

Number	Related Car Park	Changes to Free Car Parks	Comments
1	Shrubbs Field	Against	<p>Surely this has not been given enough thought, by charging for parking in the only carpark for our village it will cause chaos when the field is being used for football events, village fete, and other events in the village. The other roads in the area that don't already have restrictions are generally private estates and quite narrow, for some residents the car park is the only place available for their vehicle. I do ask that this proposal is quietly dropped.</p> <p>Before anyone says don't use a car not everyone is capable of walking or cycling, no buses are available on Sundays</p>
2	Grassmere/ Links Avenue	Against	<p>I understand Arun District Council have said they will be installing two ticket machines at Grassmere and one at Links Avenue from the 1st April this year, the tickets will be for 8 hours and this will enable ADC to find out who is using the car park and for how long.</p> <p>In my view having a fee paying car park will be damming for the village, imagine your in the dentist or hairdressers and your ticket runs out. I imagine St Marys Church is upset over this as well, it is wrong for people to pay to leave flowers on a grave or to visit the church.</p> <p>At this time when money is tight spending £3000+ to install each machine is a waste of council payers money. Then there is also the cost of an ADC employee checking and maintaining these machines.</p> <p>It is hard enough as it is for the Felpham shop owners and then putting this in place will cause the end of retail shops in Felpham.</p> <p>Also it will upset local house owners as cars will start to be parked in local streets causing home owners having to park away from their homes</p> <p>I hope as a council you will listen to local people and realise there are better ways of spending our money and this nonsense is stopped.</p>
3	All	Against	<p>This will dramatically affect the activities of all people using this facility to go about their daily lives & pastimes.. it's hard enough for our local businesses to build back up lost trade and encourage people to start getting on side! there must be other ways to bring in revenue!!</p> <p>We've lived locally for over 50 years and contributed so many voluntary hours in support of the next generation!! Help protect their future and that of our villages..</p>
4	Grassmere/ Links Avenue	Against	<p>I am writing this e mail regarding the idea that you have of installing machines into Grassmere Car Park and Links Avenue Car Park on 1st April this year, so that you can see who is using the car park and for how long.</p> <p>I find this idea an absolute waste of taxpayers money and the reasons for not continuing with this action are noted below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Each machine is costing £3,00 and there will be two machines at Grassmere and one at Links Avenue, that is without the cost of a days work to someone installing them. There are other ways much cheaper to find out usage at a car park (strips across the entrance etc) The car park at Grassmere is used by people who visit the church, the hairdressers, the dentists and St Marys Hall which has a number of events there daily, especially at weekends. We cannot allow this small village to suffer and die due to car park charges. At the Gateway Lodge opposite Grassmere there is a continual influx at the car park of carers for the elderly at this warden assisted building, why should they be burdened. I fully believe that ADC intention is to use these machines at a later date to charge on parking, what I cannot foresee is after a number of months ADC removing the machines and saying there is not a need for them. Come on ADC we are not stupid. I agree that Links Avenue car park is full of garage cars parked there off road, however I do believe that Felpham Parish Council need to take a firmer grip on this problem. I have also been told that University students park at Grassmere, if this is true then it is another problem that Felpham Parish Council need to take in hand. The local people are up in arms already about installing machines at these sites, and will remember this issue at the polling stations. <p>I ask you to reconsider your actions on this and to look elsewhere at your saving costs for ADC, this is not a good move for you to do.</p>
5	Shrubbs Field	Against	<p>I would like to register my opposition to the plan to start charging for parking in the Shrubbs Car Park adjacent to the playing field and Village Hall.</p> <p>Whwn there is several football matches taking place on the playing field over a weekend there is a great number of vehicles making use of the car park, if charging is introduced it will promaote a lot of on road parking, of which there is a very limited amount available. All it will do is cause a lot of annoyance to local residents of the surrounding area. Likewise a similar problem would arise when there is a function in the Village Hall.</p> <p>With a Doctors Surgery on site, are you expecting the patients who are attending an appointment to pay?, yet another penalty for being unwell.</p> <p>So please register my onjection to the plan to charge for parking in Shrubbs Field Car Park.</p>
6	Shrubbs Field	Against	<p>I understand that the council plans to introduce parking charges at the Shrubbs Field Car Park.</p> <p>I wish to register my objection to this proposal for the following reasons:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> As a resident in (a retirement block of flats), often people are unable to park in our car park as there are only 37 spaces serving two blocks of flats. Many of the residents with cars have restricted mobility for a number of medical conditions, and when our car park is full we use the Shrubbs Field car park. The only alternative is to park in Shrubbs Drive, although this is almost impossible as there are often three motorhomes parked there. In my opinion, shared by many residents, will cause additional strain on our car park as all visitors and carers will use it, instead of using the Shrubbs Field Car Park opposite, which we have already had many attempts to discourage, despite signs "Residents parking only". Additionally, I believe this move will adversely affect our local businesses, and the Medical Centre located within the car park. I also believe this will cause a large increase in parking in the local residential areas which will, I am sure, result in parking disputes, and in more parking on double yellow lines. Finally, the council has made this decision without public advanced notice. If it had not been for someone seeing this on the council website, at this time we would be completely unaware of this action. <p>Furthermore, I understand that all councils are looking at where they can make financial cuts and ways of generating revenue, but this will penalise those of us that pay council taxes. The car park is well used by people outside the Middleton-on-sea area. With this in mind, would it not be possible to offer local residents (especially those of us with mobility difficulties, either a free 'parking permit', or at the very least a 'concession permit' for a small annual fee?</p> <p>I feel very strongly that this move by the council will cause many problems with parking issues and disputes to local residents, not only in (a retirement block of flats), but also especially Shrubbs Drive. Of course, not to mention the probable impact to our local businesses and the Avisford Medical Centre.</p>
