

#### PLANNING AND TRANSPORT INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER MEETING 12 March 2008.

Report of the Assistant Director, Highways and Transport

# CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO VARIOUS PROPOSALS TO CONTROL ON STREET PARKING

#### SUMMARY

- 1.1 Following Council Cabinet's decision in November 2007, a copy of which is attached, a number of proposed parking measures have been progressed. No objections were received when statutory consultees were consulted. However, public consultation took place between 14 January 2008 and 7 February 2008 and has resulted in objections being raised. I have already sought the views of local Members in relation to the objections and will be able to provide an update on these at the meeting.
- 1.2 Subject to the Cabinet Member's approval of the recommendation, officers will progress them, in line with Council procedures.
- 1.3 Copies of all objections will be available at the meeting but an analysis of them is included as an appendix to this report.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Cabinet Member approves the proposed actions set out in Appendix 4 of this report, taking into account all of the supporting information; the objections and the analysis of the objections.

#### REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The proposed actions have been put forward having assessed all of the objections submitted in relation to the proposals to control on-street parking in various areas across the city. Further details on the reasons are contained with the supporting information.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Following Council Cabinet's decision in November 2007 a number of proposed parking measures have been progressed. The locations of the proposals are shown in Appendix 2.
- 4.2 Statutory consultees were invited to comment on the proposals and no objections were received. These consultees include the Police, Fire service, NHS trust, Road Haulage Association, Freight Transport Association and the Council's Access officer.

- 4.3 Public advertisement of the proposals was carried out between 14 January and 7 February and has resulted in a number of objections being made to the proposals.
- 4.4 Detailed analysis has been carried out on all of the objections and a summary analysis document has been produced, included as Appendix 3. Copies of the individual objections will be available at the meeting. Both sets of documents will be considered in agreeing the way forward on the proposals.
- 4.5 Set out below is a summary of the situation for each of the different areas where proposals for changes to the parking have been consulted upon.

#### **Proposed Action – Littleover District Centre**

- 4.6 In relation to these proposals 189 objections have been received; a petition, raising an objection, which has been signed by 2,152 people and a further petition of objection signed by 24 residents of Wade Avenue.
- 4.7 Despite these objections and in some instances because of the comments that have been made, it is still considered that controls to limit parking duration in these few streets within the District Centre will maximize parking opportunities for legitimate visitors.
- 4.8 It is however proposed that we introduce the restrictions on an experimental basis. This type of order can last between 6 and 18 months. Objections are invited for the first 6 months and any time after than we would be reviewing the results and then considering whether or not the proposals should be confirmed or otherwise. This enables people during the first six months of the experiment to comment upon their specific experiences.
- 4.9 In keeping with previous experimental orders that have been introduced across the city, residents will not be required to pay for either resident or visitor permits for the duration of the experiment which will give them an opportunity to assess purely the affects that it has on their ability to park.
- 4.10 Businesses will be able to apply for a free Business permit for the duration of the experiment. However, these permits will only be applicable to operational vehicles i.e. delivery or other specialist vehicles and not for staff members' vehicles that may be used at times for business purposes.
- 4.11 Again, as a slight amendment to the advertised proposals, it is suggested that a 2 to 3 hour tariff of £1.00 will also be included in response to those businesses that have expressed concern that their customers may need to park for greater than 2 hours.

#### Proposed Action - Bridge Street/ Brook Street and surrounding area

4.12 In relation to these proposals 25 objections have been received principally from businesses occupying Banks Mill Studios. Their objections are based on the fact that these premises rely on the street for parking and that the businesses are starter business.

4.13 In response to their concerns it is proposed to offer a season type ticket, which enables payment of parking fee's on a monthly, 3 monthly, 6 monthly or even annual basis. Given that parking will be permitted all day on these streets, it would seem to be a reasonable compromise to aid the convenience of the business while still ensuring payment is made. Season tickets would be discounted slightly as is the norm for other forms of season ticket available in some council operated car parks.

#### **Proposed Action - Vernon Street**

- 4.14 In respect of the proposals on Vernon Street 44 objections and 3 petitions have been received. Many of the objections again relate to the needs of various business located on the street. Comments have also been received concerned that no short stay tariff is proposed and this is particularly concerning to those visiting the various medical practices on the street.
- 4.15 In response to these objections it is again proposed that purchase of a season ticket will be offered for regular parkers, as well as adding a short stay 1 hour tariff for a nominal charge of just 20p.

