

**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 February 2011 13:54  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Monton Car Park

*Regarding the charge for the above car park. Its ludicrous that you could even think about it, the people using this car park are patrons of the local businesses and therefore this car park is invaluable to them (at no cost). Or is your motive to close down said businesses on Monton Road, and deprive the local community all together.*

***Yours,***

***One of the local businesses.***

**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 01 March 2011 22:05  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Monton car park

Dear councillor,

I am sending this email in the hope of voting against the proposed parking fees at the main monton car park.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 February 2011 11:25  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Parking fee in Monton

I think it is an outrage that the council are now wanting to charge people to shop in Monton who is going to pay to pop into Monton village to pick a few things up when they can go to Morrison in Swinton and get what they want and not pay this is going to kill Monton which is already struggling and looking untidy due to empty shops because there is not enough custom already. As I rent a shop on Monton road I know how the visitors to monton feel about this and I can not see anything good coming from this apart from more money going to the council I know my self I would not pay to pop in and do abit of shopping or just to nip to the bank I would rather go somewhere else like Eccles or Swinton where I can get more done who is going to want to pay £1.50 to go to the bank!!!!!! It is disgusting!!!!!!  
Sent from my iPhone

**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** Lee, Steven  
**Sent:** 11 April 2011 17:53  
**To:** Parkinson, Emma  
**Subject:** FW: Monton Car Park

Dear Emma,  
F'rinfo.  
Regards  
Steven Lee  
Director of Engineering  
Urban Vision Partnership Ltd

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**From:** Merry, Councillor <Councillor.Merry@salford.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 11 April 2011 16:18  
**To:** Ravenscroft, Chris <Chris.Ravenscroft@salford.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Lee, Steven <Steven.Lee@urbanvision.org.uk>; Antrobus, Councillor D <councillor.antrobus@salford.gov.uk>; Findley, Chris <Chris.Findley@salford.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** FW: Monton Car Park

Hi Chris

Please see below a further objection to the Monton Car Park charges received by Councillor Merry.

Regards

Sally

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**From:** [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]]  
**Sent:** 08 April 2011 23:03  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Cc:** Cullen, Councillor J  
**Subject:** Monton Car Park

Councillor Merry,

I appreciate that you will have had many complaints about the car parking charges in Monton but I still feel that I need to contact you over this. I cannot not believe that UV & SCC are going ahead with the charges. I know and understand the reasons why the charges are going ahead but quite frankly it is pathetic, short sighted and illogical.

One of my main issue is that my friends and family would have to pay to visit me now. We have restricted parking outside on my street as many streets in Monton do, how is it fair to say to visitors that they have to pay to come round. Not only that but on occasion I have had to park in the car park due to there not being enough spaces on my or the surrounding streets.

Is it the councils intention is to squeeze the money out of the city, it would seem the Trafford centre is going to get busier.

**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 03 March 2011 23:06

**To:** Merry, Councillor

**Subject:** Monton Carpark

Hi,

I would like to object to the proposed charges being made in Monton carpark.  
I will stop doing business and shopping in Monton if this comes into force.

If this goes ahead it would be a good idea to have 1 hour free to encourage people to stop and shop. We don't want Monton looking like Eccles.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 March 2011 09:14  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Car Parking in Monton Village

Dear Councillor Merry,

I would like to express deep concern at the proposals by Salford Council to begin charging for parking on Monton's main car park. In these current financial times, I appreciate that councils need to generate income from anywhere, however the short and long term affects on this area will be detrimental should the decision be granted; especially looking at the costs being discussed.

Monton relies on its free car parking and allows the local businesses here to compete with other places, such as Tesco in Walkden, Sainsburys in Salford and the Trafford Centre. If local people have to pay over £1 for a short stay to pick up their usual bits and pieces here, they are likely to drive a bit further down the road and stop at the large supermarket instead. This will squeeze the local businesses even further, in a time when the Prime Minister is looking to private enterprise to fuel the economic recovery. In addition, those of us who work in Monton would find our incomes fall as we will need to include the cost of contract parking into our monthly salaries.

I trust that I am not the first, nor will be the last to object to such measures as it is difficult to find any benefit to the local economy, or local people, by charging on the Monton Village car park.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

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**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 March 2011 18:57  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Monton

Hi,

Please do not charge for car parking in Monton. Already we are losing the uniqueness of Monton because of the Tesco's shop and this would just be a nail in the coffin.

Please don't let it happen!

[REDACTED]  
Victoria Crescent  
Eccles  
M30 9AW

**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 February 2011 10:52  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** ref: Proposed Car Parking charges for Monton Car Park

Councillor Merry

Please be advised that I object to the proposed charges for car parking at Monton Car Park.

I believe these proposed charges will have serious implications for trade and the businesses in Monton, will make cost of parking for employees in Monton businesses prohibitive, will drive businesses out of Monton and will exacerbate the existing parking problems in streets off Monton Road.

Regards  
[REDACTED]

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**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 February 2011 11:01  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Charges at Monton car park

Dear Councillor Merry,

I am very concerned to hear that the Council is considering imposing charges for people parking at Monton car park. I speak as a local resident who practically never uses the car park. However, I do frequently shop in Monton even though goods may be slightly more expensive at the small shops there than they would be in a large chain store in Eccles or the Trafford Centre, simply in order to support them. I would be very sorry if shops had to close because of the lack of custom from the deterrent effect of fees at the car park. Monton is a close and supportive community and at its centre is the row of shops on Monton Road. As you know, Monton Village Community Association works hard to maintain the quality and success of the whole community. The shops attract customers from well outside Monton as well as locals. Having to pay at the car park would have a detrimental effect upon the business of the area, and therefore upon the whole community.

