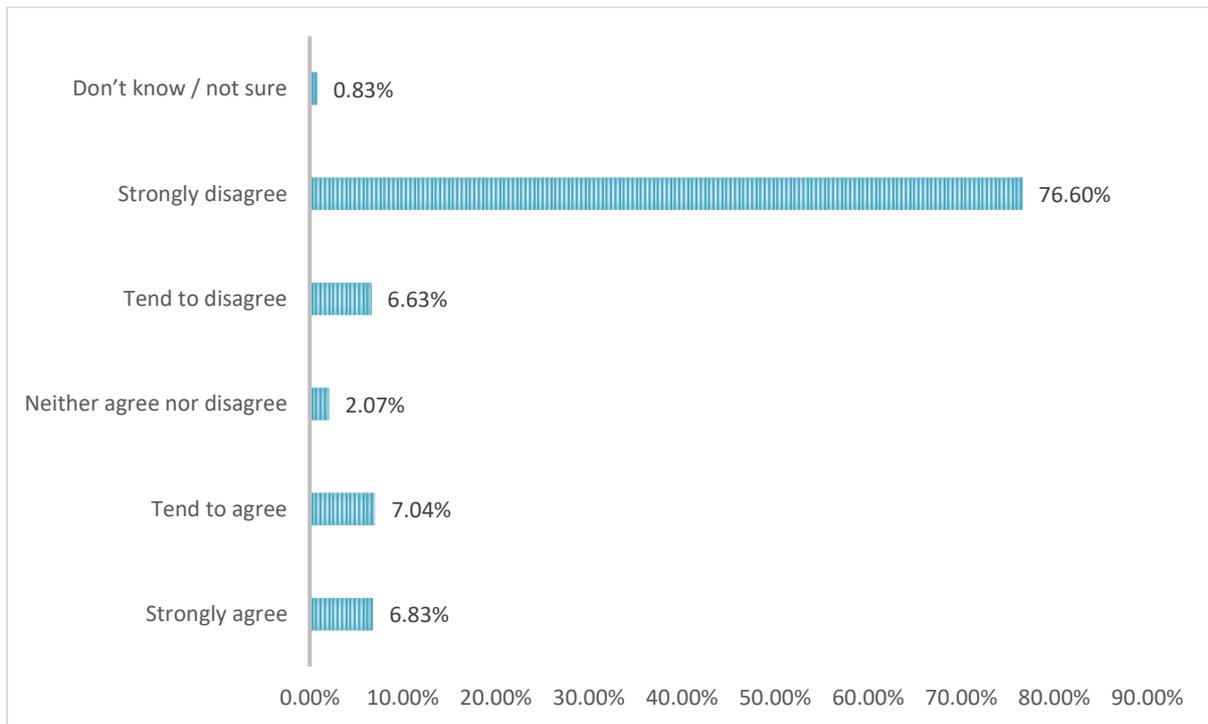


iv. Respondents were asked ‘To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed car parking tariffs? (Please tick one option only)’

In summary:

- 483 people answered this question, 54 people chose to skip the question.

Figure 4: Percentage to the extent that users agree with the proposals

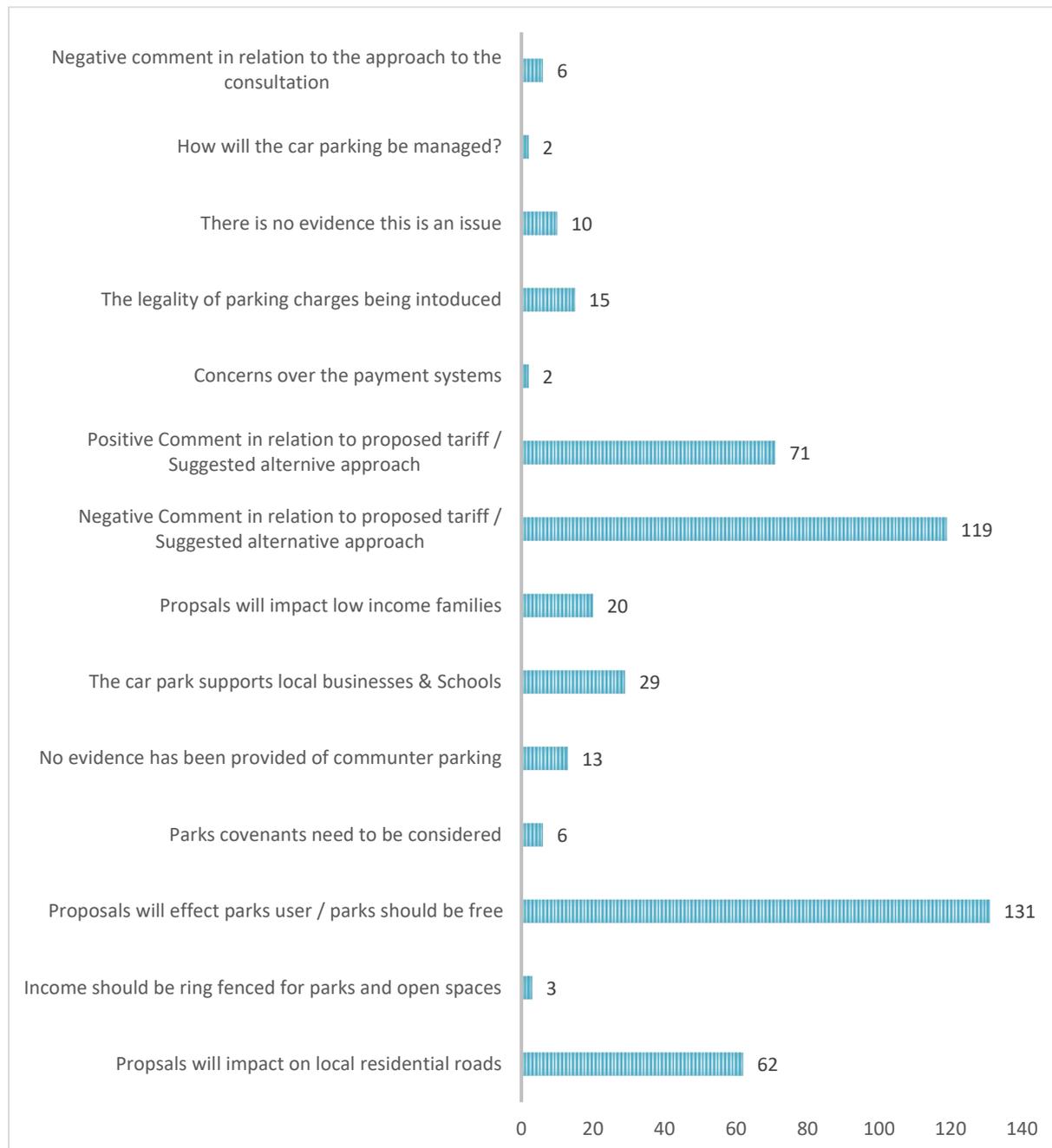


v. Respondents were asked ‘If you have any further comments about the proposals for the introduction of car parking charges for these parks please provide them here: (Please type in below)’

In summary:

- 334 provided further comments, 203 chose to skip this question.
- All responses in this question were reviewed and coded into key themes. The full breakdown of these responses is provided in Annexe 1 of this report.

**Figure 5: Summary of key themes raised as additional comments received through the questionnaire**

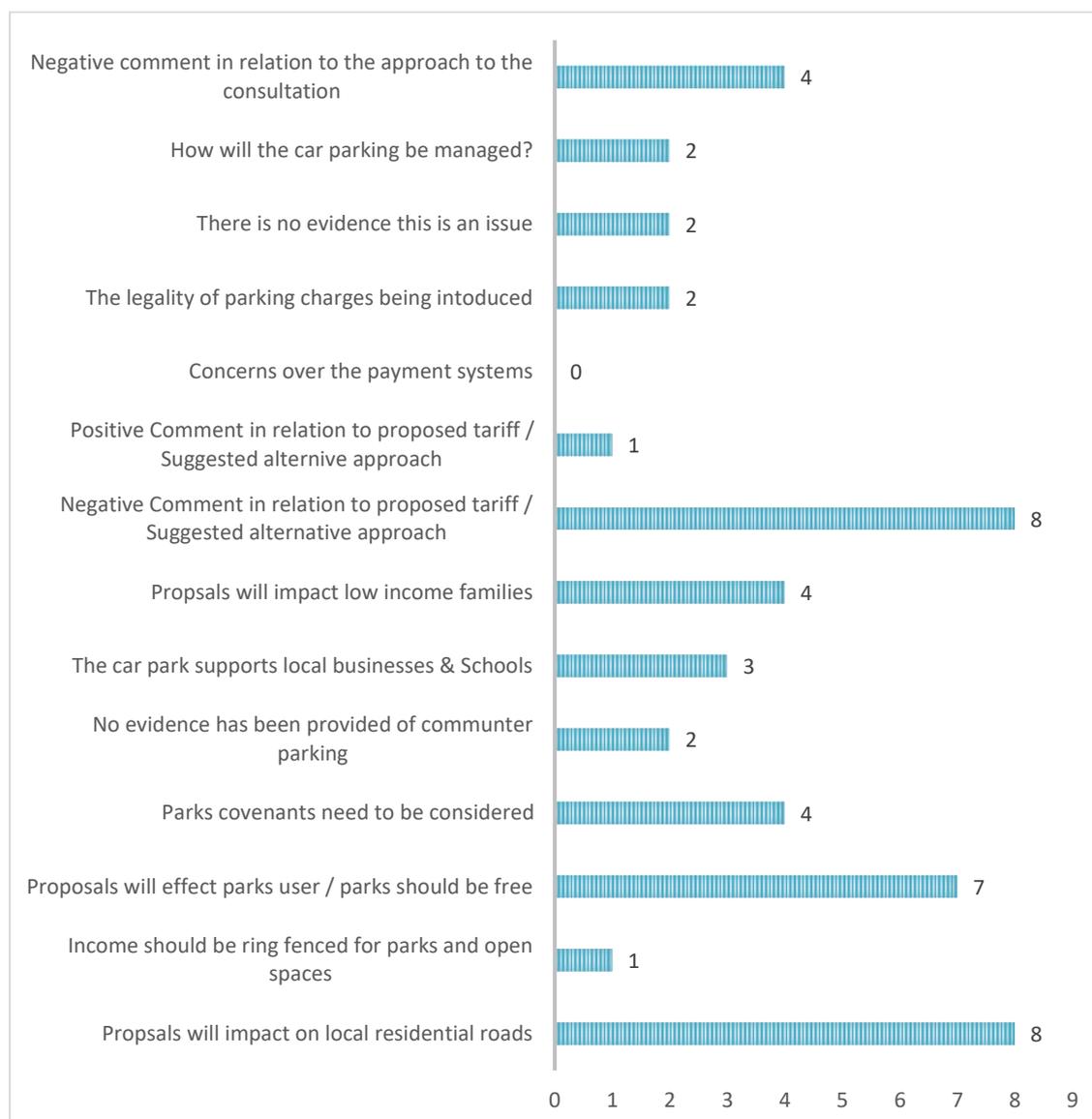


## 2.2 Other responses received

In summary:

- 11 responses were received via email and coded into key themes. The full breakdown of these responses is provided in Annexe 1 of this report.

**Figure 6: Summary of key themes raised as additional comments received by email**



## Annex 1

### 1. Responses provided under 'Other' to 'How frequently do you use the car parks? (Please tick one option on each row)'

Respondents	Response Date	Other (please specify)	To visit the park or a business in the park	To visit local shops & shops	Local parking
1	Jan 10 2021 01:52 PM	To collect post or parcels from the Royal Mail Sorting Office, and occasionally to vote during elections.		1	
2	Jan 08 2021 03:20 PM	to take disabled person to the park for access reasons	1		
3	Jan 04 2021 03:43 PM	Dog walking	1		
4	Jan 04 2021 11:29 AM	Walking, leisure & social	1		
5	Jan 04 2021 08:03 AM	Recreational use	1		
6	Jan 03 2021 08:37 AM	Meet friends and their families	1		
7	Jan 02 2021 09:47 PM	Excercise, pleasure, meet friends and use the cafe	1		
8	Jan 02 2021 01:51 PM	To bring kids to play in the park	1		
9	Jan 02 2021 10:50 AM	To enjoy the outside space	1		
10	Jan 02 2021 08:36 AM	Exercise / fitness	1		
11	Jan 01 2021 10:43 PM	When no space outside my house	1		

12	Jan 01 2021 07:54 PM	As parking because there is no parking on my street.			1
13	Jan 01 2021 05:50 PM	To enjoy the park	1		
14	Jan 01 2021 05:17 PM	I park in a park for the park. Weird it isn't an option.	1		
15	Jan 01 2021 05:02 PM	To walk my dog	1		
16	Jan 01 2021 12:23 AM	To walk and get exercise	1		
17	Dec 31 2020 05:05 PM	to collect children from Etz Chaim School		1	
18	Dec 31 2020 05:00 PM	visit the park	1		
19	Dec 31 2020 12:13 PM	Park used for healthy recreation	1		
20	Dec 31 2020 12:00 PM	School run		1	
21	Dec 31 2020 11:12 AM	Walk my dog and to take my children to the playground	1		
22	Dec 31 2020 10:42 AM	Option 2 should read to use/visit the park	1		
23	Dec 31 2020 12:41 AM	To visit the park with the children	1		
24	Dec 30 2020 11:54 PM	Leisure	1		
25	Dec 30 2020 09:59 PM	School drop off		1	
26	Dec 30 2020 01:43 PM	To do my child off at etz chain school as I love to far away to walk		1	
27	Dec 29 2020 04:48 PM	collect and pick up children from adjoining school		1	

28	Dec 28 2020 03:07 PM	D*****g	1		
29	Dec 28 2020 01:23 PM	To play football and do exercises	1		
30	Dec 27 2020 06:47 PM	To play bowls in the park	1		
31	Dec 26 2020 06:18 PM	For exercise & meeting people	1		
32	Dec 26 2020 12:43 PM	Park my car and go for long walks. I'm resident in mill Hill, it is my near park a d Carl park.	1		
33	Dec 25 2020 10:55 AM	Also collect children from local school		1	
34	Dec 23 2020 08:21 PM	to collect parcels from the post office sorting office		1	
35	Dec 23 2020 10:52 AM	visit the park only why is this not an option ???	1		
36	Dec 23 2020 08:05 AM	To walk in the park	1		
37	Dec 22 2020 11:30 PM	To collect and drop child at school		1	
38	Dec 22 2020 10:44 PM	Leisure and exercise in the park	1		
39	Dec 22 2020 10:08 PM	School		1	
40	Dec 22 2020 10:08 PM	Pick up/ drop of at school, up to 5 min		1	
41	Dec 22 2020 09:32 PM	To park for the school run		1	
42	Dec 22 2020 09:31 PM	To collect my daughter from school		1	
43	Dec 22 2020 09:31 PM	Etz chaim		1	