7	Shrubbs Field	Against	<p>I look forward to your comments and response to the possibility of some kind of "concession" for local residents.</p> <p>I am a resident at the block of flats at (a retirement block of flats) in Shrubbs Drive right opposite the car park.</p> <p>As there aren't enough car parking spaces in the residents car park I often have to park in the free car park during the day and overnight.</p> <p>I strongly object to any restrictions as regards parking or any charges.</p> <p>It means myself, plus many others, will have to park in the road at Shrubbs Drive. This will cause all sorts of issues, not least the impact on the residents there.</p> <p>Can you think about a dispensation for residents such as myself like a season ticket or residents parking permit system?</p> <p>Can I add my voice to reconsider this decision. Please feel free to contact me if you would like further input from myself.</p> <p>Thank you for your reconsideration.</p>

8	Shrubbs Field Grassmere/ Links Avenue	Against	<p>The proposed changes to the Shrubbs Field car park at Middleton on Sea, that would require all cars to have to obtain a printed ticket will deter people from using the car park. It is likely to lead to visitors choosing to park on streets nearby, which is already an issue for local residents. I believe that the proposed changes are not user friendly and will deter people from using local businesses, with individuals choosing to drive to areas offering easy use free parking instead. I certainly would not choose to park there if these proposed changes were implemented.</p> <p>I would also question how much revenue is expected to be generated from a small community car park, and the trustworthiness of any parking firm selected to enforce these new rules.</p> <p>The car park is utilised by those using the surgery, attending activities at the Jubilee Hall and Scout Hall, and for those visiting the convenience store, gift shop and new coffee shop across the road.</p> <p>Drivers visiting the Jubilee Hall in order to drop off children to the preschool or Scouts are unlikely to use the car park due to having to get a ticket first and concerns regarding returning to the car park to pick people up after 4 hours. Having to find a working ticket machine once parked, and then return to the car once a ticket is obtained is incredibly inconvenient for those with small children (likely to be using the preschool or surgery) and those with mobility issues. It feels thoughtless and an opportunity to catch people out and make money from them. There will be many completely innocent individuals who are caught out by this system. How on earth can visiting a car park twice within a certain timeframe require additional payment or be deemed worthy of a fine?</p> <p>Given upcoming elections, this blatant attempt to exploit users of local car parks feels incredibly unwise. I would strongly advise against changing the current parking at this car park.</p>
9		Against	<p>My Dad lives in (a retirement block of flats). He is 93 and I visit him sometimes up to three times a day. Given you say I can't return, where should I park? I often have to bring him shopping which prohibits parking further afield.</p>
10	All	Against	<p>I am responding to your article regarding the pay meters in the Felpham and Middleton Area.</p> <p>As I local resident I would like to address your comment about this scheme supporting local business and residents.</p> <p>I can not express how problematic it is to park in the lay-by at the front of the row of a terraced houses and those opposite. Particularly in the Summer at weekends, it is impossible to park as it is already and will only increase congestion along Links Avenue further with residents scrabbling over parking that has no restrictions. This said, evenings and weekdays it dies down but as residents will have limited parking 24 hours a day, every day.</p> <p>Will you be supplying residents permit parking to combat this issue?</p> <p>We must have somewhere that we can leave our vehicles and Barn Mews, Links Avenue and the lay-by outside is problematic as it is.</p> <p>If your defence is combating abandoned vehicles why can't they have a FPN issued and penalise them directly as I have seen the CEO's do previously.</p> <p>There are petitions in place within the surrounding businesses as it will affect day trade along the beach. So as a resident with first hand experience of the parking situation I can not agree with your statement that it will improve anything for local businesses and residents unless we can have a solution that is not taking away more parking for those that live and work here.</p> <p>Thank you for your reply.</p> <p>Although if this goes ahead in the long run every person who lives locally with no off street parking may aswell have to sell their vehicles because visitors will take up the advantage of street parking even more so.</p> <p>In the winter and mid week the car park will be empty so I'm yet to be convinced this is for the interest of the residents and businesses in the local community.</p> <p>Please ensure the comments are included in the consultation as I'm sure there will be many of the same.</p>
11	All	Against	<p>ADC are currently proposing to restrict parking at Grassmere & Shrubbs car parks to a max 8 hours per day with no return within 2 hours from 8am to 6pm.</p> <p>This raises a number of concerns:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Where do you suggest that people who are at work locally for more than 8 hours per day (including lunch breaks) between 8am & 6pm (10 hours!) and currently park in these car parks are expected to park their vehicles from 1 April? 2.The No Return within 2 hours means that anyone working locally cannot return to the car park if they wish to leave the car park for their lunch break or a personal appointment, collect children from school etc. 3.Where do the likes of solicitors, estate agents etc who are constantly in and out of their offices during the day park after they leave the car park for the first time each day and return to their office within 2 hours? 4.Currently I can park at Grassmere for my haircut appointment and return later at a time suitable to me to visit a shop, cafe, dentist or walk the dog. In future I will have to wait 2 hours before returning and have to remember this stupid 2 hour rule. So any appointments made in the village must be at least 2 hours apart from leaving the car park! How long is an appointment? 5.Shrubbs car park has the doctors surgery within it. This means you can't park for 2 hours before or after a doctors appointment or visit to request or collect prescriptions etc <p>I cannot see what benefit there is to either Felpham or Middleton villages by restricting parking. It will deter visitors, it will make it more difficult for employers to attract staff and the shops, restaurants, cafes etc will likely lose trade and in the worst case scenario their business. We already have the Felpham Village Post Office closing at lunchtime every day. Making parking more difficult will not encourage a thriving village.</p> <p>Apart from Special Events, such as last years Felpham Halloween Walk, I have never been unable to find a parking space in either Grassmere or Shrubbs car parks between the hours of 8-6 during the 25+ years I have lived in Felpham.</p> <p>Please reconsider and for once apply some common sense. If ADC really need ticket machines make them available for any time 8am-6pm with no return restrictions.</p>