#### **Proposed Action - Great Northern Road**

4.16 Just one objection has been received to the proposals for Great Northern Road from a regular commuter who objects to the principal of paying to park. There are no reasons to amend the proposals.

#### Proposed Action - Streets adjacent to the City Hospital

4.17 No objections have been received to the proposals and therefore it is intended to make the Order as advertised.

## Proposed Action - Streets adjacent to the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary

4.18 One objection has been received to the proposals concerned that parking may be displaced into Arboretum Square. Consultation has previously taken place with residents of Arboretum Square about the possible introduction of residents only parking. While at that time residents did not wish to see such restrictions introduced within their street it is proposed that further consultation be undertaken with those residents, whilst we continue to progress with the introduction of the pay and display areas as advertised.

# Proposed Action - Increase in charging hours for streets within the City Centre from 6pm to 8pm

- 4.19 The proposal to extend the charging hours from 6pm till 8pm on streets at the heart of the city centre has received 24 objections. These have been received from users of Queens Leisure Centre, Queens Hall Methodist Church and Crompton Street.
- 4.20 Visitors to the Queen's Leisure Centre have very convenient parking available in Chapel Street car park which only costs £1.00 for the period 6pm till 8pm. There are no reasons to amend the proposals in this area.

- 4.21 The proposal only relates to the On-Street Inner charging area and hence has no effect on the streets around the Queen's Hall Methodist Church.
- 4.22 It is proposed that Crompton Street, Wilson Street, Forester Street and Hill Brow are excluded from the increase in charging hours because they are predominantly residential in nature but that the Order be introduced on the remainder of streets as advertised.

#### Conclusion

4.23 This report sets out a range of proposed actions relating to the proposals on-street parking control changes. Different sorts of actions are required to take forward the amendments in an appropriate legal way.

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Background papers: List of appendices:	Council Cabinet Report 27November 2007 Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Location Plan and Proposals Appendix 3 – Analysis of objections to Littleover proposals Appendix 4 – Summary of proposed actions following consideration of objections

## IMPLICATIONS

## Financial

1. None directly arising from this report. The previous Cabinet report set out the financial issues surrounding the likely car park charge income from the proposals.

## Legal

2 The power to make Traffic Regulation Orders derives from the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, and powers to vary parking charges by notice are contained in Sections 35C and 46A of that Act. The purpose of traffic regulations are to make provision for the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic and to provide for adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. The traffic authority has the power to impose and vary parking charges however such charges should not be used to raise revenue.