44	Dec 22 2020 08:45 PM	School		1	
45	Dec 22 2020 08:18 PM	Exercise. When grandchild is on school holidays he likes to visit the park for a game of football and also to take his dog for a daily walk. We also like to use the park cafe	1		
46	Dec 22 2020 08:07 PM	Exercise for myself, wife and grandson and his dog	1		
47	Dec 22 2020 07:14 PM	Walk our dog	1		
48	Dec 22 2020 07:03 PM	School drop off and to go to the park with my children	1	1	
49	Dec 22 2020 12:23 PM	For walks and regular exercise	1		
50	Dec 14 2020 10:40 AM	To exercise by walking during lockdown	1		
51	Dec 13 2020 06:17 PM	To walk with my grandchild	1		
52	Dec 13 2020 09:41 AM	Doctors surgery		1	
53	Dec 12 2020 05:53 PM	Exercise classes (outside Covid)	1		
54	Dec 12 2020 05:18 PM	To let my child play in a playground	1		
55	Dec 12 2020 03:03 PM	The parks	1		
56	Dec 09 2020 11:13 AM	To take regular exercise as I live locally and use the park all the time	1		
57	Dec 07 2020 06:00 PM	To take children to playground and also walk.	1		
58	Dec 07 2020 02:28 PM	Take my kids for a walk	1		

59	Dec 07 2020 01:54 PM	Live nearby and use park	1		
60	Dec 07 2020 01:53 PM	Take dogs around the park	1		
61	Dec 07 2020 08:44 AM	I walk my dog in the park	1		
62	Dec 07 2020 05:56 AM	To walk my grandsons dog	1		
63	Dec 06 2020 11:42 PM	Drop off at school		1	
64	Dec 06 2020 11:37 PM	To park to collect school kids		1	
65	Dec 06 2020 11:10 PM	To walk	1		
66	Dec 05 2020 10:49 AM	I teach at the school next door to the park. We currently can not use the school carpark because the space is needed for a class bubble		1	
67	Dec 05 2020 10:29 AM	Recreation	1		
68	Dec 04 2020 01:59 PM	To go to work in the school next door		1	
69	Dec 04 2020 01:21 PM	Daily wakings	1		
70	Dec 03 2020 09:33 AM	i work in the nursery	1		
71	Dec 02 2020 03:57 PM	walking in the park	1		
<b>TOTAL</b>			50	21	1

**2. Responses provided under ‘If you have any further comments about the proposals for the introduction of car parking charges for these parks please provide them here: (Please type in below)’**

Respondents	Response Date	Responses
1	Jan 10 2021 08:55 PM	Parks are a lifeline to people and restricting access to them, by introducing charges, is morally wrong. Once more, it is lower income residents that will lose out.
2	Jan 10 2021 07:44 PM	Charging for carparks is charging for use of public space. Lockdown has shown how important access to green space is. Introducing charges will only make it harder to access outdoor space in or out of a pandemic. This will disproportionately adversely impact those in flats and shared accommodation.
3	Jan 10 2021 01:57 PM	Parking charges could increase parking in the surrounding streets in Poet's Corner, making it difficult for local residents to park outside their own homes.
4	Jan 09 2021 04:16 PM	First call on any charges must be to maintain the car parks, pick up rubbish and empty bins BEFORE they are used elsewhere
5	Jan 08 2021 03:51 PM	<p>Dealing with the parks as one composite approach does not do justice to the variation in circumstances in relation to different neighborhoods - the key justifications for charges are not well evidenced in that:</p> <p>1) Mill Hill Park has a legacy covenant that makes the park an area of free space for mill hill residents and includes the car parking areas</p> <p>3) the implied vilification of commuters is not borne out by evidence, in contrast it is suggested from prior local surveys that:</p> <p>only a handful of commuters seeking access to Mill Hill Broadway station use the car park, in one survey over a number of days this was four people (cars) consistently using for access to the station</p> <p>4) the vast majority of people using the park car parks are those enjoying the facilities of the park, and accessible parking for local businesses such as hair dressers and others in the lower paid industries to which the introduction of a daily fee would cause hardship</p> <p>5) the parking is currently used by users of the park with key bottlenecks being in the morning and afternoon school collections (the proposal will not in any way address this issue)</p>

6) inconsiderate parking in the surrounding areas is not currently remedied by car parking charges and in some ways exacerbates the problems - a campaign of civic education would better suit the handful of issues that arise in this respect with a response number for parking across drives to be towed away, this is currently working well in poet's corner has lessened inconsiderate parking. the idea of splitting residents into resentment for commuters into the area is not in the spirit of the diversity and community culture of mill hill.

7) income generation in relation to penalty fees will be the main revenue benefit for Barnet and this will hit our vulnerable population who have no gardens or access to open spaces and to which the park is a vital necessity in their lives. it is not unusual for people to spend 3-4 hours in the park with friends and some activities bowling, picnics, and social gatherings will end up paying the penalty when this is exactly the sort of communal and family activity to be encourage in this difficult times of social and economic inequality and health issues which is part of the Barnet community health promotion.

8) The changing demographic of Mill Hill and surrounding areas in the over 70s and 80s age group makes the park a key focal point for health, this is also a group with limited and restricted income to which the increased charges of council tax and other subsidies and the green bin payment will/is hitting hard and will restrict their life chances and mobility and independence at this important stage of their lives

9) The council does not set out how the charging approach is proposed to be managed, i.e. if it will be by video camera, and if commissioned out to a parking contractor - all of which will impinge on the privacy of pedestrians entering the park and by commission will lessen any potential revenue for the parks.

10) there is also no real transparency in how revenue from other parking in the borough e.g Hendon directly impacts on services in the parks.

11) it is my belief that the introduction of charges will generate hardship for locals including additional parking and safety hazzards into Daws Lane and surrounding areas to which CPZ inferred solutions are not a remedy.

12) the use of parking charges and penalties for income generation to the Borough is also questionable as to lawfulness

13) the consultation and financial strategy is also silent on the Capita draw on Barnet's Funding.

		14) I recommend that this is the worst time to consider charges as we are in a volatile environment of health and social hardship, London today announced in emergency measures by the Mayor and this is also a point of insensitivity and my objection to the proposals. we need much clearer evidence on the propositions that we have a commuter (abuse of parking) issue in the car parks and more attunement to the small businesses that make up the economic life of mill hill.
6	Jan 08 2021 12:33 PM	I live not far from the park. If charges are introduced, my road (Parkside) will become a congested car park.
7	Jan 07 2021 10:52 PM	I rarely park for more than an hour sometimes I go twice a day as i have dogs. Sometimes in bad weather I might only stay for 10 minutes. I would have to park in the surrounding roads to avoid the cost as the cost would be prohibitive for me. Finding change is inconvenient & using a cc would also be difficult especially in bad weather, seeing numbers and punching them in is difficult too.
8	Jan 07 2021 08:28 PM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why are they needed? Usually no problem parking.</li> <li>2. How collect? Not everyone can pay by phone, and alternative means vandalism of cash handling machines.</li> <li>3. Would require costly monitoring. Self-defeating.</li> <li>4. Illegal to raise general revenue from charging for parking.</li> </ol>
9	Jan 06 2021 12:04 PM	When parking charges are introduced anywhere I make it my mission to park on nearby streets for free instead or come at a time when I know restrictions aren't in place. The friction of paying for parking completely skews how I decide what to do or where to go.
10	Jan 06 2021 11:25 AM	Nobody can afford extra charges at the moment and when all we have are parks to walk its inhuman to make parks less available to local residents and their families.
11	Jan 06 2021 11:21 AM	There are such few free spaces to park in Mill Hill and should be kept for the residents to enjoy local facilities such as the park and high street especially in lockdown.
12	Jan 06 2021 10:59 AM	elderly people use the park for exercise
13	Jan 06 2021 07:13 AM	There is literally no need to impose charges on these car parks. I have lived in Mill Hill nearly my entire life and the system has always worked well as it is.
14	Jan 05 2021 06:58 PM	The car parks work perfectly well as they are. They're two of the few examples of cost-free, hassle-free ways to conveniently use a place that's of vital importance to our exercise and well-being as a family. We rarely have problems finding a space and it's a relief not to have to think about paying and parking fines. The system already works perfectly well for those of us who use Mill Hill Park regularly.

<b>15</b>	Jan 05 2021 04:26 PM	These spaces are for the public already we already pay enough council tax for parks and recreation. If you propose charges this will seriously affect the wellbeing of the public. Taking away the garden centre seriously affected the public depriving residents if all ages locally to enjoy the tea rooms and facilities and plants. Now you want to make residents pay to visit a park, the only affect this will have is to stop residents visiting the park because you should not have to pay to visit a park!! This will affect the health and wellbeing of all residents as due to covid people are not allowed to travel out and need fresh air locally!
<b>16</b>	Jan 05 2021 02:32 PM	I feel that as Mill Hill Park is a public amenity it should offer free and unrestricted access to all park users at all times
<b>17</b>	Jan 04 2021 11:45 PM	This is not viable for low income families.
<b>18</b>	Jan 04 2021 03:43 PM	This would be a dreadful introduction to what remains a rare opportunity to visit an open space without being able to park and walk without worrying about a meter about to expire
<b>19</b>	Jan 04 2021 02:20 PM	It's not necessary to have restrictions all day. It is becoming increasingly difficult to live or visit in Barnet due to all these parking restrictions.
<b>20</b>	Jan 04 2021 01:33 PM	I would get less exercise and have no opportunity to spend time in the park if I were unable to park. I am on a low income and charges would reduce how often I could visit. I am sure that I am not alone.
<b>21</b>	Jan 04 2021 11:34 AM	<p>I object to the proposed introduction of charges for the car parks. The concept is in contravention of the Covenant which provided for the Mill Hill parks. Has this been conveniently lost or overlooked? I have been a resident in Mill Hill for over 50 years and this facility has always been available for the benefit of young and old.</p> <p>Any parking charges could place a further burden of dangerous congestion in nearby side streets. People will not wish to pay (or maybe cannot afford to) for one of the few amenities left in Mill Hill. The local shops are already struggling, parking charges will "drive" potential customers to free supermarket car parks.</p> <p>If the intention is nevertheless to override the above and supposed to keep the parking for park users then we would like to suggest that a maximum free stay (say 1 - 2 hours) should be available before payment is required. What about sports players? As a nation we are supposed to take more exercise, and make better use of our open spaces.</p> <p>I would like to see a proper legal public consultation on this matter.</p>
<b>22</b>	Jan 04 2021 09:54 AM	This will push parking on to residential roads. The parks are essential to wellbeing and this would make them harder to access for people, especially those with disabilities or young children. Not all disabled have a blue

		<p>badge. My mother and sister both have limited physical ability at times due to ill Health but have not been permitted a badge. This would exclude them from visiting the park or park cafe in Mill Hill.</p>
23	Jan 04 2021 08:05 AM	I think it would be fair to park free for 1 hour then charge there on as commercial dogs walkers and personnel trainers take upmost of the spaces the whole day .
24	Jan 03 2021 10:25 PM	The park is a free and easily accessible space, suddenly a free day or morning out costs
25	Jan 03 2021 10:19 PM	I am a mill hill resident and use the park on average once a week for my kids to go to the playground. By charging for parking you would be depriving mine and others children from using the playground which is essential to their health.
26	Jan 03 2021 03:12 PM	3 hours free for mill hill park (kids to play in playground plus having lunch)
27	Jan 03 2021 02:31 PM	I work at mill hill sorting office which is located 1 minute walk away, the council should provide parking permits for the royal mail staff or allot bays for us. If charges are brought in then many of the side streets will be clogged up with parking. We typically work 8-10 hours monday -sat and cannot pay £6 a day or £36 a week to park
28	Jan 03 2021 12:53 PM	I agree there needs to be a way to enforce parking only for park users but tariffs punish mostly those that use parking for the right reason. Surely the community can brainstorm some better alternatives
29	Jan 03 2021 11:00 AM	<p>I have so far not seen ANY positive or convincing evidence in favour for implementing parking charges. Especially now in this time of Covid-19 when all we can do safely is meet outside. As such it is not the time to introduce any action that would make this more difficult and costly for people.</p> <p>As such I am absolutely against this proposal.</p>
30	Jan 03 2021 10:24 AM	<p>I work for Royal Mail , I start work at 5am and finish at 3pm...</p> <p>I can't walk to work , specially in winter and also I need to pick up my children from school and nursery , buses are not running early in the morning, there's no direct bus service from burnt oak to daws lane.</p> <p>It will be a disaster as so many of us have to travel by car....</p>
31	Jan 03 2021 08:49 AM	People won't pay and will try to park in residential roads which are already full with parked cars. That will then result in parking permits for the residents which would not be fair to those living there.
32	Jan 03 2021 08:41 AM	It is unnecessary as only locals use this park, it will put pressure on neighbouring roads. Public parks are for residents to enjoy, so it will put people off using park with their children or to exercise, which is very important,

		especially in current circumstances. For me it is too far to walk to the park, yet it is my nearest park
33	Jan 02 2021 09:35 PM	Worst idea I have ever seen the area is full of cars and removing the free car park will completely ruin any relationship with poet corner residents - disgusting to suggest this
34	Jan 02 2021 09:33 PM	I live on daws lane and to park here currently is nightmare and I never get parked in front of my own house. Commuters use the Car park and my street so to exclude the car park would make poets corner hell to live in. They park over the pavement and litter and companies leave cars here for weeks on end. If you were to introduce this you also need to introduce permits to poets corner for the sanity of the residents - please consider us!!!
35	Jan 02 2021 08:12 PM	Long term users / commuters should be charged
36	Jan 02 2021 07:56 PM	Please use logic - not everyone can afford parking costs on a regular basis especially for nature I served to protect this country and others and find it ridiculous that you can't find a better way to this solution such as a time ban to stop those who aren't using it to visit the parks. Alternative thinking! Maybe have a meeting with people who have experience in this field clearly no one does anymore at the council?
37	Jan 02 2021 07:15 PM	It will stop the car park at Mill Hill being used by commuters. And I believe the same is true at West Hendon.
38	Jan 02 2021 05:34 PM	To stop commuters parking in the Park, then have a specific time that people have to pay, same as we do in most of the other roads.... no need to penalize those just visiting the park! Also, if the commuters are a problem then how about providing them with specific car park to help those working without over charging since they are already paying enough on public transport!
39	Jan 02 2021 03:31 PM	Car park should be free to Barnet residents visiting the parks. Pay enough in council tax just another money making exercise by the council. Local streets will end up being used instead of the car park. I would stop visiting the park if I had to pay for parking
40	Jan 02 2021 01:56 PM	What else is left for us ? Yhis is yhe only place where we can have a bit of air and relax with kids. Didn't we stayed locked enough ?
41	Jan 02 2021 11:17 AM	Parking in poets corner is stressful. Commuters park for hours on the street and block the area. Many parents dropping children to the school cause issues and several commercial companies used the streets for days like taxi companies and vans
42	Jan 02 2021 11:10 AM	The streets are not permitted and free to park in and already have a huge issue with parking around my home in daws lane, so I would be hugely opposed to charging the car parks as this would worsen this already bad situation!!!!
43	Jan 02 2021 10:52 AM	As I visit the parks for enjoyment, physical exercise and mental good health I feel this is the least Barnet can offer me in the way of helping my well being as I can't afford going to gyms or Cophthall or Finchley Lido