12	Grassmere/ Links Avenue	Against	<p>I would prefer these car parks to remain free of charge and be maintained by the councils with funds generated via local council taxes.</p> <p>The Grassmere car park in Felpham is mainly used by those attending events at the local halls or visiting the health centre and local shops/pubs/restaurants. Charging at these centres will be damaging to both local centres.</p> <p>The other car park in Felpham seems to be entirely misused and is rarely available for local parking. It would improve safety if it was easier to park at this end of the village as the current on street parking appears dangerous.</p> <p>Please consider the health of our local communities before installing ticketing systems.</p>
13	Shrubbs Field	Against	<p>The one civic amenity in Middleton-on-Sea is the free car park. By installing these machines it is not far from them becoming paid tickets. This is not acceptable. Petition is being driven by residents to stop these money grubbing effort by ADC.</p> <p>Please rethink this idea.</p>
14	Shrubbs Field	Against	<p>I wish to register my objection to the above proposal for the Shrubbs Field Car Park in Middleton-on-sea, on the basis that, even at a small cost, it is a complete waste of taxpayer's money. Unfortunately, the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 21 November 2023 do not give the full details of the proposal, but they do show that the local view has been completely dismissed. I have not spoken to a single resident, local trader, user of the adjacent halls, or the doctor's surgery who is in favour of the introduction of a ticket machine, even if it remains free to park. I see that the ticketing restrictions will only apply between 8am - 6pm, and that the free tickets will be for an 8 hour period. If that is the case, then what data can be expected to be collected, which is stated as the reason for the introduction of the ticket machines. The only data that can be obtained is how many tickets have been taken from the machine - whether that is for a 5 minute visit to the shops, a trip to the surgery, a 2-3 hour group meeting at one of the local halls, or someone parking there all day cannot be ascertained. Indeed, you should be made aware that a suggestion on social media, that locals walking by should just take a ticket or two, has received a large number of "likes", so any data collected at all would be totally unreliable.</p> <p>Then there is the question of enforcement. Will more taxpayer's money be spent on enforcement officers patrolling the car park to see who hasn't taken a ticket? The proposal that fines will be issued to people who don't take, or forget to obtain, a free ticket becomes more ludicrous the more one thinks about it!</p> <p>In the 8 years that I have now lived in the village I have only ever seen the car park full when the village fete is on, or when Felpham Colts have a football tournament on the field - both once a year occurrences. At all other times there is always adequate parking and there has been no evidence of any abandoned vehicles - I am sure it would quickly be reported on social media and to the council if there was. What has been reported regularly is the number of people who park on double yellow lines, or on the zig-zag markings for the pedestrian crossing, outside the convenience store opposite the car park. If people can't be bothered to use the free car park when they don't need a ticket, it doesn't take too much imagination to see what could happen when they do, especially if the machines are as far in the opposite direction as they shop they want to quickly visit. In closing, can I please appeal for some common sense to be applied to this proposal so that my, and other taxpayer's money, is well used and not wasted in this way.</p>

15	Grassmere/ Links Avenue	Against	<p>My company has an office (in Felpham), I have noted your car park policy for Links Avenue changes on 1st April 2024.</p> <p>Two of my female staff park in this car park for 9 hours each day as it is 2 minutes walk from our office, as a local business I wondered if there was any way of obtaining a free car park place for 10 hours each day? Parking in Felpham is hard enough and my Operators are worrying about where they will park as residential parking spaces are almost impossible to find?</p> <p>As all my staff are female and some finish at 1am so parking close to our office is essential to ensure there safety.</p> <p>Please let me know if such a free parking scheme for local businesses could be looked into, say one free parking pass for each local business?, this would appease local businesses and stop local residents getting upset about local workers parking outside their properties.</p> <p>We would be happy to have an allocated bay outside our current premises, if this is easier?</p>
16	Shrubbs Field	Against	<p>I am emailing to express my severe and extreme concern over the proposed parking machines at Shrubbs Drive car park. There is already a very well known problem of vehicles parking outside the One Stop on the zig zags of the pedestrian crossing, blocking the junction to the flats next to the pharmacy and parking on the double yellows outside the mandarin chef. This is because people are too lazy to use the free car park. How do you think these ticket machines will help the situation at all? You really don't need to 'collect usage data' to that extent, you could achieve this by conducting parking surveys at various times of the day/week should you really need that information. This method is suitable for car parking capacity surveys required by planning officers and WSCC highways planning consults, so a random sample should be sufficient for ADC's limited requirement for 'decision making about changes to the car park' - how often can you need to make difficult and complex decisions about these car parks?!! We don't need restrictions on how long people park there for, there are always plenty of spaces available at all times of the day, week and year, with the very odd exception of annual events like the summer fete. Having to unload my two children into prams is already a hassle to pop to One Stop/the doctors/ the pharmacy for a few minutes, and having to go and get a pointless ticket for absolutely no reason adds to further stress and is absolutely unnecessary and unacceptable to be expected to do this. Even in bognor and Littlehampton we can get an annual parking disc to at least save the environment and not waste paper or time/effort at stupid machines. Why don't you propose a free parking disc for 8 hours, that the local shops can give out? I think the decision to put these machines in shows that clearly ADC intend to charge for the car park in the future, which is disgraceful as it will further deter parking within the car park and create even more parking issues on street. It is already dangerous at times to cross the road even with the pedestrian crossing, because of dangerous parking, and adding to the inconvenience of using the car park for already lazy drivers will further exacerbate the issue. Tax payers money, and ADC's time and effort would be much better spent educating drivers on safe parking, and monitoring, ticketing and patrolling the existing unsafe on-street parking practices that occur. This pointless exercise in making everyone obtain an irrelevant ticket is wasting paper, time, effort and money on complete nonsense. I have lived in Middleton for 30+ years and have only ever seen one abandoned car in Shrubbs car park, so not really what I would call a justifiable reason for a ticket machine. Please rethink this nonsensical proposal...</p>