#### Personnel

3. There are no personnel implications.

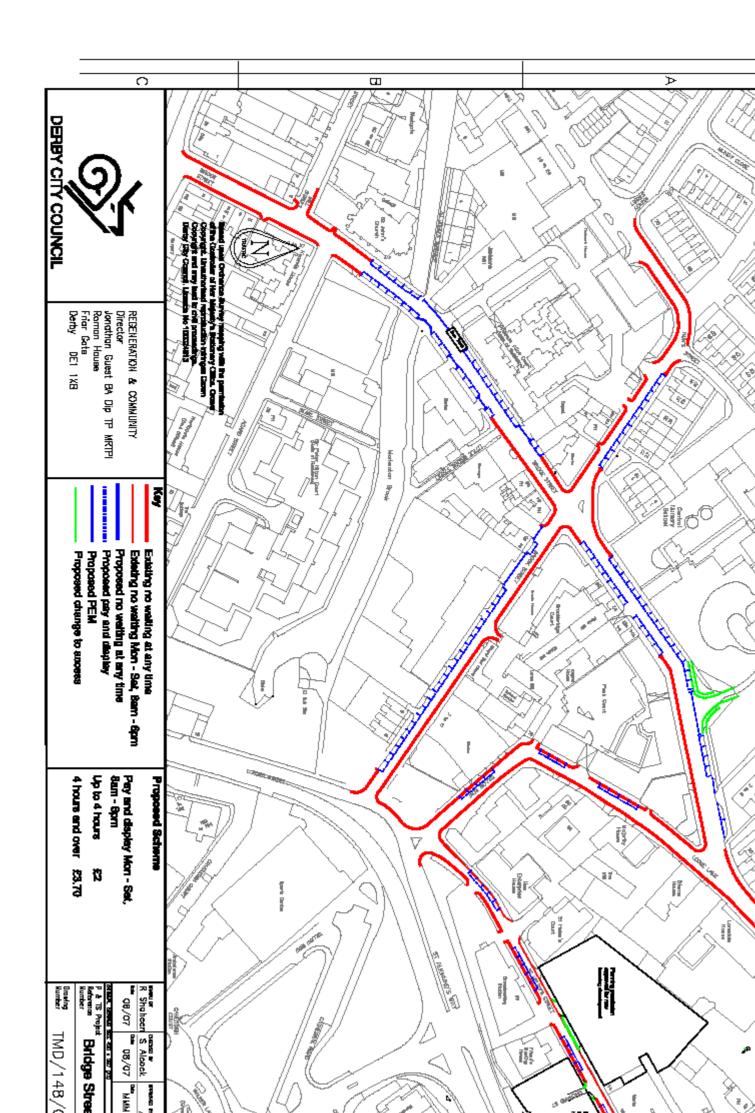
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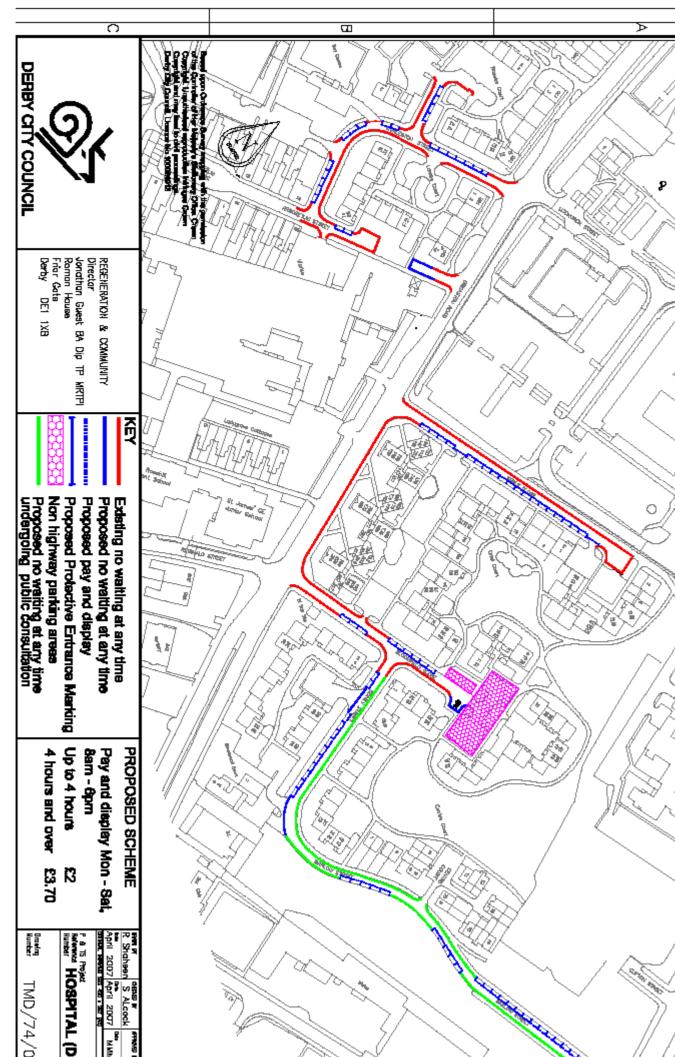
4 None arising from this report

#### Corporate objectives and priorities for change

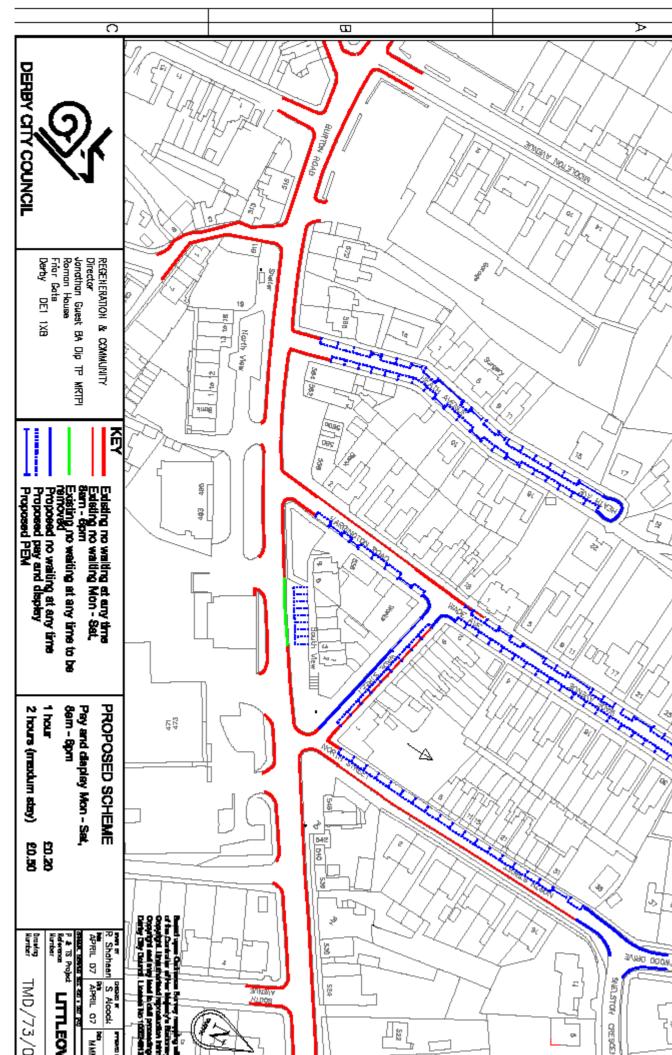
5. The recommendations support the corporate priorities of Making us proud of our neighbourhoods and Creating a 21<sup>st</sup> Century city centre.