44	Jan 02 2021 10:11 AM	It's a good rate as most people using the park won't stay more than 2 hours so it won't change things for us and likely to give us a chance of getting a space and the car park not being full.
45	Jan 02 2021 10:06 AM	I live in the roads surrounding Mill Hill Park and object to the proposal on the grounds that if applied then as a resident will endure additional parking in what are already full of parked cars which will then enable the council to impose CPZ in the area which they have been trying to do for years!! Then I have to pay to park outside my own home let alone in a public park!
46	Jan 02 2021 08:42 AM	By applying a charge to park you will force more cars onto the local street, where parking is available. This has the potential of not only increasing traffic to the side streets but also increases the chance of accidents taking place as well as more pollution from vehicles driving around.  You will also create a significant challenge for parents taking & collecting their children to & from school (Etz Chaim).  Dog walkers will also be forced to park on roads because of the proposed cost to park.  I strongly urge you to consider dropping the idea of introducing car park fees. Life is already financially difficult.  Thank you!
47	Jan 02 2021 07:57 AM	Living in poets corner is already a nightmare with cars parked outside residential housing all day. Many companies , like cleaning companies and taxi firms regularly park outside of residential houses for days. Surely this will be worse if the car parks aren't free.
48	Jan 02 2021 06:41 AM	It is actually a joke that the council even think about charging for those parks. You can't make a move currently in Mill Hill without having to pay !! Starting to think it is time to move to another council focused on delivering value instead off looking opportunity to charge us.
49	Jan 02 2021 12:04 AM	The Car park charges would not be fair on people because they need somewhere to park to do their free exercise and take children which especially during the lockdown is needed but should also be encouraged at all other times to get out of the house and encourage people to exercise it And use the recreational grounds
50	Jan 01 2021 11:43 PM	I live near Mill Hill park and during the pandemic we have had a large increase in cars parking / blocking access in our road.
51	Jan 01 2021 10:44 PM	This will mean even more commuters parking long hours on Daws Lane, free, meaning that I can not park anywhere near my own home
52	Jan 01 2021 09:51 PM	I hope if you implement this disabled cars will still be able to park for free. I do think you would be better of installing security cameras in the car parks as many cars have been vandalized in them, including mine.

53	Jan 01 2021 08:58 PM	Living on Byron Road, opposite mill hill car park daws lane- our road would be extremely impacted. Cars already park over my driveway meaning I cannot get in or out. This will only increase.
54	Jan 01 2021 08:56 PM	I think it is fair to have 2 hours free of charge as people who are only using the park would generally not need to pay and it will free up spaces that commuters use. Thanks
55	Jan 01 2021 08:00 PM	I think car parking tarrifs should only be introduced on the condition that resident parking and parking limitations are introduced on Goldsmith Avenue, Hendon. As there is unregulated free parking, residents don't have space to park their cars and are forced to park in the park. As many non residents park on Goldsmith Avenue as it is, if the free street parking became residents only non residents would park in the park and thus pay the tarrifs. That would be a win for everyone including helping with costs for the park.
56	Jan 01 2021 05:20 PM	Tired of rip off charges for parks. Residents pay council tax already and it is used for parks. This is a con. Barnet council.... like the mafia with clipboards.
57	Jan 01 2021 04:59 PM	I feel that it is important for park users to be able to safely travel to and use these facilities free of charge, particularly given the present pandemic and lack of private outdoor space available to many Barnet residents.  In addition, I have concerns that introducing charges/ time restrictions will only encourage park users to park in unrestricted surrounding streets. These streets are already very busy, particularly at school pick up and drop off times.
58	Jan 01 2021 04:46 PM	We live on Daws Lane, opposite the Mill Hill Park car park. On road parking is unrestricted and becomes particularly competitive during school pick up for Etz Chaim or on a sunny day when people use park. We are concerned people will park on our road to avoid paying for the car park. Are residential permits being considered for Daws Lane and surrounding roads?
59	Jan 01 2021 01:12 PM	I think local shops have a very hard time as it is. I would be in favour of a 20-30min grace period throughout Mill Hill to enable people to pop down and buy products and go home. It is so illogical to prevent people from making short trips to the shops.
60	Jan 01 2021 11:39 AM	Barnet should not use parking charges for revenue generation. All revenue for general maintenance should come from existing taxation i.e. Council Tax. Provision of a free 5 hours would be reasonable and would prevent supposed misuse (is this really a problem?!) of the facilities. I believe overuse of automated outsourced parking restrictions have contributed to the fall of our highstreets.
61	Jan 01 2021 12:27 AM	What is the evidence that these car parks are used by others than park users? Dawes Lane and Scratchwood are not near train station etc - money generating scheme. Charges will be a disincentive for people to exercise particularly those on low income. Council should be encouraging use - not discouraging by charging!

62	Dec 31 2020 11:17 PM	It is very difficult already to entertain 4 children when there isn't much extra money around. The pars are the only places we can go to exercise and have some fun for free. It is ludicrous that you are looking to introduce parking charges
63	Dec 31 2020 10:56 PM	Maybe free for short time then pay? I have young children and it means paying to visit the park with them.
64	Dec 31 2020 09:10 PM	As the parent of young children living locally that use open spaces and parks fairly frequently but also cannot walk to them, having somewhere where you are able to go and do not have to worry about paying for parking is invaluable and allows us to access the facilities. Having to pay for parking to access these open spaces would present a barrier to us for using them.
65	Dec 31 2020 07:43 PM	This is another example of misguided people seeking to make misguided decisions on a basis which is misleading for purposes other than stated and as a means to spoil and create less enjoyment of local amenities.
66	Dec 31 2020 07:06 PM	If the point of this is to protect the car park for park users what is the point of long stay bays. Who stays in the park for that long. Offer the cafe owners a business permit so they don't get penalised and can keep up the great offer they provide park users and leave everything else for park users with up to 3hrs free. Then charge after that at £2/hr increasing to a much higher amount £10 for longer than say 5hrs. This will be enough to stop commuters. Anything else is just profiteering from the people you say you want to help.
67	Dec 31 2020 07:03 PM	If the point of this is to protect the car park for park users what is the point of long stay bays. Who stays in the park for that long. Offer the cafe owners a business permit so they don't get penalised and can keep up the great offer they provide park users and leave everything else for park users with up to 3hrs free. Then charge after that at £2/hr increasing to a much higher amount £10 for longer than say 5hrs. This will be enough to stop commuters. Anything else is just profiteering from the people you say you want to help.
68	Dec 31 2020 05:50 PM	The roads in the area could be controlled and the car park should have a free parking period to avoid commuters using it.
69	Dec 31 2020 05:07 PM	if anything one hour a day 11-12 am only should be charged for. the car parks are rarely full except at drop off and pick up for school. one hour as above will deal with commuters if that is necessary. these facilities should not be used to raise revenue for the council
70	Dec 31 2020 01:57 PM	Only allowing 2 hours free parking in the 2 car parks in Mill Hill park is severely restricting those who visit this park for recreation. It's a large park with plenty for visitors to do so access must not be limited.
71	Dec 31 2020 01:02 PM	Should be accessible to all.. it is the only place we can safely go in COVID times
72	Dec 31 2020 12:16 PM	1. There is NO EVIDENCE that local residents feel that there is a need to protect the car parks for park users.

a) The Council have not presented any case/information, nor any supporting evidence for this. They need to allow Mill Hill residents to make an informed decision by showing that;

this is a problem for local residents.

that local residents feel that this issue needs a solution.

b) A full day charging model that runs 6 days per week is overkill and a totally inappropriate model. Parking restrictions for just one hour per day (from 11 am to 12 pm) as in many other streets in Mill Hill or offering 4-5 hours free can be equally effective.

c) Charging in these car parks is not as a resolution but only shifts the problem to the adjacent streets. No information is provided about how charging for these car parks will affect residents nearby, specifically those in Poet's Corner. In the last consultation last December, many local residents expressed concern that these charges would simply force more cars to try to park in the already overloaded and over parked streets in Poets Corner.

2.To generate revenue for LBB's coffers is NOT PERMITTED.

a) The latest statutory guidance by the Department of Transport (updated 22 June 2020) states that charging for parking should not be used as a way of raising revenue.

b) In the case of Attfield vs LBB (2013), the High Court ruled against LBB stating that the Road Traffic Regulation

		<p>Act of 1984 (that gives Councils the ability to charge for parking) is not a revenue-raising or taxing statute.</p> <p>3) NO INFORMATION is provided about the existing legal COVENANT that dictates what the Council can and can't do in our park. We need to know if the charging for parking in the park is permitted according to this Covenant as an integral part of the renewed consultation process.</p> <p>4) THE CONSULTATION PROCESS is FLAWED as it does not serve the democratic nature of the fundamental purpose of a consultation. In the case of Partingdale Lane v LBB, the High Court ruled that for a consultation to be valid;</p> <p>a) it must take place while the proposals are still at a formative stage.</p> <p>b) Those consulted must be provided with information which is accurate and SUFFICIENT to enable them to make a meaningful response.</p> <p>Neither the residents, nor the Mill Hill Residents' Association (MHRA), nor the Friends of Mill Hill Park (FMHP) were consulted with proposals and ideas for resolution at the formative stage, but only at the end once a final decision had already been made by the Council.</p>
<b>73</b>	Dec 31 2020 12:02 PM	How would parents do the school run (Etz Chaim), there isn't enough Street parking and the school's catchment area is far beyond walking distance.
<b>74</b>	Dec 31 2020 12:00 PM	Adding parking charges will make it harder to use the park for regular exercise and penalise those of us who live outside of walking distance

75	Dec 31 2020 11:56 AM	If you want to protect the park fir park users just introduce a one hour parking ban during the day which will stop commuters parking there all day
76	Dec 31 2020 11:13 AM	I think it's an awful idea people that use this parks on a daily basis will end up spending a fortune not a great idea in the current climate either.
77	Dec 31 2020 10:56 AM	Parking should be free for a period of time such as 3 hours for the people to be able to park their cars and enjoy the park. A blanket charge throughout the day will inconvenience the local residents who use the parks for recreation.
78	Dec 31 2020 10:44 AM	It's not necessary, or if it is just say it can't be used for one hour. It will only make the surrounding residential area even busier.
79	Dec 31 2020 10:27 AM	It's another way for the council to make funds. Do we not pay enough council tax? It's a Crazy idea to charge locals to use their own parks. That's what it boils down to. Please don't do it.
80	Dec 31 2020 09:30 AM	I frequently use the car parks to nip to local businesses. I would not be prepared to pay to leave my car for these very short periods of time, therefore would simply stop using the local businesses.  LBB should, at this most precarious of times, be encouraging local people to shop local and be exercising /enjoying their local park. If LBB is genuinely concerned about non-park users using the car parks then introducing no more than X hours or restricted parking [P] in the middle of the day would be more effective.
81	Dec 31 2020 09:17 AM	Cars will move into local roads which will affect my ability to park near my home - I am well but do have arthritis so it's important to be near - this will also encourage more people to pave over their gardens , which is impacting on the natural environment in poets corner and affecting water drainage
82	Dec 31 2020 09:17 AM	Access to parks and recreational land should not be charged for - LBB should not treat this as a revenue generating activity. Access should be available for all
83	Dec 31 2020 09:16 AM	Many people in these hard times cannot afford to pay anymore charges. It will discourage them from getting out and exercising and enjoying the parks
84	Dec 31 2020 08:41 AM	No need to charge park users to park their cars
85	Dec 31 2020 08:12 AM	Cars will be pushed to nearby roads and that will lead to permit parking for local residents.
86	Dec 31 2020 08:03 AM	You keep charging motorist but they see nothing in return. Winter has just started and the roads in Barnet are again full of pot holes which don't seem to be being repaired.

<b>87</b>	Dec 31 2020 07:54 AM	Pushes car parking issues on to surrounding streets which do not have controlled hours including Bunns Lane which is already heavily congested
<b>88</b>	Dec 31 2020 07:44 AM	If residents of the area are happy with present arrangements then there is no need.
<b>89</b>	Dec 31 2020 07:30 AM	This would not protect car parks for park users. It would do the opposite and force park away with parking charges. Parking restrictions for just one hour per day (from 11 am to 12 pm) as in many other streets in Mill Hill or offering 4-5 hours free can be equally effective.
<b>90</b>	Dec 31 2020 07:15 AM	Whilst I note 2 hrs is FOC I don't trust the council to then change this to generate revenue.
<b>91</b>	Dec 31 2020 06:51 AM	Many local people have no choice but to drive to the park, due to health issues. Please don't penalise them further by charging for the time they spend there. Parks are hugely important for mental and physical health. Please find other ways to increase the borough's income. The time limit for free parking is particularly short in Old Courthouse - people should be able to enjoy time outside without feeling restricted. Older people find it stressful to deal with parking apps so will be particularly reluctant to use these parks.
<b>92</b>	Dec 31 2020 12:47 AM	The parks should be used for children and their families to enjoy them. Why is it that the council are always finding a way to penalise residents? The council needs to come up with other ways of making money-this clearly is not the way! In difficult times like this when people are struggling financially and mentally the parks may be the only place that they may find some peace and solitude. Don't take something that should be free and put a price on it!!
<b>93</b>	Dec 31 2020 12:10 AM	The parks are for the residents and we should not be charged
<b>94</b>	Dec 31 2020 12:06 AM	These car parks should be free to encourage use of the parks. Charging a fee is not warranted and may be illegal under the covenant of the parks v
<b>95</b>	Dec 30 2020 11:56 PM	Barnet residents who have permits at their homes should be allowed to park free of charge.
<b>96</b>	Dec 30 2020 10:36 PM	2 hour free parking for park users. This would discourage commuters from parking there all day
<b>97</b>	Dec 30 2020 10:26 PM	The car park is full all day every day with people parking dangerously so they can commute. Makes it unusable for the park goers.
<b>98</b>	Dec 30 2020 10:21 PM	The daws lame car park should be free for Barnet residents
<b>99</b>	Dec 30 2020 10:17 PM	The introduction of charging will mean car park users will park in the surrounding roads causing problems for residents.