17	Grassmere	Against	<p>With regard to the proposed parking restrictions in Grassmere car park in Felpham.</p> <p>I have a predicament and would appreciate your advice.</p> <p>I work in Felpham village for 3 days each week.</p> <p>I arrive at the car park at approximately 8 20 am as I have to be in the shop in time to set up for the days trading as we open at 9 am. The shop closes at 4 30 pm and after spending time cashing up and securing the safety of the shop, I usually get back to the car park at approximately 5 pm.</p> <p>Within the guidelines of your new policy re the the car park, I would be parked there for over the 8 hours maximum parking limit.</p> <p>I'm sure I'm not the only person amongst the village traders who will be in this situation when the new regulations come into force.</p> <p>I'd be grateful if you could advise me as to what you think I should do about this. Obviously I can't leave the shop after 8 hours to move my car to a side street as often I am alone in the shop and we are still within our trading hours. Nor do I think that parking all day in a side street will be beneficial for the neighbouring residents.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this matter and please do reply as this is of great concern to me.</p>
18	Shrubbs Field	Against	<p>There are many issues that need addressing in our area - and wouldn't it be nice if those were tackled!</p> <p>So why, when there are such financial and social pressures on residents and councils are ADC even considering the ticket machines in Shrubbs Drive car park? Due to the limited safe and legal on-street parking in the area, this car park is vital:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for those attending the Health Centre and the pharmacy; bearing in mind patients of Avisford Medical Centre often have to travel from Yapton to this site, so the surgery is therefore not on their doorstep or within walking distance - for the health and wellbeing of those attending fitness and social classes /events at Jubilee Hall, the Scout Hall and Shrubbs Field - for the safety of the children attending playgroups / events whose parents have to drive there as it's beyond walking distance - for the outside exercise and fun that children need from visits to the playpark and Shrubbs Field. <p>No-one is fooled by the free tickets scenario - we are all aware that once these machines are installed, it's only a matter of time before they will become pay machines. There is not a problem in that car park; there are always spaces and people park considerately. If dumped cars or whatever the given excuse is, become an issue, then let it be dealt with on an as-and-when basis. The council is simply looking to raise money, in what feels like an underhand way, that is detrimental to residents' health and wellbeing and the environment (all those paper tickets) for absolutely no genuine reason.</p> <p>Shame on you Arun District Council!</p>
19	Grassmere	Against	<p>I have seen that you have put up a sign in St Marys car park threatening to put in expensive machines to monitor how the car parks are used.</p> <p>This is plainly a ploy to put in cash machines! You have a massive petition on its way to you ready for the closing date. I sincerely hope that you have not spent our council tax payers money on machines that cost £3000 without listening to your voters.</p>
20	Grassmere	Against	<p>I (work in Felpham) and as such come and go a number of times during the day. How can I avoid the no return in 2 hours if I need to come back within that time????</p> <p>Why are you going to the expense of installing machines and having wardens visit every 2 hours whilst not receiving any income? Who pays for this? The local tax payer???</p>

21	Grassmere	Against	<p>I am writing in response to your notice that you are introducing a 'free' 8 hour parking regulation in Grassmere Close car park from 1st April 2024.</p> <p>I live in (Felpham) at the end of Grassmere Close and we are all very concerned regarding this. Firstly no-one in Felpham that I have spoken to believes that this is to monitor usage of the car parks as we believe that this is the pre-cursor to paid parking in Felpham which will decimate local businesses, which ADC purport to support.</p> <p>One of the issues is that you have implemented a 'no return within 2 hours' policy. This will seriously affect the carers who attend to our elderly in Felpham Village in Gateway Lodge. The carers will not be able to return within two hours, how will this affect their patients? Many of the carers attend more than one patient at different times.</p> <p>The issue that we will find in (Felpham) is that people will start to park in our parking which is for the houses in our cul de sac. Many of the residents living here are elderly and they need to be able to park near their houses - how do you propose to stop this - will you make this small parking bay residents only and then monitor this when you are monitoring the Grassmere Close car park? We have already seen this happen when you closed the car park and, whilst I understand that most people will not be affected by this, until you start to charge which I know you will, there are only 6 parking bays for all of our houses and any additional people parking will affect us hugely</p> <p>This is a vote losing policy hiding behind pretense that cars are 'dumped' in the car park - which I can assure you is not true as I can see the car park from my house.....</p>
22	Shrubbs Field	Against	<p>Can I please say that as a user of the car park for three years now I have never had a problem so I am very confused as to what ADC are trying to fix. As a resident of (a retirement block of flats in Middleton-On-Sea), we have used the car park as an overspill car park. We have not been chased out on a day to day basis but the proposed changes will force us to on road parking to avoid having to get a ticket at 8am and have to drive around for 2 hours in the afternoon before we can return. It appears that there is some kind of parking concession on Shrubbs Drive as it is constantly used to park 3 motor homes and also often coaches park there. Where does ADC suggest we old age pensioners go to park bearing in mind our age and health.</p>
23	Shrubbs Field	Against	<p>I'm sure you're getting a lot of emails about this. My point is that there is a surgery in the car park. People don't go to the doctor unless they are ill, why penalise those who drive there and need to park?</p> <p>The Green Party wants us all to use the buses. Services are being cut, so are the council expecting us to wait in the rain, wind, and cold for restricted services whilst ill, to avoid using the car park? We all know that the free tickets will soon change to paid ones.</p> <p>Plus penalising the elderly residents in the flats opposite the car park who will need to keep coming out to put tickets on their cars as the times run out.</p> <p>Arun residents are currently getting such a raw deal from the council on so many levels despite having to pay our increasing council taxes, for which we get road gridlocks, destruction of the environment by over development, endless sink holes and potholes to negotiate, flooded roads, sewage running into homes.....perhaps less greed and apathy and more duty of care to us all might be a good idea.</p>