Appendix 2 Location Plan & Proposals

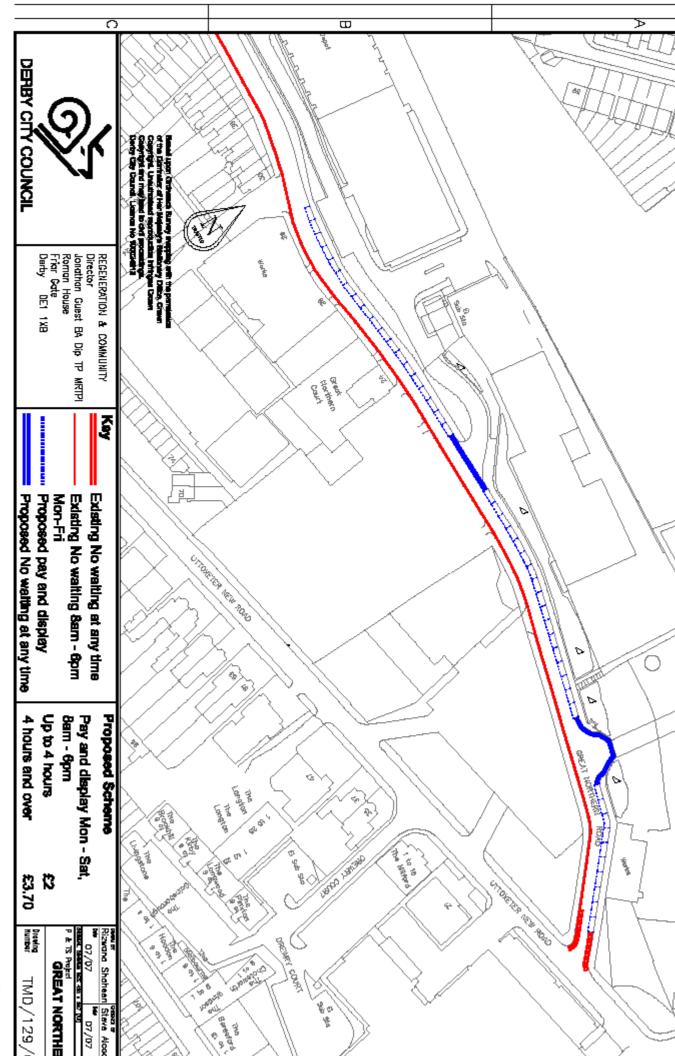




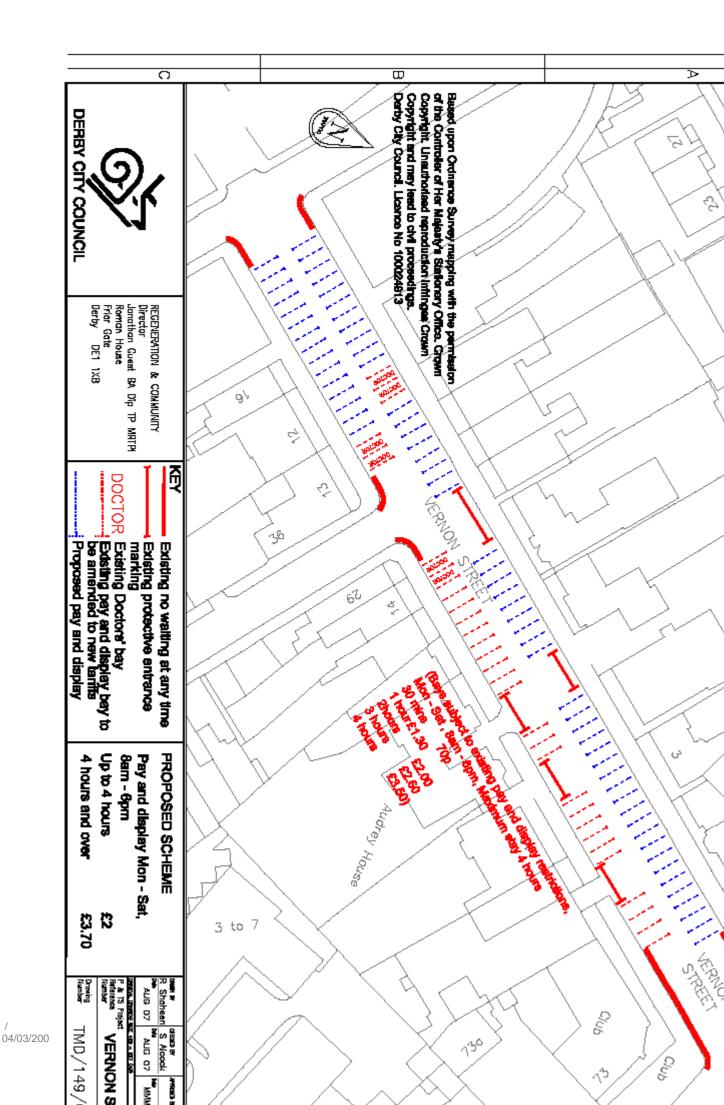
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Analysis of objections to Littleover Proposals

# **OVERVIEW OF OBJECTIONS – BRIDGE STREET AREA**

## Total objections 26

No.	Objection	Total	%
1	Will adversely affect business	23	88%
2	Money making scheme	4	15%
3	Discouraging small businesses from flourishing	14	54%
4	III thought out	2	8%
5	Too expensive for customers and employees to park	4	15%
6	Will create problems in accessing Banks' Mill 2 8% Studio		8%
7	Requests that permits be available for businesses	6	23%
8	Create disabled parking bays	1	4%

## **OBJECTIONS IN ORDER OF FREQUENCY – BRIDGE STREET AREA**

No.	Objection	Total	%
1	Will adversely affect business	22	85%
3	Discouraging small businesses from flourishing	14	54%
7	Requests that permits be available for businesses	6	23%
2	Money making scheme 4 15%		15%
5	Too expensive for customers and employees to	4	15%
	park		
4	III thought out	2	8%
6	Will create problems in accessing Banks' Mill	2	8%
	Studio		
8	Create disabled parking bays 1 4%		4%

# OVERVIEW OF OBJECTIONS - LITTLEOVER

## Total objections 190

No.	Objection	Total	%
1	Will displace parking	39	21%