<b>100</b>	Dec 30 2020 10:11 PM	Do not charge us to use the park. It's ridiculous
<b>101</b>	Dec 30 2020 10:01 PM	Used by post office workers and commuters for all day parking so eliminating this is a good idea. Should be free all weekend for park usage
<b>102</b>	Dec 30 2020 09:41 PM	residents walk to these parks so you are not saving the parking for locals.  IF tariffs are imposed, the surrounding roads will be badly and dangerously congested. The local school collection times are dangerous with the numbers of cars clogging up the roads. If the car parks charge, we could see kids being injured.
<b>103</b>	Dec 30 2020 03:23 PM	Everything is about generating funds. What does our council tax pay for?
<b>104</b>	Dec 29 2020 05:12 PM	Why should I have to pay to park to visit the playground with my grandchildren. I tend to go a lot if the weather is fine.
<b>105</b>	Dec 29 2020 04:53 PM	Very upset to see Council has failed to notify us of these charges. No consultation is surely against the regulations of Local Government. Also I did not realise that the Local Council were permitted to apply car parking charges as a means of fund raising. The absence of any consultation is surely not right or fair.
<b>106</b>	Dec 29 2020 03:38 PM	With respect to Mill Hill Park (Daws & Wise lanes) we need first 3hr free for Park users, substantial fees thereafter for commuters; possibly with dedicated Commuter space (e.g. 25% of total). Post-COVID, commuter numbers from MHBroadway are likely to be much reduced, and Park use increase, as working/ shopping-from-home becomes the norm generally.
<b>107</b>	Dec 29 2020 03:04 PM	If people have to pay to park in Mill Hill Park then some of them will park in Wills Grove, just by my road (Winterstoke Gardens). It can get so busy along Wills Grove sometimes that it is very difficult to drive up and down it from Winterstoke Gardens and also it can mean that delivery drivers, friends etc of people in Winterstoke Gardens and Wills Grove have nowhere to park.  I have also seen people who can't get into the car park off Wise Lane end up parking at the very top of Daws Lane, meaning that it is very difficult for the 240 to turn from Hammers Lane into Daws Lane. I have actually seen a 240 bus driver get out of the bus at that junction and wait for the police because he couldn't get round the corner!  My Dad, who lives in Randall Court, Page Street, cannot walk very far these days so he and his girlfriend need to drive to the park in order to walk round it. He cannot manage the walk to the park up Page Street. It seems very unfair for two people in their late 70s/80s (my dad is 82) to have to pay to get a little bit of very necessary exercise

		in the park.
<b>108</b>	Dec 29 2020 02:23 PM	<p>I can see no other reason for the fees other than a money-making scheme for the Council. To make this a full-time fee-paying parking area will deter people from using the park and surrounding walks and facilities, including local shops (parking already restrictive) and park cafe. Local business needs more help, especially in the current environment not less.</p> <p>One of the reasons given for the introduction of the fees is to protect the car park, this is nonsense. I am a member of OWL, the local police facility that advises on all crime in the area, this includes house break-ins and vehicle crime/theft. To date I have not seen a single crime committed to a vehicle in any of the parks you are proposing to make money from.</p> <p>The absolute maximum charge if any should match the surrounding streets of one hour per day between 11.00 and 12.00 and the only good reason for this is to deter people parking their cars all day and using the train.</p>
<b>109</b>	Dec 29 2020 01:28 PM	Not acceptable as this will prevent users from visiting the park. There can be no social reason to raise charges and must surely be against policy raising revenues from this source.
<b>110</b>	Dec 29 2020 01:09 PM	It would stop people using the car park all day, when I just want to go to the park for an hour or so!
<b>111</b>	Dec 29 2020 12:39 PM	<p>Parking charges would limit footfall through the park.</p> <p>Parking charges would only apply to those with vehicles. How does charging go across to non vehicles users?</p>
<b>112</b>	Dec 29 2020 10:49 AM	I like to walk in the park and to take my grandchildren there to the playground. It's disgusting to charge people to go for a walk, you should be encouraging people to take exercise. The council needs to pay for this. I would not object to a free limited time of 3 or 4 hours to discourage commuters using this car park.
<b>113</b>	Dec 29 2020 10:42 AM	I enjoy a walk in the park all year round and in the good weather sometimes take my grandchildren there to the playground. This should be a free service provided by the council, this is what we pay our taxes for. It would be disgusting if they now charge us just to go for a walk!
<b>114</b>	Dec 29 2020 10:30 AM	<b>STRONGLY AGAINST INTRODUCTION OF FURTHER PARKING CHARGES IN THE AREA!!!</b>
<b>115</b>	Dec 29 2020 09:25 AM	I am there walking every day (sometimes twice a day) with my dog and cannot afford to pay for parking every day. This is my only form of exercise and meeting people and if I were unable to do this because of cost it would have a massive impact on me.

<b>116</b>	Dec 28 2020 07:23 PM	Parks are the only form of exercise for a majority of the population, at a time when obesity is an increasing risk and exercise is strongly encouraged. This amenity should not attract a charge.
<b>117</b>	Dec 28 2020 06:29 PM	<p>I am not aware of any evidence being presented by the Council to show that Mill Hill residents feel charging for parking in these car parks will benefit them.</p> <p>If charges are to be used as a deterrent to commuters parking all day then there is (1) no need to charge on six days per week (only Monday-Friday is required) and (2) no need to charge outside just the one hour per day to resolve such a problem (say 11 to noon as in some of the nearby streets).</p> <p>Also, additional car park charges will harm the fortunes of local businesses at a time when they do not need yet another blow to their hopes of survival.</p> <p>Lastly, it appears obvious to the more cynical observer that this proposal will merely shift cars to parking in the local residential streets - which will lead to the Council making the unwelcome proposal at some future date to put further controls on these self same streets.</p>
<b>118</b>	Dec 28 2020 03:09 PM	No consideration has been given to the impact at Scratchwood, which is a traditional venue for the local d*****g community. Why should we have to pay the council for exercising our right to healthy outdoor activity, and social intercourse with other local enthusiasts?
<b>119</b>	Dec 28 2020 01:27 PM	<p>The parking should be free for the first 3 hours.</p> <p>Any parking more than 3 hours should be paid.</p> <p>This charge will put people off exercise and other sports.</p> <p>The council shouldn't look at everything thing at money generating point of view.</p> <p>People physical and mental health is more important than a couple of thousands of pounds.</p> <p>I strongly disagree.</p>
<b>120</b>	Dec 27 2020 09:52 PM	Charges will discourage families on lower incomes from coming to the park.
<b>121</b>	Dec 27 2020 06:24 PM	You could make an overnight charge - from 6.0 pm?

<b>122</b>	Dec 27 2020 05:35 PM	<p>With lack of large playgrounds within walking distance, we regularly drive our zero tailpipe emission EV to the parks to allow the kids enjoy themselves.</p> <p>Introducing parking charges make sense to reduce other uses, but it also makes visiting the park very difficult if don't live locally.</p> <p>I think EV exemption is a good middle ground, the borough can showcase its green credentials and also reduce emissions around kids play area.</p>
<b>123</b>	Dec 27 2020 05:07 PM	This will cause parking congestion in side streets.
<b>124</b>	Dec 27 2020 01:24 PM	I'm glad to see the Council considering free parking for a period of time. However I believe free parking should be for 2 hours in all parks. For Old Courthouse, we would go to the cafe, then playground, then walk around. 2 hours would be sufficient.
<b>125</b>	Dec 27 2020 12:10 PM	I would be happy if the charge applied Monday to Friday only - that way you stop the commuters and not the locals using the park at the weekend
<b>126</b>	Dec 27 2020 09:57 AM	This is absurd it will ruin business for the local shops and the children's recreation area. Please reconsider.
<b>127</b>	Dec 27 2020 04:57 AM	By not charging money for use f car parks many families can spend an unlimited amount of time in these parks. This is crucial if they don't have access to a garden at home.
<b>128</b>	Dec 26 2020 07:01 PM	<p>What do I pay Council Tax for?!</p> <p>One of the few pleasures we have, particularly during COVID, is the pleasure of going to the Park to exercise and enjoy the surroundings. We use the car as it would be too far to walk there. Some people do not have gardens and need to go daily for walking dogs or letting kids play safely.</p>
<b>129</b>	Dec 26 2020 06:20 PM	It is difficult to persuade people to go out for a walk in the park. If you are going to have to pay to park people won't want to meet up. It is a crazy idea. What are the benefits v disbenefits? I'm sure that this will go down like a lead balloon. Let people exercise freely please and stop thinking about paying to park.
<b>130</b>	Dec 26 2020 01:51 PM	That is totally wrong!!!
<b>131</b>	Dec 26 2020 12:46 PM	Their are many families with children, old people, disabled people that drive and park in those two car parks.

132	Dec 26 2020 12:44 PM	We feel that there should be a two hour free allowance for genuine park users and that commuters should have to pay for any longer time. Definitely no charge for the weekend.
133	Dec 25 2020 05:07 PM	Parking for park usage should be FREE but could be limited in time
134	Dec 25 2020 11:26 AM	Tariffs will prevent me from using the park for exercise, e.g. walking, also for taking my grandchildren to play on the children's equipment
135	Dec 25 2020 11:09 AM	It penalises families especially with young children and imposes an expense to use the parks and playing facilities
136	Dec 24 2020 02:38 PM	We already pay enough in council tax and it just another way of getting money from local residents and totally disagree
137	Dec 24 2020 01:15 PM	This is simply an outrage . You cannot ask residents to pay to use public amenities . You need to focus on business people walking dogs , coaching football , keep fit camps who use the parks for commercial purpose . We pay already with rates and this is criminal and will be rolled out to all parks .
138	Dec 23 2020 10:15 PM	Please ensure there are enough short term spaces for park users
139	Dec 23 2020 10:13 PM	Please ensure that there are enough short term spaces available for park users ie not commuters.
140	Dec 23 2020 09:29 PM	The park is free to use and we have already paid council tax, why do we need to pay to access the use of the car park? Besides it will only encourage park users to park in the residential streets nearby which cause nuisance to the local residents.
141	Dec 23 2020 09:25 PM	They should not be used as station car parks. There should be a 1 hour Charge to stop all day parking. warden operated.
142	Dec 23 2020 09:06 PM	I am on the normal govt. pension and any increase to local shopping costs, are most unwelcome.
143	Dec 23 2020 08:26 PM	I think it is very important that the car park is free to encourage people to use the park. Many flats have been built that are not in walking distance and with no access to usable green space so people need to be able to park to take advantage of the park. Restricting use of the car park to a three hour free use or with no parking for one hour a day would make sure the car park stays available for genuine users of the park or local shops. I strongly object to the proposal

<b>144</b>	Dec 23 2020 06:02 PM	as a mill hill resident for 28 years and lived in poets corner and wise lane i feel that the car park in daws lane and wise lane are necessary for persons visiting the park. I do not agree with charging all day maybe if you have to - introduce a 2 hr slot at a quiet time of day. the park is very heavily used by various groups of people.
<b>145</b>	Dec 23 2020 06:02 PM	Regarding Mill Hill Park and Daws Lane car park:  1. There has been no direct consultation with local residents.  2. Local residents fear parking being pushed on to local roads by parking charges in Daws Lane car park.  3. Local residents have resisted a CPZ in Poets Corner which would be necessary if commuters park in local roads.  4. What about the covenant that applies to this car park?  5. Parking fees and a CPZ would be disastrous for Goodwyn School as they have no staff car park. Where would staff park?
<b>146</b>	Dec 23 2020 05:47 PM	Regarding Mill Hill Park and Daws Lane car parks:  1. There has been no direct consultation with local residents.  2. Local residents fear commuter parking being pushed on to local roads. 3. Consequently many residents have also resisted a CPZ in Poets Corner which could be necessary as a result of car parking charges in Daws Lane car park.  4. What about the covenant that applies to this car park?  5. Car parking charges would be disastrous for Goodwyn School nearby. They have no staff car park. Where will staff park?
<b>147</b>	Dec 23 2020 02:59 PM	This will deter people from using the park and clog up the local streets which already are congested with school traffic.
<b>148</b>	Dec 23 2020 01:16 PM	1. To protect Car Parks to Car Park Users - we should have restoration for 1hr a day.  2. By introducing the Parking charges, you will only 'push' the drivers to the already congested Poets Corner. As it is already congested during the School days.

		<p>3. At the Moment residents of Daws lane (opposite Esso where their are charges) are also hogging the paces on streets of Poets. This proves that 'poets-corner' will be congested and the streets cannot handle it due to parents who are already aggressive - double partaking - blocking drive ways -unless Council is using this to justify parking charges on all the streets of Poets Corner</p> <p>4. the reason will mean more 'monitoring' and hence Council will not save money but only hassle residents.</p> <p>5. Why should all the residents suffer for a few unreasonable people?</p>
149	Dec 23 2020 01:14 PM	Car parking should be for a one or two hour slot and not for weekends
150	Dec 23 2020 11:48 AM	At a time that we should be encouraging people to utilise parks more.Your strategy will discourage them,"absurd".
151	Dec 23 2020 10:53 AM	This will not help low income families that live in high rise flat if which the council have allowed to be built in the borough. Park are already paid for and this will stop families visiting
152	Dec 23 2020 10:50 AM	This will prevent low income families from using park facilities that are not within walking distance. Lots of new build flats that have children and no garden. This is not good for the community
153	Dec 23 2020 09:29 AM	There should be a charge for those who want to park all day. They do take up short term spaces.
154	Dec 23 2020 09:17 AM	You will prohibit people using the park which help people with their health and mental well-being. It should remain a free service to the community
155	Dec 23 2020 09:04 AM	You should get the first 2 hours free
156	Dec 23 2020 08:38 AM	Why we should we have to pay to use our local park. More importantly why should older members of our community have to pay to use the facilities like the bowling club and cafe. It is disgusting
157	Dec 23 2020 08:32 AM	You should not charge people whose only reason to park is to use the ark for leisure reasons. If the sole purpose is to prevent the car park being used by commuters then you should and can set up a system that limits parking for say 4 hours
158	Dec 23 2020 08:18 AM	This is my local park why Do I have to pay to park there . I cannot afford extra charges . It's the only free facility to take my kids to.