24	Shrubbs Field	Against	<p>I wish to register my objection to this ludicrous scheme. To install ticket machines in a free car park that serves a medical centre, a community hall and a scout hut for no purpose other than to force users to display a ticket in their car is a complete and utter waste of time, money and resources. I respectfully suggest those responsible for this hare-brained scheme should be removed from office at the earliest opportunity as they are an embarrassment to Arun District Council.</p>
25	Grassmere	Against	<p>I have recently just started a new job in Felpham within walking distance from the Grassmere Close car park.</p> <p>I now understand that parking charges are going to be introduced at this carpark imminently.</p> <p>Once I have paid out for parking charges to yourselves, it hardly seems worth me working at minimum wage as most of my earnings will be heading its way to the council coffers just for the privilege of being there!</p> <p>Is there an alternative that can be suggested for parking in that area? I would like to hear that! Also, if/when this is introduced, how would it work?</p> <p>We are all currently strapped for cash, and I begrudge giving the council my hard earned money.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.</p>
26	Grassmere	Against	<p>I have just become aware of plans to introduce a maximum stay period at some car parks in the Bognor area, including Grassmere Car Park. I currently park in that car park for work, and my car is parked in that car park for over 8 hours each day which will mean that I will constantly overstay the maximum period and therefore I will be liable to receive PCN's.</p> <p>Is there not any provision for employees of local businesses to receive special permits to avoid charges? On your website it states this will ensure availability for residents - however residents will not be able to park here all day if they already do due to the fact they would exceed the 8 hours maximum stay if they do not move their car.</p> <p>This car park doesn't have much of an issue, if any, with abandoned vehicles as most people who park there either work for local businesses or they are visiting them.</p>
27	Shrubbs Field	Against	<p>I write to you to register my disgust at the proposed car parking charges proposed at Shrubbs car park in Middleton on Sea. It is becoming ridiculous that the council are bankrupting local businesses with their parking fees.</p> <p>There have been numerous complaints sent to you for the illegal parking outside the One Stop and it has already been in the Express online due to the fact that neither the council deal with the matter nor the police! The parking machines will only exacerbate this. It will also affect the Middleton Elmer Road during the summer months where cars come to the beach and park on the double yellow lines all the way to Elmer which is not regularly policed by Arun.</p> <p>I should like to know how much this will be costing us tax payers for you to implement this parking as in these current times, I thought there were huge cutbacks in council funding and feel this is wasting tax payers money.</p> <p>Please do let me know the reasoning behind charging for parking? It will surely mean people will choose to park in residential roads rather than pay!</p> <p>I can honestly say that the council really has no interest in local business and saving them from going under. We will all be shopping in trade parks where it is free parking or purchasing more online to avoid the hefty parking charges which constantly increase year on year.</p> <p>I absolutely am against this ridiculous installation and totally object to it. In these difficult times of recession, the council really need to be looking into other matters and not constantly charging people for parking. Maybe invest in filling in the potholes and making our roads safer would be a very good start. Please provide me with the costings? I am asking for this by way of a freedom of information request.</p>
28	Grassmere/ Links Avenue	Against	<p>I would like to lodge an objection to the proposed changes/charges to the 2 car parks in Felpham Village - Links Avenue & Grassmere.</p> <p>I live in (a retirement block of flats), where we only have 16 car parking spaces for 50 flats and although at least half the residents of the Flats do not own cars, it still means that often I cannot park in our own car park so use the Grassmere car park, sometimes overnight.</p> <p>If that car park becomes ticketed, is it intended that local residents would be given some kind of permit to allow us to use the car park if our own (retirement block of flats) car park is full?</p> <p>I also feel it would be a very negative step for the Village, where local businesses are struggling to survive. If it becomes a paying car park it will further deter people from coming to the village to support the local businesses/cafes etc.</p> <p>I would ask that you consider these points before coming to any decision.</p>

29	Grassmere/ Links Avenue	Against	<p>I am writing to put in an objection and point of view regarding this change in our car park . Links avenue Grassmere I am not commenting on others as they do not affect me and I feel that it is not my place to. Felpham links : Details</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I am a resident (in Felpham) my house is one of the many older houses on that road with no off road parking having been built in the 1800's as are (other properties in the area). 2. We use the lay-by opposite and parking down barn field which has no restrictions on it for time (we have campaigned to maintain that jas do all our neighbours in that area both in the flats and houses by the lay-by . 3. Some times after work I have to park in links avenue car park from 4pm on a Thursday for example but I do not work on a Friday . Currently I can move my car before 4pm and it is all ok . Under the new system I would have to go to the car park and obtain a ticket repeatedly. <p>My concerns are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People visiting the beach or shops will now use the local lay-by and parking instead of the car park due to the time limit if you are eg visiting family or at the beach . 2. Local people who do not have off road parking will be put under pressure for parking by this 3. Our visitors will have to return to their car repeatedly to fill the machine - currently they have 24 hours or they can park in grasmere a ten minute walk not ideal but a solution which also is changing . 4. Our neighbourhood has aprox 15 families around the lay-by with parking needs , we all manage currently to respectfully park and negotiate parking between us . 5. I know that people are concerned about how many vehicles the garage Park in the car park - I feel this is a separate issue to be taken up with the garage and that a warden could control if possible. I can see it is an issue <p>This is a concern as many families like ours work and need to be able to park locally and this change will impact us greatly.</p> <p>My suggestions : 1. For that car park we could buy a yearly car pass or discs that would give us 24 or 48 hours parking like the ones you have in bognor so the traffic warden would know we are not there permanently and if as I suspect visitors to the beach are using our free parking spaces we will at least be able to park after work knowing we do not have to return. Or 2. 1 per household with no off road parking could buy a yearly pass for the car park like a permit either vehicle specific or interchangeable that means we can continue to manage our parking but you can limit how many of us have them.</p>