2	Do not want scheme/no need or justification for a scheme	65	34%
3	Revenue raising exercise	57	30%
4	Will cause hardship	15	8%
5	Would make street a car park	3	2%
6	Scheme would not reduce traffic 7 4%		4%
7	Would prefer residents' only parking	7	4%
8	No 'real' consultation carried out with residents/councillors	27	14%
9	Will effect trades people	10	5%
10	Would effect/deter visitors (residents)	28	15%

11	Will affect commuter parking	20	11%
12	Why are charges not being considered in other	43	23%
	district centres?		
13	Will impact on trade	112	59%
14	Do not agree with paying to park outside home	33	17%
15	Adequate parking already available	29	15%
16	Require evidence of problem/no parking problem	74	38%
	exists		
17	Will decrease house value	14	7%
18	Rat running/traffic volume is a bigger issue	14	7%
19	Will increase congestion	20	11%
20	Will increase accidents	10	5%
21	Will increase pollution	5	3%
22	Convert car dealership site to car park	4	2%
23	Will cause accessibility problems for larger	3	2%
	vehicles/emergency vehicles		
24	Will cause unnecessary clutter/eyesore	9	5%
25	Will compromise personal health and safety	2	2%
26	Apply Itd waiting without pay and display	3	2%
27	Vehicle essential for operational use	4	2%
28	Maximum stay not long enough	20	11%