		<p>You are sneaking this in in December when people are distracted .</p> <p>You are trying to making money and stopping people from using the park.</p> <p>If you do introduce a charge is this legal ?</p> <p>If you introduce a charge it should only be for 1 hour a day as I assume you trying to stop commuters .</p> <p>Who told you parking was an issue no one has done a survey. I am local and received no survey . Why are you trying to fix problem that does not exist or you have no evidence that it exists.</p>
<b>159</b>	Dec 23 2020 08:09 AM	Do not introduce charges.
<b>160</b>	Dec 23 2020 08:06 AM	Please don't introduce charges to the car parks
<b>161</b>	Dec 23 2020 06:58 AM	There should not be a time restriction placed as it would deter parents from spending valuable time outdoors with children. Not everyone who uses the park can walk there. In addition car park charging should not be used to make money for the council as per the words of the government
<b>162</b>	Dec 23 2020 05:45 AM	<p>I think you may like to consider an alternative to introducing charges all day, which, will hinder many local residents who want to use the facilities of the park, but cannot get there with out driving for varying reasons. Why not make parking free to Barnet residents ? This could easily be done by using information held by the DVLA and introduce charges for others or offer reduced charges for those visiting a Barnet Resident (the resident has to organise the parking )</p> <p>Create an area for Commuters from outside the Borough charging them a reasonable day rate.</p> <p>Introduce Parking Attendants, the alternatives to charging all the time are out there, workable and need to be fully</p>

		investigated, reported on then Barnet Residents should be consulted again.
<b>163</b>	Dec 23 2020 02:23 AM	Firstly, we have seen no information or evidence from the Council to show that Mill Hill residents feel that this is a problem for them or they feel that this issue needs a solution. Secondly, if the Council believe that charging will stop commuters from parking all day, then there is no need to charge 6 days per week and all day to resolve this apparent problem. LBB could for example create parking restrictions for just one hour per day (from 11am to 12pm), as we already have in many streets around Mill Hill. Another reason, charging for these car parks will affect residents nearby, simply force more cars to try to park in the already overloaded and over parked streets .
<b>164</b>	Dec 23 2020 01:17 AM	We are supposed to be encouraging use of parks for exercise and to encourage people to use local businesses. Totally wrong approach.
<b>165</b>	Dec 22 2020 11:38 PM	I don't think that the car park should be designed as a source of income to the council. If the council is concerned over the use by daily travellers, then perhaps allocate an hour a day like 11-12am for ticketed parking . This should ensure that the parking would be mostly for park users.
<b>166</b>	Dec 22 2020 11:32 PM	Should have a 30 min to 1 hour free option
<b>167</b>	Dec 22 2020 11:23 PM	Perhaps to make allowance for families visiting the park, the first hour of parking could be free and subsequent hours need to be paid for. This will benefit families while also ensuring those parking for commuting have to pay for the facility rather than abusing the free access preventing parents from parking to use the park itself.
<b>168</b>	Dec 22 2020 10:46 PM	The council should not be charging for residents to use the park for leisure purposes or visiting shops. The council should not be proposing charges for purposes of generating income.
<b>169</b>	Dec 22 2020 10:22 PM	To impose the proposed parking tariffs at Mill Hill Park this will penalise local residents who try to use the park and cause them to pay for visiting our local park.  I believe if the council wish to prevent commuter parking then it would be far better to impose a 1 hour parking tariff between 11am and Noon.  Imposing the proposed tariffs revenue is contrary to the Road Traffic Regulation Act of 1984 as it is not a revenue raising or taxing statute (Attfield vs LBB (2013))
<b>170</b>	Dec 22 2020 10:11 PM	Charges should be only for one hour a day possibly 11-12pm
<b>171</b>	Dec 22 2020 10:09 PM	Will strongly agree if charges won't apply up to 10 min parking

172	Dec 22 2020 10:04 PM	Would be helpful to state what the time restrictions would be and how this won't end up being a burden on the neighbourhood side streets where I live.
173	Dec 22 2020 09:54 PM	I think there should be the first hour is free
174	Dec 22 2020 09:42 PM	Totally unfair to introduce parking fee. Kids need outdoor time and parents do not need for penalised for this and should not feel pressured to enjoy park time and worry about how much time they have left to enjoy being outdoors and rushing back to their cars. There are a very few things in life that are free and this should remain one of them.
175	Dec 22 2020 09:38 PM	You don't need to make money from people all the time! Give people a break... times are tough enough and taking kids to the park shouldn't come with a cost attached!
176	Dec 22 2020 09:35 PM	We need this so we can come with children to play area and use cafe
177	Dec 22 2020 09:35 PM	Instead of parking charges I would fine those parking in disabled bays without permits or parking on the crosshatched squares or not in bays. People are filling the car parks beyond the parking bays and it's dangerous
178	Dec 22 2020 09:33 PM	Introducing charges for the Daws Lane car Park will really create traffic and bad parking around the area and will affect residents of the surrounding streets
179	Dec 22 2020 09:27 PM	The cost should be for computers that park for the whole day not for people using the park for an hour.
180	Dec 22 2020 09:24 PM	I think that the first hour should be free
181	Dec 22 2020 09:20 PM	There are families with low income who have not access to gardens and the parks are essential for their physical and mental health, parking charges would be a deterrent for them .
182	Dec 22 2020 09:15 PM	If these car parks cost then it will ruin the park. Families wont go there and it will stop dog walkers in the area. This is an awful idea!!!
183	Dec 22 2020 09:09 PM	Car parking charges are/have already crippled the high street, now you are seeking to make using outdoor space which benefit peoples mental health taxable - unless you can walk there (with kids for instance, which many cannot). This is a regressive tax and will be detrimental to our social infrastructure. Find another more creative way to raise money to maintain the parks.
184	Dec 22 2020 09:08 PM	I don't agree with charging at the weekends.

<b>185</b>	Dec 22 2020 08:50 PM	Should be completely free on Saturdays as never that busy with people parking for their commute. Also first 3 hours should be free not 2. This would still deter commuters from parking there all day.
<b>186</b>	Dec 22 2020 08:47 PM	The park should be accesible to everyone, perhaps a 11am to midday charge or deter people using it for comuting parking.
<b>187</b>	Dec 22 2020 08:47 PM	The council should not be using these car parks as an opportunity to raise revenue and to take money from taxpayers and residents, when there is no issue about parking availability or is there any specific need to do so from a parking-stand point. This is a cynical proposal which is simply about money rather than need and it would cause damage to the community.
<b>188</b>	Dec 22 2020 08:46 PM	There would need to be a period for free parking to allow people to visit the park without having to pay
<b>189</b>	Dec 22 2020 08:43 PM	I don't believe there is a problem with the car park at Dawes lane being used for non park users.
<b>190</b>	Dec 22 2020 08:37 PM	I agree with parking charges as I find the car park to be full when I take my kids to play. However, a full day charge is not required. One hour in the middle of the day will stop commuters parking.
<b>191</b>	Dec 22 2020 08:36 PM	The car park needs to be used by people using shops and the park not for the school which seems to be the main users. The shops need customers desperately and parking charges would further discourage users. The park is also used by people who need the open space and charges would discourage fitness and wellbeing.
<b>192</b>	Dec 22 2020 08:34 PM	It's so hard to park already in mill hill. When businesses are already struggling to survive why introduce parking charges which will deter people from supporting them
<b>193</b>	Dec 22 2020 08:28 PM	We need some freedom of parking use
<b>194</b>	Dec 22 2020 08:27 PM	This will just push further traffic onto local roads to park, and disadvantage local residents
<b>195</b>	Dec 22 2020 08:27 PM	Not far away from charging people for the air they breath
<b>196</b>	Dec 22 2020 08:24 PM	A lot of older Mill Hill Residents use that car park for the Bowls club and for walks and use of the café. All the other amenities have been shut and many of them cannot afford park car parking.
<b>197</b>	Dec 22 2020 08:21 PM	It would deter local people who cannot walk a longer distance from accessing the park fir recreational purposes
<b>198</b>	Dec 22 2020 08:21 PM	Introduce charges for one hour only during the day ie beyween 11-12, to stop commuters patking all day in these car parks

<b>199</b>	Dec 22 2020 08:17 PM	<p>As a resident of Poets Corner in Mill Hill, I am appalled that the council is yet again threatening to bring in charges. It is already impossible to park my car on my own street due to the schools at either end. By bringing in charges the cars that regularly park there, often in order to support the shops on the Broadway, will simply look to park elsewhere, namely the streets of Poets Corner.</p> <p>If you wish to put off commuters, surely bringing in charges for just an hour in the middle of the day will suffice and be cheaper for the council to control.</p>
<b>200</b>	Dec 22 2020 08:15 PM	<p>Barnet Council must not introduce charges for car parking in parks. This is not an acceptable way of raising funds and may not be legal. I have seen no evidence that introducing charges will protect the parks for park users. On the contrary, introducing charges will discourage/prevent people from using the parks, and access to open space in the current Covid pandemic should not be restricted, which introducing charges would do. I strongly disagree with the proposal.</p>
<b>201</b>	Dec 22 2020 08:09 PM	<p>1. I don't believe the council is within its rights to raise funds from parking, as per the statutory guidance by the Department of Transport. As a local resident I am firmly opposed to charging to use the Mill Hill Park car park.</p> <p>2. I am a daily park user and very rarely do I have trouble with parking at the car park and charging for parking on an 8x6 basis seems like a step far too far to resolving the commuter issue. Why not just implement charging between, say, 11 and 12? This would seem to be to be the perfect compromise to any perceived or actual issue.</p> <p>3. If you are looking for funds to assist in the maintenance of the park, can I suggest you put out a plea for volunteers. My guess is that you will receiving an overwhelming response from local residents keen to help versus the local backlash you are likely receive if fees are introduced!</p>
<b>202</b>	Dec 22 2020 08:04 PM	<p>At a time when the only option for meeting friends is in public spaces, parking charges are an outrageous suggestion.</p> <p>When the pandemic is a memory, charging to park for exercise is also outrageous.</p> <p>Additionally, Barnet is forbidden from using parking as a source of revenue.</p>
<b>203</b>	Dec 22 2020 07:59 PM	<p>I'd rather have a small charge on the car parks that end at say 5pm than a rise in other taxes!</p>
<b>204</b>	Dec 22 2020 07:57 PM	<p>perhaps you can charge only if people use for a full day. ie operate a timed ticket free for up to 4 hours as I remember having young kids &amp; not in desperate need of getting them to a park- please don't make it difficult or an</p>

		additional expense for them.
<b>205</b>	Dec 22 2020 07:53 PM	A system of 1 hour restriction (or even 20 minutes) is all that is needed to stop commuters
<b>206</b>	Dec 22 2020 07:44 PM	Charges are not required as spaces always available, this Barnet yet again taxing car users. It will make drivers park in the streets of Poets Corner. You could just charge fir parking 11-12 like in the rest of Mill Hill. Six days a week charging is taxing as commuting is a 5 day a week activity, but now even less with home working.
<b>207</b>	Dec 22 2020 07:42 PM	If you introduce the charges, I will not visit any of the shops / Amenities in Mill Hill Broadway which will put another nail in the coffin of businesses, I will not go to the parks anymore, I would rather walk in the streets. You ought to help businesses and people and not add to their destruction. I feel very strongly about this matter.
<b>208</b>	Dec 22 2020 07:41 PM	Charging for parking will simply push visitors and users to the surrounding streets which will cause huge problems for local residents
<b>209</b>	Dec 22 2020 07:37 PM	If you start charging for parking, people will just park in the streets and clog up the roads
<b>210</b>	Dec 22 2020 07:35 PM	The Mill Hill park, Daws Lane gets used lots by the parents of Etz Cheim school. Myself a local dog-walker and parent need the space for using the park for dog walking.
<b>211</b>	Dec 22 2020 07:30 PM	This is completely inappropriate. At a time when people are strapped for cash and trying to keep themselves and their families occupied this is just going to add to their difficulties. No one has provided any evidence that there is actually a problem with commuters parking.
<b>212</b>	Dec 22 2020 07:30 PM	The park is a vital resource for local residents to exercise and relax particularly during these stressful days. To impose a charge would have a drastic effect on residents and deter many from using this fantastic facility. It is vital that people have access to spaces for exercise right now and they do not need yet another problem thrown into their already very stressful daily lives.
<b>213</b>	Dec 22 2020 07:19 PM	It will clutter the residential roads nearby and is simply unnecessary.
<b>214</b>	Dec 22 2020 07:12 PM	there is no evidence to show this is a problem, there is not any information gathered that use of the park is currently being impacted by not having park charges, there could be knock on effect of discouraging local residents to visit local shops which is much needed in the current climate, charging will force more ppl to park on the streets nearby which again would have a knock on impact on local residents, there is no supporting evidence that council has considered this.  Department of Transport clearly stated parking charges should not be used a way of revenue generating.

		A full consultation has not reached to residents where possible so it must be taken seriously that many people impacted are not given an opportunity to voice their opinions.
<b>215</b>	Dec 22 2020 07:12 PM	Parking charges should not be used to raise funds for councils.
<b>216</b>	Dec 22 2020 07:12 PM	It is outrageous that you consider changing for parking at the park - sorry I pay council tax and that is what I expect it to be used for - maintaining the park.
<b>217</b>	Dec 22 2020 07:09 PM	There are plenty of alternatives to revenue raising through car parking charges. As access to this park is so important for physical and mental health, charging would be wrong. Implement a reasonable maximum time, say 2 hours or 3 hours no return for 1 hour, demonstrated by a Free ticket which must be used. To charge is to burden the already challenged purses that coronavirus has caused.
<b>218</b>	Dec 22 2020 07:09 PM	I agree that all day parking should not be permitted but for leisure a minimum free stay of 3 hours would be reasonable.
<b>219</b>	Dec 22 2020 07:07 PM	Why should I have to pay tp go for a walk in my local park? It's obscene?
<b>220</b>	Dec 22 2020 07:05 PM	Please make sure this is partnered with a one hour restriction residents only in the surrounding streets - I don't want to see commuters spilling out to adjacent roads
<b>221</b>	Dec 22 2020 07:04 PM	I would agree with charging for an hour in the middle of the day Monday-Friday to stop commuters parking there all day
<b>222</b>	Dec 22 2020 07:02 PM	Not necessary. Will make visiting these open spaces harder for families. Can't afford paying everytime. Neighbourhood roads will get congested with parked cars.
<b>223</b>	Dec 22 2020 07:01 PM	Too many commuters use it during week
<b>224</b>	Dec 22 2020 12:27 PM	these parks are a necessary outlet for the public for healthy walks in the open air and are essential for the health and wellness of the local population
<b>225</b>	Dec 21 2020 04:11 PM	I do no wish there to be parking charges but if you have to introduce them they should be short term use only be for people who are using the park and can prove it.
<b>226</b>	Dec 21 2020 09:19 AM	Re the Daws Lane car parks - charging will deter people from coming to the park and excaberate the parking problems in the Poets Corner area (btw I do not live there)  ALL day parking will just ensure commuters will fill the space before park users even get there and allocating half the space to that is ridiculous

		If you really need to raise money look at cost saving, as that will raise much more. My road has recently had all the lampposts replaced - WHY, - the previous ones were perfectly adequate. STOP wasting money !
<b>227</b>	Dec 21 2020 06:20 AM	ergaerg
<b>228</b>	Dec 18 2020 09:21 AM	30 mins free parking is too short to enjoy the park with family. The restriction of opening up the Old courthouse at midday prevents commuters parking there. If parking charges are introduced the car park should be open earlier.
<b>229</b>	Dec 15 2020 09:26 PM	It would put us off going to the park with our children or visiting the cafe in the park which is a real shame.
<b>230</b>	Dec 14 2020 09:01 PM	Working with children as a key worker throughout pandemic this is something we can do in difficult economic times. Parks should be free to use the car park is not over used for example for the tube.
<b>231</b>	Dec 14 2020 01:04 PM	It's unfair for parents & carers to pay to bring their children to the playground
<b>232</b>	Dec 14 2020 10:42 AM	Mothers collecting children from school will be forced to park in main Daws Lane causing congestion and leading to unsafe parking
<b>233</b>	Dec 14 2020 09:46 AM	I think it's disgusting that Barnet Council want to fleece us of yet more money. Is there anything yet that can still be monetised? Given the push on getting people active and outside, particularly during this pandemic, it is utterly absurd that you would put a financial barrier on people accessing parks. All this encourages is irresponsible parking elsewhere that would impact on residents
<b>234</b>	Dec 14 2020 08:20 AM	<p>1. 2 hours free is not enough if I wish to go shopping and meet friends for coffee. This will stifle local business. Maybe offer 3 hours free as a starting point?</p> <p>2. You have stated that the reason for these charges are to generate revenue. I understand that Councils can not charge parking in order to generate revenue. Can I please ask that this legal issue be adhered to.</p> <p>3. By "solving" the parking issue in the car park, all you are doing is pushing the problem elsewhere, to the adjacent streets around Poets' Corner.</p>
<b>235</b>	Dec 13 2020 06:46 PM	This is a dreadful idea it will just stop people using and enjoying parks.