30	Shrubbs Field	Against	<p>I wanted to Register my objection to the proposed ticket machine at the car park in Middleton on sea.</p> <p>It makes no sense on so many different levels:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The costs involved in installing the machines at a time when we are all told that the council is facing funding difficulties. The money would be better spent fixing potholes. 2. The extra staff costs in policing the area. 3. People visiting the beaches currently use the car park. Setting time limits and issuing fines would mean that they would likely park dangerously in neighbouring roads. 4. No one believes that this move won't lead to parking charges being introduced at a later date with all the ramifications that this implies. 5. It will be detrimental to local businesses. For example, I currently use the car park to pop into One Stop. If I have to get a ticket, regardless of whether it is free or not, I may as well drive up to Tesco opposite the Southdown. Same goes for the chemist. 6. People will find that the two halls serviced by the car park will be less attractive to hire. The same goes for sports teams using the field <p>I hope that the elected councils takes all of the objections into account when making their decision.</p>
31	Grassmere	Against	<p>I understand that you are considering charging for car parking in Felpham village outside the St Mary's centre and I would like to send in my objections to this move. The village already struggles to attract people to the shops and charging for parking would just make this worse. Many people use the facilities at the adjoining St Mary's Centre and having to pay car parking charges in addition to the fees for the fitness classes etc could well price out many of the people who enjoy these facilities, especially the elderly on limited incomes. People attending services in the church would also be adversely affected.</p> <p>Finally, I know some people living in the Gateway Lodge Retirement Apartments and they often need to use this car park as there is very limited parking on the site. The added costs would make this very difficult, especially on the occasions when they need to park overnight.</p> <p>I hope you will bear these points in mind as you make your decision.</p>

32	Shrubbs Field	Against	<p>Thank you for your reply below confirming some details of the proposed changes to free car parks in Middleton (Shrubbs Field) and Felpham (Grassmere & Links Ave) and the current consultation. Please accept this response as a comment in reply to the consultation. I would like to submit that this proposal for 'free' ticket machines is seriously flawed and, if you proceed, will immediately give rise to maladministration claims against the Council, for which the Environment Committee and its leadership, as well as responsible officers, will get the blame. This will be on the grounds of gross irresponsibility in imposing parking restrictions in complete, self-acknowledged ignorance of how the car parks are used and causing severely disruptive negative impacts on existing legitimate long-stay users, including residents and local businesses. In my original email (below) I asked whether you think it is a reasonable way to treat elderly and likely vulnerable residents of retirement complexes neighbouring these cars parks, who legitimately use these car parks (by ADC planning design), to force them to leave their homes every single morning before 8am, in all weathers, regardless of their health or mobility, to put a 'free' ticket on their car so it can remain where it's parked next to their homes? You didn't answer that, but I hope you are considering it. Because that is what you are proposing to do. Worse, these people will later every single day, regardless, then be forced to move their car out of that car park, given the proposed operating hours of 8am - 6pm is a ten hour period, but a 'free' ticket only valid for 8 hours. Coupled with a no return period of two hours, where do you propose these people park their cars instead for that period of the day? If you don't know where, and you don't know how many will be affected - and it appears you know neither - then you cannot proceed responsibly with this proposal, because the result in these villages could be chaos and huge problems for residents, visitors and traffic more generally. Occasionally-used cars legitimately parked in these cars parks without a problem will instead be parked all over the streets. It's not just elderly local residents. You are going to require the same of their visitors, relatives, carers and others who visit them and may perhaps stay for a few days. Forcing cars to move every day that would otherwise likely stay parked for much of the week is also not a very green way to conduct policy and must contradict the council's aims to reduce climate change emissions. Is it permissible for the Council to introduce policies that can only increase emissions, in a declared climate emergency? In addition, what account have you taken of those who, quite normally, work locally to these cars parks for an eight hour shift - say 9am - 5pm - and naturally need to arrive slightly before, and leave slightly after? They will instead need to come out of work every single day and move their cars elsewhere, or risk an abusively large Penalty Charge Notice for slightly overstaying the free ticket period. Why can't they be allowed to work their shift without this inconvenience? Notwithstanding residents and business staff, you are also going to require everyone who pops to the shops in these villages to do a merry dance obtaining free tickets. This in itself causes problems. For example, someone who drops off dry cleaning in Felpham village, obtaining a free ticket, will not be able to return for at least two hours to pick it up again. I can also offer a personal example. A relative of mine drove to the GP surgery, located in the Shrubbs Field car park Middleton, and was immediately taken by ambulance to hospital, where she stayed overnight. Under your proposal, she would also have been hit with a massive Penalty Charge Notice, when she eventually returned to her car, and would have been forced additionally through the stress of appealing, which may not even have proved successful. What account have you taken of people in these circumstances, given the GP surgery located in the Shrubbs Field car park? Have you even spoken with GP surgery staff about how they and their patients use the car park? There are a huge number of practical problems to these proposals that will cause severe disruption and inconvenience to local residents. You have admitted you have no idea how many such people will be impacted, or how badly, which then makes the proposals irresponsible. I do appreciate that there is a problem with overstayers, especially in the Links Ave car park in Felpham. Possibly in the other car parks, Shrubbs Field (Middleton) and Grassmere (Felpham), but no-one ever reports an inability to obtain spaces there. I certainly never have a problem. Everyone who uses Links Ave can see very clearly which cars/vans are always there. Why do you not take direct action against those? This problem should be