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13	Will impact on trade	112	59%
16	6 Require evidence of problem/no parking problem 74 exists		38%
2	Do not want scheme/no need or justification for a 65 scheme		34%
3	Revenue raising exercise	57	30%
12	Why are charges not being considered in other district centres?	43	23%
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14	Do not agree with paying to park outside home	33	17%
10	Would effect/deter visitors (residents)	28	15%
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8	No 'real' consultation carried out with residents/councillors	27	14%
11	Will affect commuter parking	20	11%
28	Maximum stay not long enough	20	11%
19	Will increase congestion	20	11%
4	Will cause hardship	15	8%
18	Rat running/traffic volume is a bigger issue	14	7%
17	Will decrease house value	14	7%
20	Will increase accidents	10	5%
24	Will cause unnecessary clutter/eyesore	9	5%
9	Will effect trades people	10	5%
6	Scheme would not reduce traffic	7	4%
7	Would prefer residents' only parking	7	4%

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22	Convert car dealership site to car park 4 2%		2%
26	Apply Itd waiting without pay and display 3 2%		2%
27	Vehicle essential for operational use	4	2%
5	Would make street a car park	3	2%
23	Will cause accessibility problems for larger	3	2%
	vehicles/emergency vehicles		
25	Will compromise personal health and safety	2	2%

# **OVERVIEW OF OBJECTIONS – VERNON STREET**

# Total Objections 44

No.	Objection	Total	%
1	Will cause hardship	8	18%
2	Permits should be made available to businesses	19	43%
	and their visitors		
3	Parking is hard enough	5	11%
4	Money making scheme/additional tax	10	23%
5	Use street for commuter parking	17	39%
6	Will displace parking to other areas	13	30%
7	Shorter stay should be included in tariffs	3	7%
8	Will cause inconvenience to patients	20	45%
9	Will affect business	12	27%
10	No alternative/suitable/reliable mode of transport	17	39%
	available		
11	Will cause health and safety risk	7	16%
12	Will increase traffic	9	20%
13	Provide additional Doctor's bays	9	20%
14	Vehicle is required for operational use	7	16%
15	Too expensive	5	11%
16	Object to pay to visit GP	5	11%
17	No 'real' consultation carried out	1	2%
18	Council should prevent commuters working on other	5	11%
	streets from parking on Vernon Street		
19	Not allowed long enough to object	5	11%

# **OVERVIEW OF OBJECTIONS – EXTENSION TO HOURS OF CHARGING**

# Total Objections 24

No.	Objection	Total	%
1	Will affect visitors to Queens Hall Methodist833		33%
	Church		
2	2 Will affect users of Queens Leisure Centre 7 2		29%
3	Object to additional financial implications/would 6 25		25%
	become too costly		

4	It is unnecessary to charge after 6pm	4	17%
5	Will discourage use of facilities	5	21%
6	Should not be charges for evening parking	3	13%
7	Discourages users from keeping fit	3	13%
8	Will affect business	2	8%
9	Street should be made residents' only	2	8%
10	Should be allowed additional visitors' permits	3	13%
11	Will affect/deter visitors to residential properties after 6pm	8	33%
12	Encourages parking in residential streets/driving into the city centre	3	13%
13	Will increase accidents	2	8%

# Appendix 4

Summary of proposed actions following consideration of objections

Proposed area	Proposed action
Littleover district centre	Not to confirm the proposals for the current order.
	To introduce the proposals by way of an experimental
	order, which will be in place for a minimum 6 months and a
	maximum of 18 months.
	To include within the experiment an additional tariff to
	cover a parking stay of 2 to 3 hours, with a charge of £1.
Bridge Street/ Brook Street	To confirm the order as advertised.
and surrounding area	To make provision for season tickets to be available for
	regular parkers in the area.
Vernon Street	To confirm the order as advertised.
	To publicize a variation to the tariffs such that an up to 1
	hour stay, with a charge of 20p, is made available.
	To make provision for season tickets to be made available
	for regular parkers in the area.
Great Northern Road	To confirm the order as advertised.
Streets adjacent to the City	To confirm the order as advertised.
Hospital	
Streets adjacent to the	To confirm the order as advertised.
Derbyshire Royal Infirmary	To consult with the residents of Aboretum Square with a
	view to introducing an experimental Residents' Only
	parking restriction to prevent transfer of parking.
Increase in charging hours for	To confirm the order with a modification that the charging
streets within the City Centre	hours within Crompton Street, Wilson Street, Forester
from 6pm to 8pm	Street and Hill Brow remain unchanged at 8am to 6pm