<b>236</b>	Dec 13 2020 06:38 PM	I feel the charges should be introduced from 4 hours to prevent people parking all day and prevent the people who wants to enjoy the park from parking there
<b>237</b>	Dec 13 2020 06:25 PM	I feel that the charges should be introduced from 4 hours to prevent the commuters to park all day and prevent other people from parking there who want to go for a walk in the park specially during this pandemic
<b>238</b>	Dec 13 2020 01:11 PM	There are not enough parking bays for the residents
<b>239</b>	Dec 13 2020 11:11 AM	This Park is a hub for local people. Introducing parking charges will create more congestion in the roads around the park as people will not want to pay.
<b>240</b>	Dec 13 2020 10:37 AM	Lots of people take the kids there to play and no parking charges, the cafe will be the 1st to go
<b>241</b>	Dec 13 2020 10:30 AM	If you go to the park with children you spend more than 30 minutes there. Should be 1 hour free of charge. Anything more than that I think is fair enough to charge.
<b>242</b>	Dec 13 2020 09:43 AM	The car park is never full or busy, in all honesty I would not be able to visit the park and drive if I have to pay for parking. There is no free parking areas in or around the high street for me to be able to take the children to the doctor's surgery. Sad that I would need to pay for this privilege.
<b>243</b>	Dec 13 2020 09:11 AM	Parking should be free. These areas are used by families for recreational purposes. Why impose penal charges on facilities already covered by council tax, hitting low income families and pensioners who use the area for exercise and a sense of freedom
<b>244</b>	Dec 13 2020 09:08 AM	Parks should be accessible to all
<b>245</b>	Dec 13 2020 06:29 AM	As a retired pensioner on limited income I take my 2 year old granddaughter to this park which would be harder to do if I had to pay to park there.
<b>246</b>	Dec 12 2020 11:11 PM	You have decimated what you can of Barnet, it's high street and now you're trying to make money from me taking my kid to the park - it's disgraceful ! Leave the park alone !!!
<b>247</b>	Dec 12 2020 10:11 PM	Money grabbing scum bags comes to mind
<b>248</b>	Dec 12 2020 09:15 PM	I use the Old Courthouse car park to take my Granddaughter to the playground. Introducing parking fees in any of these parks makes them less accessible to local people who use them for leisure, exercise and to take their children to. Parks are extremely important to their local communities. Never more so than during the last year.

<b>249</b>	Dec 12 2020 09:09 PM	I have this park as a child, my parents used to take me there, I have used this park as a parent and parking their has made it easy and enjoyable, if parking charges are applied I doubt I would go there.
<b>250</b>	Dec 12 2020 08:42 PM	I think all parks should be free of charge for at least an hour. Or if half an hour, then cost should only be 50p
<b>251</b>	Dec 12 2020 06:40 PM	All aspects of parks should remain free
<b>252</b>	Dec 12 2020 05:59 PM	Parks are one of the few free things to do and to add a charge would seriously hinder the ability of low income parents being able to take their kids out to places that don't then have a knock on effect to their weekly budget.  If you're going to add charges at least make it free for the first 2 hours to stop people using them to commute into London
<b>253</b>	Dec 12 2020 05:58 PM	To charge for this car park would have a severe detrimental effect on Barnet town centre. It is currently undergoing something of a resurgence, with several new - independent - shops opening. We need to give them a helping hand by offering free parking within walking distance. It's hard enough to open a new business but if customers have to pay to park there isn't the same incentive to visit. This car park being free is one of Barnet's main attractions. Moxon St car park has an hour free parking but that is often insufficient if we wish to encourage shoppers to spend money with local traders. This is a terrible scheme.
<b>254</b>	Dec 12 2020 05:50 PM	I strongly disagree with any proposed charges at this car park. It is used by shoppers and Barnet retailers need as much assistance as possible in getting as much footfall near to their premises. Car parking charges in the town have been cited previously as being too high for the facilities offered, ie it's not worth paying for what's on offer. However we have some new independent shops opening so this is a great time to give them a chance to get the customers that they require by offering some free parking nearby; not just the 1 hour offered in Moxon Street as some of the businesses are hospitality venues which wouldn't give people time to socialise.
<b>255</b>	Dec 12 2020 05:35 PM	Barnet council are thieves that steal our souls whilst stealing our community.
<b>256</b>	Dec 12 2020 05:33 PM	Barnet council are outright thieves who will steal our very souls whilst destroying our community.
<b>257</b>	Dec 12 2020 05:19 PM	Please do not put a charge on children playing in a playground!
<b>258</b>	Dec 12 2020 04:02 PM	It should be free to use the car park if you are using the park

<b>259</b>	Dec 12 2020 01:58 PM	Parking charges will stop families enjoying the open space, especially those who live in flats without gardens.
<b>260</b>	Dec 12 2020 01:02 PM	At a time when keeping healthy is so important please do not discourage people from using these spaces. The elderly, sick and disabled need to be able to drive and park in these areas and to charge them is an unnecessary burden
<b>261</b>	Dec 12 2020 12:47 PM	Why are the proposed charges for Old Courthouse car park different from the other car parks? It's is completely unreasonable to charge users of this car park after only 30 minutes and if visiting other car parks under your potential plan you can get up to 2 hours FOC. If the purpose is to protect the car park for park users and discourage commuters then this should be extended to a reasonable amount of time across all car parks. When taking my family to the park we would spend up to 2 hours or more in the park. Putting unreasonable charged in place would make me consider using other local parks instead.
<b>262</b>	Dec 12 2020 12:19 PM	Money Grab
<b>263</b>	Dec 12 2020 11:54 AM	The courthouse car park is never full and doesn't require payment options.  Find another way of raising cash, having already raised our council tax last year.  Also try managing your funds better, and try not outsourcing the running of the council to a company like capita.  Sincerely  A tax payer.
<b>264</b>	Dec 12 2020 11:46 AM	In my view this will discourage the use of the.park, users will just use an alternative park where there is no charge for parking.
<b>265</b>	Dec 12 2020 09:45 AM	It's good to drive to the park abs let the kids ply for a bit without l'm having to rush home for nap or lunch times. The car park is often only half full and people use it for the park. Having charges could deter people from using the park.
<b>266</b>	Dec 12 2020 09:12 AM	Charging for parking will deter people from using the parks when it is so important for everyone to get out in fresh air and to exercise. No doubt, charging for these car parks would be a gateway to charging for all park and open spaces parking areas in Barnet. It would especially deter older people, disabled people and parents of young children. I think fewer people using these parks and open spaces would also increase crime and anti-social behaviour. A terrible idea.

<b>267</b>	Dec 11 2020 09:39 PM	First 2 hours free to discourage commuters.
<b>268</b>	Dec 10 2020 10:48 AM	People should be encouraged to go to the local parks for health and well-being. Adding a charge may hinder families or people from visiting
<b>269</b>	Dec 09 2020 11:15 AM	Being an OAP, it will make it extremely difficult to keep paying when I have used this Car Park since I moved to Mill Hill 18 years ago
<b>270</b>	Dec 08 2020 07:47 PM	prefer not to have this but given funding restrictions this is acceptable - if we have cars we have enough money to be able to pay a little !
<b>271</b>	Dec 08 2020 05:47 PM	Allow two hours free parking
<b>272</b>	Dec 08 2020 01:37 PM	abolish car park tickets. waste of money!!!
<b>273</b>	Dec 08 2020 01:37 PM	How will you ensure that by introducing charges to these car parks that drivers don't park on neighbouring roads instead
<b>274</b>	Dec 08 2020 01:23 PM	1st 2 x hours should be free.
<b>275</b>	Dec 08 2020 11:55 AM	I absolutely disagree with putting parking charges in the car parks. Give people a break from having to pay for everything. It's stressful. The language used is interesting "protect" parks (from what? awful people who need somewhere to park whilst just living their life?)
<b>276</b>	Dec 08 2020 11:19 AM	i dont think putting a charge on something thats currently free and does nt have an issue isnt an honest or fair way to raise money. Those who are elderly or with children would be most hit as they drive to the parks...
<b>277</b>	Dec 08 2020 10:50 AM	It will just push parking into local roads - an excuse for more CPZs, bureacracy and hidden taxation.
<b>278</b>	Dec 08 2020 10:15 AM	The ability to use our open spaces should not come at a cost - I strongly disagree with charging
<b>279</b>	Dec 08 2020 07:48 AM	During the week it can be hard to find a space, as typically there are a lot of commuters who use the Daws lane car park all day, making it more difficult for those visiting the park.
<b>280</b>	Dec 08 2020 07:14 AM	Parks are already paid for from our tax and local tax. We should not have to pay again. Kills our community!

<b>281</b>	Dec 07 2020 11:03 PM	<p>Parks and green spaces should be free for all.</p> <p>Charging for parking mitigates this, irrelevant if they give the first two hours free or not.</p> <p>As a resident in Barnet Im interested to know why my council tax doesn't already cover the maintenance of the park and car park.</p>
<b>282</b>	Dec 07 2020 09:46 PM	Don't allocate 50 percent of daws lane parking for long term parking. That's too high. Rather encourage more short term space
<b>283</b>	Dec 07 2020 06:42 PM	It would deter me form visiting. The car park is rarely full so the demand is not their. I don't understand the reason to enforce restrictions. Saying it will be channelled to other funds to help the borough is not adequate
<b>284</b>	Dec 07 2020 06:02 PM	If first 2 hours are free abd it stops all day parking
<b>285</b>	Dec 07 2020 04:55 PM	I strongly support introducing car parking charges at Scratchwood Open space because it is a nightmare to walk on the pavements especially in the Spring and Summer months. Visitors to Scratchwood litters the whole side of the A1 especially near Mill Hill Golf Course. They dump everything including human faeces. The residents of my road, Hankins Lane NW7 are fed up with the situation. I'm surprised that we haven't yet had serious accident due to the double parking almost on the dual carriageway itself. I believe introducing car parking charges and enforcement will deal with this criminal antisocial behaviour.
<b>286</b>	Dec 07 2020 02:30 PM	It's the one place I can go with my children to have a walk and get away from home and get fresh air.it is somewhere I can park for free without another charge in life. I think it would be ridiculous as then people will stop using the park. I'd just have to walk on the streets then
<b>287</b>	Dec 07 2020 01:58 PM	You will simply push cars into the local streets and residents will not be able to park their cars. Then the council will charge for CPZs, which are awful. The car park was left as part of the park to the general public and should be free.
<b>288</b>	Dec 07 2020 12:19 PM	Think there are pros and cons to this, firstly we pay enough in council tax, secondly if there was better parking facilities near the station people wouldn't park there to go to work, the staff of the school next door use the facility as do the parents to pick up, by charging you will encourage people to park in the already crowded side streets, people always park at the bottom of my road to use the station and I'm 6 mins away from the park. You cannot cause anymore congestion round here it's crowded enough, and you cannot park on Daws Lane anyway.
<b>289</b>	Dec 07 2020 10:21 AM	It seems as if Barnet council is yet again trying to get additional revenue from residents. What is our council tax for?

<b>290</b>	Dec 07 2020 09:43 AM	will stop a number of users who cannot walk too far
<b>291</b>	Dec 07 2020 09:29 AM	We pay council taxes already, it's enough. This is just another tax by stealth.
<b>292</b>	Dec 07 2020 08:46 AM	there needs to be a way of monitoring to ensure users are not parking for the day - as the car park is meant for users of the park! dont make it unfair on those who genuinely do use the park for the right reasons.....
<b>293</b>	Dec 07 2020 08:34 AM	Provide 2 free hours for park users. This will stop the commuters parking all day. But please consider impact on surrounding roads. Maybe no parking between 10 to 11am?
<b>294</b>	Dec 07 2020 05:58 AM	We are pensioners and it is so nice to be able to use this car park and not paying to park. We can then use this money to buy a cup of coffee in the cafeteria in the park
<b>295</b>	Dec 06 2020 11:58 PM	As long as you keep the 2 hour foc charge to allow park users, dog walkers etc to park. I agree this would be beneficial to restrict the use of the car parks by commuters.
<b>296</b>	Dec 06 2020 11:45 PM	I think as long as the aim is ensure commuters are abusing the parking then it makes sense (ie 2 hrs max stay - or payment between 1-2 pm only ) park users and parents dropping and collecting from the school next door should not be affected. If parents are unable to safely drop and collect their children you are putting safety at risk and will clog up daws lane
<b>297</b>	Dec 06 2020 11:41 PM	Fine with any ways to get a space (ie not allow commuters). Simple no parking between 11-12 etc or part of the 2 hour foc
<b>298</b>	Dec 06 2020 11:38 PM	Will result in parents parking in local roads that are already busy.
<b>299</b>	Dec 06 2020 11:37 PM	This car park works fine and was never intended to be a paying one. It will only cause problems for the people that use it the most .The old, young disabled special needs parents grandparents.
<b>300</b>	Dec 06 2020 11:35 PM	i only agree for charges for people who are not using the park itself or a short while when using the shops opposite. so at least 2 hours for people using the park should be free
<b>301</b>	Dec 06 2020 11:31 PM	I do not live in walking distance to mill hill park so I need to drive so we can use the park and play area by implementing a charge it will have an impact on families in a similar situation as not everyone who uses the play area with small children live close so it helps to be able to drive there and park.  Unless you do a few hours free which will also give families time at the park which is very important for young

		ones.
<b>302</b>	Dec 06 2020 11:11 PM	I think it is wrong as I walk there everyday for at least an hour to walk my dog and I do not think it's right to charge people who go there to exercise at their local park. Who will monitor the tickets ? There are a lot of people who come and do drug deals will that stop them coming ?
<b>303</b>	Dec 06 2020 11:04 PM	It will push people away from visiting the parks. If money is to be raised it should be done in other ways
<b>304</b>	Dec 06 2020 11:00 PM	These public open spaces should be free to use, effectively introducing parking fees is an entry fee, I live near Mill Hill Park so walk there but many people do not live near open spaces and need to travel to them. People use the park often all day for picnics or sports and a charge would be restrictive. If cricket were to return to the park it would be unreasonable to make a charge for an all day activity. Perhaps a nominal charge or even just the necessity for displaying a ticket which is free for half an hour a day during the middle of the day would stop commuter parking. I don't see why staff from the post office shouldn't be able to park there. The sorting office provides an important role which we should help to preserve.
<b>305</b>	Dec 06 2020 10:39 PM	If you must charge - which I object to, using a park should be a pleasure, especially now-  Make it first 3 hours free.
<b>306</b>	Dec 06 2020 10:09 PM	This will push parking into nearby residential roads which will no doubt please the council enough to introduce CPZ
<b>307</b>	Dec 06 2020 09:48 PM	Terrible idea, this will prevent visitors, it's not necessary
<b>308</b>	Dec 06 2020 09:45 PM	All residents should have to provide proof that they are a resident and should receive the parking fee from their council tax bill
<b>309</b>	Dec 06 2020 08:47 PM	Detrimental to local community, dog walkers and the shops in the proximity of certain parks.  Introducing a time limit of 2 to 3 hours free park would be more beneficial to local residents and could eliminate the possible use from commuters
<b>310</b>	Dec 06 2020 07:28 PM	There should be a strict limit on the number of long stay parking places serving Mill Hill Park as there is an generous number adjacent to The Station. Make this charge £10 per day.
<b>311</b>	Dec 06 2020 07:28 PM	Ridiculous. I work as a Dog Walker. Scratchwood Open Space car park has been shut since the 1st lockdown. It's a great dog walking site. Parking charges where would you want me to unload/ load the dogs into my car. The A1. Another example of Barnet Council not thinking through policy decisions. Typical.