dealt with by the council in many other possible ways, including enforcement of existing 24hr max stay rules, that does not involve massively inconveniencing entire villages at also additional cost to the Council. Why not deal with the actual problem, rather than cause hassle for everyone else who is using the car parks legitimately? Your priorities appear completely wrong. When I asked previously (below) about costs, you referred only to the machines and an engineer. What about fault repairs? What about the running costs of all the tickets? What about the extra enforcement? It appears you have not considered all the extra costs this proposal will heap on council taxpayers, for no gain. If you are worried about the costs of operating these free car parks, why make that worse? I believe it is unacceptable to propose to abuse and inconvenience thousands of local residents, their visitors, carers, shoppers, users of the GP surgery (in Middleton) and others merely to 'gather data' or resolve a problem with overstayers that could be tackled many other ways. Your statement about 'data gathering' effectively admits you are doing this in ignorance. It suggests you have no clue how many usage examples of the types I have mentioned above occur. How many people will be impacted. How many people's routines severely disrupted. That is what will give rise to maladministration claims, because it is very evidently irresponsible governance and there are many other ways you could gather this usage data or tackle the overstaying problem other than erecting barriers to, and inconveniencing, thousands of people in the delicate commercial ecosystem of our villages who are using the car parks legitimately and fairly. These proposals are unreasonable on residents, unfair on local business staff, ill-considered in a range of other ways and likely very disruptive and damaging to the communities, for all costs and no gains that could not easily be achieved other ways that avoid such a widespread negative impact. I would therefore ask you please to withdraw and review these proposals in more responsible depth before considering whether to proceed.</p>
33	Shrubbs Field	Against	<p>My complaint is that ADC is wasting money in introducing car park machines without a business case. Please deal with my complaint promptly, the next stage is take it to the Ombudsman.</p> <p>The proposed is to instal the machines in April 2024, any delay will frustrate this complaint and add to the cost if the Ombudsman upholds this complaint. I am told by the Deputy Chair of the Environment Committee that this cannot be reversed in time for April.</p> <p>In 2022 the introduction of charging machines was turned down after a public consultation as there was no business case, it would lose money. ADC don't need a consultation for machines that don't charge, but of course there is a huge cost in installing the machines, plus signage, maintenance etc. The Car Park Manager has not disclosed, may not know? the full cost of installation and ongoing maintenance. Is this because when parking and the business case when it's reviewed in 2 years (2026) the business case becomes valid (we paid for it in 2024) so no cost in 2026, but income. Democracy has failed there is no representation for Middleton on Sea residents on the Environment Committee.</p> <p>The Environment Committee decision in November 2023 was flawed it did not consider the proposal in full and gave the Car Park Manager carte blanc, no costs were presented or agreed. I have read the ADC FAQ's just posted. Re my complaint : The Car Park Manager has not disclosed, may not know? the full cost of installation and ongoing maintenance. ADC Have posted:- "We have noticed that there has been speculation about the cost of the machines and their installation and maintenance. We can confirm the installation cost is £150 per machine, not the £3000 that has been shared. The machines themselves are stock and are therefore not an additional cost to the council. The ongoing maintenance and restocking of the machines will be encompassed under our existing car park contract."</p> <p>This is misleading: Digging a hole and dropping in each machine and ancillary costs to be £150? It is actually far higher. Two men in preparation, transport, removal of earth and disposal, making good ground, testing, risk assessment, taking down the old parking signs manufacturing and installing many new large signs all for £150, this is not believable. Maintenance etc under and an existing contract at no cost for three extra car parks, needs to be proven and that this will continue when the contract is renewed with no increase in cost. Unlikely.</p>

33 Cont.	As above	As above	<p>I have been trying to understand why this is being introduced. I now understand.</p> <p>We hear from Cllr Wallsgrove (Chair of the Environment Committee who are implementing this) at last night's Full Council meeting when she was challenged, that she did not believe that people should be driving anywhere. This dogmatic view to punish car drivers is not held by the public or the Cllrs for the local ward who have spoken out against but again ignored. Probably also not held even by the majority of the ward Cllr Wallsgrove represents. This committee is using its powers to fulfil a doctrine which is not supported by the local population and is not acting in the interest of the public.</p> <p>Councils are there to act in the interests of the local population and spend money wisely. Local government is responsible for a range of vital services for people and businesses not to pursue a Green political vendetta against the interest of the local population where some 4000 people have completed petitions against this imposition. They will be presented in the next few days. However, it appears these will be ignored, as to also the 100's of comments, many rude, many funny illegal solutions, which I don't support or condone but they did make me laugh. There is none in favour on Social Media.</p> <p>You do not say that Middleton on Sea Parish Council opposed this strongly, I believe they pay towards the upkeep, surely they will now withdraw this support?</p> <p>With implementation on the 1st April, comments by 20th March! Its being forced through.</p> <p>ADC have continued to quote the cost as being £150. This is not believable. There is no breakdown. There will be no reduction in costs just the opposite, unless you can quantify how, and it was clear from last night's (Q&A's) meeting you cannot.</p> <p>You say "We can assure you that the purpose of the installation of the machines is to gather usage data" and to deter long term parking. You already have the power according to the signage to enforce stays of longer than 24hrs, but yet the one (only one) black obviously broken and long abandoned, not insured or taxed van in Shrubbs Car park is left without even a parking ticket. This is the only vehicle in what for a large part of the time a car park which is a quarter full at the most. So how does the proposal increase availability?</p> <p>You do not say what the data will tell ADC. I can, cars use the car park. Its otherwise meaningless given the free regime and 8 hr ticket times.</p> <p>Local government is there to make responsible decisions for the community. To provide and coordinate public services and facilities. encourage and develop initiatives to improve quality of life and represent the interests of the local area to the wider community.</p> <p>In this respect I believe that ADC is failing in its responsibilities.</p> <p>My request for the Local Government Ombudsman has been received and a reference number given. I need to complete ADC's complaints process and they will then review the actions of ADC.</p>