<b>312</b>	Dec 06 2020 07:27 PM	The council want to do this and combine it with a parking zone in this area at more expense to local residents who also use the car park for friends visiting . Please be open and honest about this proposal
<b>313</b>	Dec 06 2020 07:22 PM	It's not fair to keep charging families and elderly people who use these parks for exercising. Now that we are in and out of lockdown, it's vital that these people get their exercise in and have a safe space to do it with NO time restrictions
<b>314</b>	Dec 06 2020 02:57 PM	2-3hours FREE. Then charges should apply to get movement/circulation of vehicles during each day and stop long stayers blocking the spaces.
<b>315</b>	Dec 06 2020 02:42 PM	We live in Mill Hill but not in walking distance of the park. I have 3 children and on many occasions we have not been able to enjoy the park as the car parks are full all day - presumably due to vehicles parked by commuters or people who work in the local area. I welcome some controls being brought in, perhaps the first 2 hours could be free so people who are just visiting the park can do so without paying.
<b>316</b>	Dec 06 2020 02:22 PM	It is clear when going to the park it is being used as a commuter car park resulting in no or very limited parking being available for park use. This is especially challenging when with small children looking to visit the playground.
<b>317</b>	Dec 06 2020 01:34 PM	People should be encouraged to use the parks not dissuaded. The local roads will get full with people parking alternatively.
<b>318</b>	Dec 06 2020 12:57 PM	It would be better instead of charges unless you leave a couple of hours free to have no parking say from 11-12.
<b>319</b>	Dec 06 2020 12:14 PM	I work in a school next to Daws lane car park so use the car park 5 days a week all day. If a day rate of £6 was introduced I would spent £30 just on parking a week, which would be £1,560 annually. Working in a school the salary is not great and to add another cost it not be worth my while to work there.
<b>320</b>	Dec 06 2020 09:08 AM	I understand the council wants to generate more money but the families with young kids probably need to go to the parks occasionally and they have to pay for them every time. Why do we have to pay for every single facility in Barnet (and the country in general), so what happens to all those council tax we paying and still not getting the service we deserve!
<b>321</b>	Dec 06 2020 12:51 AM	Is this the same consultation that started 8 years ago?
<b>322</b>	Dec 05 2020 10:51 AM	I think the split between short and long stay is a bad idea. If you are going to introduce the charges (and I think now is a really bad time to do this) but if you are, then all spaces should have the same status with 2 hours free and then charging from 2 hours to the whole day. I also think that staff of the school should be exempt/
<b>323</b>	Dec 05 2020 09:06 AM	I live in a road near Mill Hill Park which has no parking restrictions by going ahead with your proposals the local roads will be overwhelmed by new cars wanting to park which will restrict parking for local residence near their home's

324	Dec 04 2020 01:55 PM	If you want to keep people healthy encourage them to use the park not dissuade them. I walk my dog twice a day there and it is a wonderful community. Please don't destroy this.
325	Dec 04 2020 01:44 PM	As a teacher in the school next door to the Daws Lane car park, I have to park there everyday due to our school car park being inaccessible due to Covid measures in place. If the parking charges are to go ahead, could permits be given to the school for use by the staff?
326	Dec 04 2020 01:28 PM	I am going to walk 5 times a week , for 1 hour. I don't understand why I have to pay ! We pay tax for everything again must pay for to use park ! It is shameful for Barnet council to want earn money from parks 😞😞
327	Dec 03 2020 05:46 PM	There should be paid parking for anyone there all day like the commuters. Should still be free for a short period say 2 hours for those who actual just wish to use the park.
328	Dec 03 2020 11:42 AM	If commuters are taking up spaces, they will park on the side streets instead. There is an abandoned car in Daws Lane for the last months, why not get rid of it? Keep them free, its a nice thing to offer.
329	Dec 03 2020 09:46 AM	Unfortunately, the park is used mainly by inconsiderate people who park to go to their place of work who are not bas magistrates court where the entrance is blocked with cars which makes it extremely difficult and dangerous for my p meant for pedestrians NOT cars. For me, as the nursery owner, it has always been a concern about the number of c
330	Dec 02 2020 08:14 PM	Make it free of charge for 3 to 4 hours and charge a fee for all day parking in the Mill Hill Park car parks to deter commuters and Royal Mail vehicles from the delivery office clogging up the spaces.
331	Dec 02 2020 04:00 PM	when we are encouraged to keep fit by exercise, the parks provide us with the perfect area to do this and charging to access the parks will discourage people to use them and exclude those who can't afford to pay for regular access
332	Dec 02 2020 01:19 PM	I regularly visit the park to walk my dog and use the playground with my children. The introduction of parking charges would limit use from doing this. I realize people use the car park who are not visiting the park but it seems very unfair to penalize those who do enjoy visiting the park.
333	Dec 02 2020 12:38 PM	x
334	Nov 30 2020 03:06 PM	I am a member of Mill Hill Bowls club and the fee would be detrimental to the running of the club as it would put off visitors coming to play

### 3. Responses received via email

Respondents	Response Date	Responses
<b>Emailed response 1</b>	Dec 22 2020 19:48	<p>Thank you but I have read the papers and I have not only voiced my concerns but have also made my neighbours and other local community contacts aware of the consultation so that they can do the same.</p> <p>The car parks at MH park are very rarely completely full preventing park use, I mostly walk there but it is a rare day that I don't see an empty space or two. commuters who are prepared to park in the park and walk to the station should be welcome as the alternative is that they park on the nearby roads which would be worse, it is not so close to the station that many people use it that way and it doesn't cause a problem in my experience.</p> <p>Parking in our parks must remain free for park users</p>
<b>Emailed response 2</b>	Dec 30 2020 15:18	<p>Sirs</p> <p>Re: Barnet Council Undemocratic and should be immediately dismantled!</p> <p>Reference the attempt to introduce car parking charges at the Daws Lane and Wise Lane parking lots simply is outrageous; that the Council, i.e., employees of the tax and rate payer should be dismissive, so dismissive of Mill Hill Residents' Association and other bodies where once again trying to introduce these car parking charges.</p> <p>As a long-term resident of Mill Hill; my private home being on Highwood Hill, would happily contribute £5,000 to a fighting fund to call for the dismemberment of Barnet Council, its various officers (sic) and other employees who quite frankly operate against the public interest and put in their place properly-elected finance business forum who listen and are subservient to the "shareholders".</p> <p>This really is the asylum being run by the lunatics and it is high time the Chairman of the Council and subordinates are brought to heel and reminded of the purpose they serve which most certainly is not for self-aggrandisement but is being subservient to the tax / rate payer and functioning under their demands.</p>
<b>Emailed response 3</b>	Jan 03 2021 18:34	<p>Hi</p> <p>I have looked at your consultation on car park charging at Mill Hill Park's 2 car parks on Daws Lane and on Wise Lane.</p>

		<p>I have seen the charging tariff but there is no mention of charges for disabled drivers with a blue badge that I could see. Please let me know whether you expect disabled drivers to pay or whether there will be no charge for disabled drivers.</p> <p>Also if the proposed charges go ahead, what is the expected annual income from these charges after installation costs?</p>
<b>Emailed response 4</b>	Jan 04 2021 11:43	<p>Parks Department, London Borough of Barnet</p> <p>Dear Sirs</p> <p>Parking Charges - Mill Hill Park</p> <p>We object to the proposed introduction of charges for the car parks. The concept is in contravention of the Covenant which provided for on the site. Has this been conveniently lost or overlooked? We have been residents in Mill Hill for over 50 years and this facility has always been available for the benefit of young and old. Any parking charges could place a further burden of dangerous congestion in nearby side streets. People will not wish to pay (or maybe cannot afford to) for one of the few amenities left in Mill Hill. The local shops are already struggling, parking charges will "drive" potential customers to free supermarket car parks.</p> <p>If the intention is nevertheless to override the above and supposed to keep the parking for park users then we would like to suggest that a maximum free stay (say 1 - 2 hours) should be available before payment is required. What about sports players? As a nation we are supposed to take more exercise, and make better use of our open spaces.</p> <p>We would like to see a proper legal public consultation on this matter.</p>
<b>Emailed response 5</b>	Jan 04 2021 15:41	<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>Introduction of Car Parking Charges in Parks: Statutory Consultation</p> <p>We have examined details related to this Consultation and we understand it relates to Mill Hill Park – which encompasses the Daws Lane and Wise Lane car parks, Scratchwood Open Space, Old Courthouse Recreation Ground and West Hendon Playing Fields. Of these Mill Hill Park and Scratchwood Open Space are of most concern as they are within our area of operation. The Society has offered support and advice to our members in the area, and we are interested in the outcome without having developed policy on the issues. Notwithstanding this, we do have some comments that we believe are relevant to the Consultation.</p> <p>The Society is unaware of any detailed documentation regarding the current use of the car parks designated, in particular any surveys conducted to ascertain who actually uses these car parks as a basis upon which to determine, for example, the days or periods on which charges would be levied. The Society is naturally concerned that such a scheme will not affect adversely the enjoyment of these valuable local open spaces by the resident community. We feel, on the information currently available, or more exactly the lack of it, that the Society cannot present a detailed view on the proposal.</p>

		<p>That said, there are important issues that we hope are being considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The lands comprising the present car parks are part of lands acquired for public use in the 1920s. We assume therefore that the proposed change is consistent with any conditions or covenants contained in that acquisition.</li> <li>2. The consultation response document contains an invitation to park users to submit comments on the proposal. Have any public notices been displayed at the sites involved such that all park users are aware of the proposed scheme?</li> <li>3. It is our understanding that revenue derived from the scheme will be devoted to the maintenance specifically of those open spaces covered by this proposal. Is this correct?</li> <li>4. We note that permits will be issued to the Cafe, Bowls Club and Nursery. There is no indication as to whether this will simply be by voucher or be facilitated by designated bays which will affect the overall number of spaces available for other park users. We note that there is no such provision for Scratchwood café.</li> <li>5. We are also aware that there is a current planning application with the Council for the new NW7Hub, adjacent to the Daws Lane car park, a community building that will also house the local library. Can we be assured that at a future date similar parking permits will be allowed in connection with the functioning of this building.</li> </ol> <p>In conclusion we feel the Council should be encouraging residents to use green spaces for healthy outdoor sport and activities as set out in the Local Plan, not discouraging them with parking charges. Finally, we need to be convinced that these proposals are well formulated and will not result in commuters, used to using the car parks for free, to seek parking on the surrounding roads and having a knock-on effect on local residents parking. If you wish to have any further discussion on these matters please contact the writer.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p>
<p><b>Emailed response 6</b></p>	<p>Jan 06 2021 17:25</p>	<p>I am writing to object to the above proposal.</p> <p>Barnet Residents Association are against the proposals for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Useful for patients of the surgery and customers of the cafe</li> <li>2. Will set a precedent for others car parks e.g., Barnet Lane</li> <li>3. Goes against own guidance that stats specifically should not be used for revenue generation.</li> <li>4. Consultation states funds will be used to protect the car park for park users. Other than rubbish there is no significant ASB.</li> <li>5. No commuter parking so 6 day charging excessive proposed.</li> <li>6. Charging will only impact local residents (already pay via Council and Business Rates) with children, mobility issues and members of the local bowls recreational club. The car park in High Barnet is not is not always open to use.</li> <li>7. Minimal revenue usage generated on current usage patterns</li> </ol>

<b>Emailed response 7</b>	Jan 08 2021 16:18	<p>I understand that you have asked that responses to the Parking Charges for Parks Consultation should be sent to you. Here are the comments submitted on behalf of Friern Barnet and Whetstone Residents' Association:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The primary purpose of parks is to provide places where residents can exercise and take recreation. They are not "profit-centres."</li> <li>2. Charges should not be set at a level which will discourage use of the park and should recognise that even moderate charges will mount up for frequent users. It should also be recognised that pensioners and others with limited incomes are significant users of parks . Thus generous "free of charge" periods suitable for participation in the activities usually carried on in the park concerned are always appropriate.</li> <li>3. The principle of charging is acceptable where a car park is heavily used by commuters and others who are parking for reasons other than using the park, but only where the level of charges and design of the tariff are structured to discourage use by such persons, whilst not discouraging use by those who are using the park.</li> <li>4. The principle of charging is also acceptable where a car park is very heavily used by those using the relevant park ( so that parking availability might reasonably be considered inadequate), but the level of charges and design of the tariff should be structured to encourage "turnover" of users and not to maximise revenue.</li> <li>5. There is no point in imposing charges where free parking is available at other locations in the immediate vicinity to the car park in question as that will merely lead to increased congestion on the roads concerned.</li> <li>6. Some at least of the car parks concerned are poorly maintained and poorly marked out. Whilst we see no objection to parking charges to raise income to adequately maintain the car parks on the basis that it is reasonable for those who use the car parks to contribute to their costs of maintenance , to set charges at a level greater than that required to achieve this objective would have the result that car drivers would be being treated unfairly. Consequently, except in those cases where the circumstances described in paragraphs 3 or 4 above apply we would not support parking charges set at a level where there would be an element of contribution to the general running costs of the parks.</li> <li>7. It is essential that parking authorisation/payment is not only available through the medium of "pay by phone" and we are pleased to see that on-site ticket machines will be provided. We suggest this should be at all locations and not merely some of them. Further, it would be unacceptable for penalty charges to be issued where the on-site ticket machine (tickets from which would presumably be used to demonstrate time of arrival and thus that one was within the permitted free of charge period ) were out of order. Consequently multiple ticket machines should</li> </ol>
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		<p>be in place at all car parks and frequent checks of the machines by staff would be required. The costs of such arrangements should be fully factored into the financial appraisal of the proposals.</p> <p>8. In relation to the specific tariff proposals in the consultation, we question whether a 2 hour free of charge period is adequate for some sports and suggest that the duration of such periods needs to be given further consideration. We also suggest that where charging is desired to discourage parking by commuters and the like, it is sufficient to set one or more one hour time periods where charges apply and that it is unnecessary to impose charges on “park users” at other times.</p> <p>9. The current consultation is only for 5 parks. We do not know whether there are any signs posted at these parks asking users to respond to the survey, but better publicity is desirable to ensure the consultation is as wide as practicable We suggest that this should be done for future consultations and also that the consultations should not be limited to a specific question asking for comments on the charging tariffs and a general "other comments" question, but should also ask specific questions on other relevant points, such as whether restrictions would be welcomed and if so why, and whether restrictions are required to ensure reasonable availability of parking spaces for all.</p>
<p><b>Emailed response 8</b></p>	<p>Jan 08 2021 21:39</p>	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your consultation. I hope you will be able to receive my response by this email rather than by the survey questionnaire through which I am unable to convey my views.</p> <p>I do not think we should be vilifying commuters, they are a vital part of our economy and society. A survey done in the car park a few years ago (July 2013) showed that very few people from outside Barnet were using the park as a station car park, just 4 in fact: most long term parking (19) was by those who worked locally in Mill Hill and one might understand that some of these who might work in nurseries, care establishments, shops, restaurants, the gym, and the beauty and pet enterprises are not high earners. They are instead a hugely important part of our community and I do not think it is fair to expect them to subsidise the car park through discriminatory long term charges. Those driving to Mill Hill to work for the minimum wage could likely be unable to continue to afford to work here if a £6 /day charge were introduced. Instead, such people should be welcomed into Mill Hill and fully appreciated.</p> <p>Since COVID, seldom is the Daws Lane car park at full capacity and as we look forward to post-COVID, the new normal of homeworking is unlikely to result in more pressure on the car park. Conversely if charges were introduced, parking would be displaced to the already-limited kerbside parking in the local roads. A CPZ is not the answer: CPZs reduce the kerb-side accommodation, tend to seal off communities and they put unfair pressure on carers and other visitors who are part of the community’s life blood. And from an environmental perspective, CPZs encourage the destruction of front gardens as homeowners convert their green spaces into driveways.</p> <p>I am sympathetic to the need to cover costs and believe this can be done by the Council managing its resources to sow seeds for businesses rather than exacting funds through the dead weight of charges and penalties. With</p>

		<p>possible spare capacity available in the car park, a car washing/valet/refuelling/reparking franchise could operate possibly with staff shared with other Council enterprises. By using a smart-locker secure key arrangement, it could offer opportunities for car collection, shared car use and for local shops to load cars with their goods, dry cleaning and etc. Collect and return arrangements could be negotiated with local garages for car servicing. Additionally, long-term car parking provides an ideal opportunity for electric vehicles to be recharged. If enough work were available to sustain a full-time employee, then there would be further opportunities for park maintenance, to hire out sports equipment, to manage the tennis, crazy golf and other sports in the park. The land of Mill Hill Park was gifted to the people of Mill Hill for them to enjoy freely and I believe the above would maintain the spirit of the gift.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>
<b>Emailed response 9</b>	Jan 10 2021 13:37	<p>Please find below the MHRA's official response to the proposed parking charges in the Daws Lane and Wise Lane parking lots of Mill Hill Park.</p> <p>As far as we understand, the two main reasons furnished for these charges are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To protect the car parks for park users</li> <li>2. To generate revenue for LBB's coffers.</li> </ol> <p>The MHRA has serious reservations about both these official reasons.</p> <p>To protect the car parks for park users:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As part of this consultation the Council has provided residents with no information or evidence to show that Mill Hill residents a) feel that this is a problem for them and b) that they feel that this issue needs a solution. Was there a recent survey of park users or local residents to determine if this was indeed a problem in the first place? If so, we have not seen any information or data to support the Council's assertion. And without information, we are not able to form an opinion to make a meaningful response to this consultation.</li> </ol> <p>Based on the responses that we have received it is true that a few of our members have told us that, pre-Covid, they sometimes experienced problems finding a space but this was only at school drop off time (around 8am). However, for the most part, many of our members have told us that, while the parking lots are usually heavily used through the day, they generally can and do find a spot.</p> <p>Further, as we are still in the thick of this pandemic and probably will be for most of this upcoming year, the feeling is that any problem that might have existed will be a lot less until (and if) life gets back to normal. In fact no one really knows what the new "normal" will be and how this will affect the parking spaces in the future, so there might be even less of a need to resolve this apparent problem in the future.</p>

As such they do not feel that this is a high priority problem that needs a solution.

2. Secondly, if the Council believes that charging will stop commuters from parking all day, then there is no need to charge 6 days per week and all day to resolve this apparent problem. This feels like an overkill solution.

For starters, the alleged commuter problem is far less on Saturdays so no need to charge on Saturdays too.

Further, there are lots of other charging models that are less expensive to run (read, will cost us taxpayers less) and that will be as effective, without the knock-on effect of also discouraging residents from parking in order to support our local shops on the High Street.

Of the many options, LBB could for example create parking restrictions for just one hour per day (from 11am to 12pm), as we already have in many streets around Mill Hill.

Another option could be to extend the proposed free parking period from 2 hours to 4 hours. Many of our members have pointed out that 2 hours is simply not enough for many park users, including those who play sport or for those with children who arrange play dates in the park, etc. They are telling us that with just two hours free parking, they will not be able to relax for fear of overstepping the mark by 10 or 15 minutes and then incurring fines. Many of our members are asking to extend the free parking period to 4 hours so that they can relax and get on with enjoying their time in the park. We believe that this will still achieve the same parking management objective and will also vastly reduce.

It is our understanding from past Environment Committee minutes that other ideas have not been considered at all. Surely in order to reach any decision, other options should be considered and looked into?

Again, without any information about the pros and cons of other charging models, we feel that the residents or the MHRA are not able to form an opinion to make a meaningful response to this consultation.

3. On a related matter, the Council has provided residents with no information about how charging for these car parks will affect residents nearby, specifically those in Poet's Corner. In the last consultation last December, many of our members who are local residents expressed concern that these charges would simply force more cars to try to park in the already overloaded and over parked streets in Poets Corner. They saw charging in these car parks not as a resolution of any issues but one that simply shifts the problem to the adjacent streets.

To Generate Revenue for Council Cooffers:

From our understanding of the latest statutory guidance by the Department of Transport (updated 22 June 2020), it states that charging for parking should not be used for the purposes of generating revenue. The Department of

Transport is very clear on this and they repeat this message a number of times in their guidance document.

Further, we understand that Barnet Council has already been challenged in the High Court over this matter in the case of *Attfield vs LBB* (2013), where the court ruled against LBB and determined that the Road Traffic Regulation Act of 1984 (that gives Councils the ability to charge for parking), is not a revenue raising or taxing statute. We certainly understand that Councils across the land (including LBB) need to find ways of generating revenue for their requirements but surely there are other legal ways of generating additional revenue and surely we do not need to resort to methods that both the Department of Transport and the High Court say are illegal?

Additional Concerns:

In addition to the concerns raised above, we have a number of additional concerns.

The Covenant

There is in existence a legal Covenant that dictates what the Council can and can't do in our park. Last year, we asked the Council to get a formal determination from its legal department regarding the Covenant in order to understand if the charging for parking in the park is permitted according to this Covenant. At the time, we were assured that this would be done but, one year on, we have not been given any information about the outcome of this legal determination.

Under the circumstances of this being so important, we are concerned that this information has not been provided to us at any point throughout the year, nor has it been provided now, as an integral part of the renewed consultation process.

Concerns about the consultation process itself:

Again, as we pointed out in last year's consultation, this consultation is once again legally flawed. As mentioned last year, in the case of *Partingdale Lane v LBB*, the High Court ruled that for a consultation to be valid, the consultation a) must take place while the proposals are still at a formative stage and b) that those consulted must be provided with information which is accurate and sufficient to enable them to make a meaningful response.

Regarding the former criteria of being consulted at the formative stage of the decision making process, despite the MHRA offering and requesting involvement a year ago, neither the residents, nor the MHRA, nor the Friends of Mill Hill Park (FMHP) were approached or consulted with proposals and ideas and options at the formative stage

of this proposal. We would very much have liked to be part of the consultation, to be party to all the figures and facts and have the opportunity to offer some of our own ideas and suggestions. On the contrary, we have only now been informed of the decision at the end of the decision making process, and are only now being asked to comment on LBB's final decision.

Regarding the criteria of being provided with enough information to make an informed and meaningful response, other than being told what LBB's decision is and the two reasons for them wanting to charge for parking, we have not been given any information at all about the background to the problem, the different options for resolution that were put on the table, or anything other information, reports or facts to help any of us form a meaningful response.

Why is this important?

For the Mill Hill Residents' Association, an important element of any consultation is that it not only be legal but that it is seen and felt to be open, inclusive and democratic. What matters to us in this case is that the consultation process itself is flawed and does not serve the democratic nature of the fundamental purpose of a consultation.

As mentioned above, the problem with LBB carrying out this consultation in this manner is that it impedes and obstructs the democratic process and excludes residents from having a full and meaningful "discussion", which is the entire purpose and real intent of any consultation.

This creates and augments the sense of apathy from residents that we are working so hard to counter.

Our objection

For all the above reasons, we feel that we need to object to the current proposal to charge for parking in Daws Lane and Wise Lane parking lots of Mill Hill Park.

Residents would really like more involvement in local decisions that are made about our park and our Mill Hill.

Last year, when the Council wanted to charge for parking, we requested to be more involved in the decision making process on matters that directly affect us in general and, in this case, that affect our Mill Hill Park. However, it seems that both the Council and our local Councillors once again went ahead without consulting with us at the outset to get our opinions, our thoughts, our ideas, our suggestions, etc.

As mentioned above, we have two very active and established resident groups here in Mill Hill that have a direct

		<p>interest in our Mill Hill Park. The first is the Friends of Mill Hill Park (FMHP) and the second is the Mill Hill Residents' Association (MHRA).</p> <p>We once again reach out and urge both our Council and our Councillors to involve us residents in the decision making process on matters that affect us here in Mill Hill. We once again ask to be given the opportunity to work actively as full partners to help find solutions that work for the residents and that the Council are able to action and implement for us. We believe that this kind of partnership can be very beneficial for both sides and will prove to be very effective.</p> <p>Many thanks for the opportunity to express our views and concerns</p>
<p><b>Emailed response 10</b></p>	<p>Jan 10 2021 20:20</p>	<p>Mill Hill Park has two free parking lots, the larger (92 bays) accessed from Daws Lane, the smaller (about 20 bays) accessed from Wise Lane. The Council's proposal is to bring in staged charges, free for the first 2 hours, £2 and £3 for stays of 3 to 4 hrs, and £6 for longer stays, "for the purpose of protecting these car parks for park users and also to help generate income that would be used to offset the costs of maintaining the borough's parks and open spaces". Permits for Café, Nursery and the bowling club will enable free parking for their staff/members.</p> <p>The considered view of the Executive<sup>1</sup> of Friends of Mill Hill Park is that there has been neither appropriate consultation of park users on the details of this proposal, nor assessment of counter-proposals, sufficient for us to support this proposal at this time. However, should the Council shelve this plan until Covid19 is brought under control and the changes it is making permanently in our lives become evident (probably by 2022), we will be pleased in the meantime to continue to work with our local Councillors and LLB to assess and prioritize the needs of residents to use the Park. This plan for selective car parking fees could provide a starting point.</p> <p>The logic of the Council's plan is that the income raised by an all-day £6 fee will enable them to offer free, or at least low, parking charges for the majority of Park users. The assumptions behind this need to be tested by professional user surveys. A local survey last year identified, from 31 all-day parkers in the Daws Lane car park, 12 Thameslink commuters, who, faced with £6 a day parking charges, would probably drive directly to Mill Hill Broadway car park to save a 20 min walk. The largest group of all-day parkers were 19 tradespeople whose business is in Daws Lane. Faced with charges for Daws Lane parking, they would first look for free parking in Poet's Corner – not an outcome we, or the Council, want. Given their input into the local economy, their needs must be determined by consultation and considered in any plan.</p>

		<p>That survey identified only 31 all-day users in a car park of 92 places, probably an underestimate, but anecdotally, pre-COVID we found the car park to be heavily, but never fully, used even at busy times (e. g. 9 am during school terms). Post COVID, the number of commuters is expected to decrease significantly while overall park usage is expected to increase as people working at home want to get out into a park. The premise of the current proposal, that the £6 fees will pay for free or reduced fees for short-term users, needs to be assessed accurately with professional surveys, post-COVID. Will the expected reduced commuter use leave enough car-parking spaces for short term car parking without introducing any charges? If so, this would nullify the justification of this proposal, save the Council money immediately, and allow us to get on with other priorities in the Park.</p> <p>This unanimous response of the Executive Committee has been arrived at by discussion by email and Zoom by the participants listed overleaf.</p>
<b>Emailed response 11</b>	Jan 11 2021 14:59	<p>Re: Introduction of car parking charges in parks consultation</p> <p>We are writing to express our objections to proposals for the introduction of car parking charges for Mill Hill Park, Old Courthouse Recreation Ground, Scratchwood Open Space and West Hendon Playing Fields.</p> <p>Barnet Council’s obsession with privatisation continues. The Council couldn’t privatise the parks because of a huge community campaign, led by Labour Councillors, so now it wants to privatise the car parks. This is another assault on the poorest in the borough, and especially families with young children. This unstinting vision of “pay as you go” for public services is part of the ignominious “easycouncil” model, which has thus far failed. The Conservatives never learn from their mistakes, they just apply them to different services.</p> <p>The Coronavirus pandemic has shown how vital local parks are for residents, especially those without gardens. With more people working from home for the foreseeable future, it is all the more important we keep good access to green spaces. It is morally wrong to be taking these measures at a time of financial hardship for many families and when the need to use local parks is at its strongest.</p> <p>We therefore urge the council not to go ahead with these proposals.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p>