33 Cont.	As above	As above	<p>The installation of Car Park Machines In Middleton and Felpham on the 1st April is a political move to deter car usage and then to further deter by getting ready to bring in charging at a future point.</p> <p>Even though there is no business case and ignoring the damage that will be done, this change is being forced through.</p> <p>There is no consultation, just comments requested, which could be ignored. There is nothing said about what will happen after the comments are collected. What is the point of asking for comments, and what will happen next? Go ahead anyway?</p> <p>The figure of £150 to install is misleading. It does not reflect the hours of work at a rate for work carried out by ADC in all respects of the installation and ancillary costs such as manufacture and installation of new signage. The ability of the Council or its contractor to absorb the extra costs of maintenance is not believable. This will cost far more now and increase at some point in the future. This is of course unless ADC have workers that are very underemployed at the present.</p> <p>The reason given is to collect data, but the data will be meaningless given the 8 hours ticket validity and free overnight parking. If you go to expense of collecting data you need to know why and what it will tell you and what you will do differently. This will tell you cars use the car park.</p> <p>The other reason given is to stop long term usage and dumping of cars. There is one black damaged van that has no parking ticket and nothing done about it in the MonS car park. It has been there for weeks probably longer. So what changes?</p> <p>It's clear that this is being used to punish car drivers and drive a dogmatic unrealistic view of how residents should travel around Arun.</p> <p>The Green Party Chair of the Environment Committee, The Member for Barnham said on Wednesday, 13th March 2024 in the Full Council meeting when challenged over the installation:- " you should not be driving your cars anywhere....." See the link below and look at 2hr.24 mins and 2.26, 2.27, 2.30 and 2.32. More was said confirming this unrealistic anti car dogmatic view.</p> <p>Not all of us can cycle and the buses don't suit all our requirements and bus services are being cut in Middleton and Felpham (600). There is also no train from Elmer.</p> <p>https://aisapps.sonicfoundry.com/AuditelScheduler/Player/Index/?id=49b0dac4-6801-4d66-8c7c-ca859733e4a7&presID=74ec1e2e498e4c53a7e97241f4cb30211d</p> <p>Is the ADC Officers and the Environment Committee and the Councillors involved acting correctly in accordance with ADC Constitution?</p> <p>Extracts from ADC Constitution: Article 1 of the constitution commits the council to being open and responsive to the needs and aspirations of the community and to providing clear leadership in the community in partnership with residents, business and other organisations. To demonstrating efficient, effective and accountable decisionmaking with the active involvement of residents. To effective representation by councillors of their constituents; and to continuous improvements in service delivery.</p> <p>Overriding duty of councillors is to the whole community even though Middleton is not represented on this Committee</p> <p>Is ADC responsive to the 4000 signatures on the petitions following the active involvement of residents and their Ward Councillors and Middleton Parish Council who have opposed this?</p> <p>Is ADC acting in partnership with residents and local business, when there is a genuine view that this will damage business and will impact on the local area as motorists avoid the car park and park in adjacent roads where there are no restrictions.</p> <p>This will also make the daily illegal (not policed) parking on the crossing area more attractive to motorists who stop for the shop or the cash point, leading at some point to injury. Have WSCC agreed to this change and have they considered this point?</p> <p>Is this an improvement in service delivery or simply the Green Party forcing its extreme anti car doctrine on a community that clearly is not in agreement?</p>

34	Shrubbs Field	Against	<p>I write in connection with the proposal to limit parking in the above car park. I am very concerned with your handing of this issue.</p> <p>Currently the limit on parking is 24 hours, this being displayed on the notice in the car park. I have read the paper from officers to the council meeting on 21/11/23 which states the authority (you) is concerned over cars parking for more than the allowed period. This cannot be enforced now as there is no way of knowing when a vehicle has arrived. Your proposal in the report to councillors was to install meters, force everyone to collect and display a ticket and penalise those transgressors. Very complicated and time consuming for the car park users but I guess it is one way of solving the suggested problem.</p> <p>Only at the start of March did you display a small sign stating there was a PROPOSAL to install machines and require users to display a ticket. There was no mention in the notice of a time limit for parking or if it was to be 24/7.</p> <p>From the content of the notice most people could reasonably assume that the 24 hour limit would remain but be enforced.</p> <p>However I have only just received my free copy of the "Felpham in focus" magazine which includes a letter from yourselves to Felpham Parish Council. In that letter it seems you have decided to limit parking to 8 hours, yet you state that the only reason for the machines is to "collect usage data...to inform decisions by ADC and the Parish Councils regarding FUTURE changes". Clearly you have already decided!</p> <p>More worrying is that I can find no record of any such changes to the parking period being agreed by Councillors in either the District or Parish Councils.</p> <p>In addition since the consultation (if that is what it was) only closed a week ago, has the order already been made and has WSCC given their necessary approval?</p> <p>The car park works well for the community, there are very few problems with its use. There are very few abandoned vehicles dumped there. We use the car park daily and can only recall a couple in the last several years.</p> <p>No more than on the public roads I suggest. There is one van abandoned there at present. It has been there some weeks and the only reason it's still there is because you haven't removed it!</p> <p>To enforce this change you would need a permanent presence to ensure users don't merely obtain a second ticket after 8 hours. There are many businesses in both Middleton Road and Elmer Road whose staff park their cars in the car park whilst at work. This includes the nursery that uses the Jubilee community hall and the doctors surgery sited in the car park. Additionally there are residents who do not have off road parking spaces.</p> <p>The only alternative for workers and residents will be to park on the public roads in the area. The only public unrestricted road in the area is Shrubbs Drive itself. This is a residential no through road and will very soon become very congested.</p> <p>Please reconsider your decision.</p>
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