Please reply to [REDACTED]

Regards,

[REDACTED]  
Consultant Paediatric Radiologist  
Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9WL

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**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 February 2011 13:58  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Car Parking Charges in Monton Car Park

Dear Councillor

I wish to register my objections to the Council's proposals to begin charging for use of the car park in Monton. I use this car park on a regular basis for short periods of time to visit local shops and businesses, in particular the bank. This proposal, should it be implemented, will force people to use the side streets thus adding to congestion and inconvenience for local residents. Monton is at present a thriving shopping area which serves the local community well; car parking charges may well have a detrimental effect on this current situation. The Monton car park is well used, so where I might conjecture will these users go if charges are added.

Local Ratepayer  
[REDACTED]

**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 February 2011 15:44  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Cc:** blearsmpsalford@googlemail.com; Councillor.Broughton@salford.gov.uk; Davies, Councillor A; Garrido, Councillor K; Councillor.janemurphy@salford.gov.uk; Tope, Councillor  
**Subject:** Monton - the jewel in your crown

Dear Councillor,

Are you deliberately trying to kill the most cosmopolitan village in your portfolio? Stop the unnecessary and unwelcome parking charges proposed for Monton.

[REDACTED]

Monton Green,  
M30 9LW

**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 23 February 2011 17:40

**To:** Merry, Councillor

**Subject:** Car Park Charges Monton

Councillor Merry,

As a businessman in Monton , I am totally against any charges for car parking in Monton. We currently have a very safe arrangement that works well for businesses and the public. If you impose charges

1. You will drive trade away – meaning less businesses and less rates –
2. You will make the side streets more dangerous – do you really want accidents on your conscience
3. People wont use it and the revenue will be negligible.

There are other many ways to save money – just do it.

[REDACTED]

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**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]@googlemail.com  
**Sent:** 23 February 2011 19:04  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Monton Car Park Charges

Dear Councillor Merry,

I am writing with regards to the proposed charges for Monton Car Park.

By bringing in these charges there will be serious implications for Monton . The proposed charges will drive businesses out of Monton due to lack of customers and charges for employees.

Please don't destroy the businesses in Monton . The council should be encouraging businesses to Monton not driving them away.

I look forward to hearing from you .

Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
Monton Resident

**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 February 2011 19:37  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Objection to proposed charges for parking in Monton Car Park

Dear Councillor Merry,

I would like to register my strong objection to the proposal to charge for parking in Monton Car Park. Such charges would have a very detrimental effect on Monton Village and its businesses, which would in the end result in \*reduced\* revenue for the council, thus defeating the object of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Bradford Road  
Eccles  
M30 9FB

**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 February 2011 19:50  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Proposed parking fees for Monton

Dear Councillor Merry

It has been brought to my attention that you, as our locally elected representative are the main contact regarding the proposed parking charges for Monton Village car park.

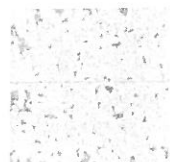
I am absolutely disgusted by this decision and should it go ahead you will be signing the death knell for this Village. Please let me understand that elected parties in the Local Council communicate between wards: do you realise the detrimental effect charges at Swinton Precinct car park brought? Nothing but misery to the local people and the small businesses that operate on the shopping precinct. It turned into a ghost town and plenty of businesses closed. Mercifully the charges have now been dropped and a near normal trade has returned to the area.

Please can you let me know what, if anything the people of Monton can do to fight this ridiculous proposal.

Many Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 February 2011 20:20  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Monton Car Park

Dear Councillor Merry

I recently heard of the proposals to start charging drivers to park in Monton Village Car Park. I seriously object to this, and would like you to take my views into consideration.

I fear that bringing this charge to the car park will make shoppers go elsewhere. The village already has a problem with people parking outside Tesco and we need to encourage people to come to the village, shop in the whole high street and USE OUR CAR PARK. I know myself if I were driving into the shops and a charge was imposed, I would probably go elsewhere.

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
Resident



**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 23 February 2011 20:46

**To:** Merry, Councillor

**Subject:** Charges on Monton car park

Dear Councillor Merry

Monton has had a car park for a number of years, since a street of cottages was demolished. Monton Road is a short shopping street with housing on all side roads. The majority of side roads are quite rightly residents only parking and there is a small amount of short term parking in bays on Monton Road itself, together with short bays on side roads.

Monton is unusual in that it has maintained good occupancy of shops by independent traders in difficult times. If car park charges are to be introduced, that stability will almost certainly be challenged. There are no alternative free parking areas within the main street, unlike, say, Eccles where customers can park in Morrison's car park for 2 hours and get costs refunded from purchases, or Aldi which allows customers to park free for a limited period whilst shopping in other areas of the town.

I realise that the council faces great difficulties at the moment and must seek revenue wherever possible, but introducing costs on Monton car park may not be cost effective in the long run. I do hope that the officers recommending this course of action to councillors are local residents themselves and fully aware of what may be destroyed as a result. Or maybe our local strategy is to fill the city with chain stores and eliminate local initiative?

Please consider any decision about car park charging in Monton very carefully. It isn't a special case, just an area which has bucked the trend by keeping shops open and consequently attracting other traders. Paying an extra £1.50 to make a small purchase at the post office or newsagent, visit the bank, go to a charity shop, get groceries etc will tip the balance for a lot of people many of whom go to Monton several times a week and it will certainly stretch the budgets of people who park in the car park whilst working in a local small business.

If Monton is to be the thin edge of the wedge and charges are to be introduced in Worsley village, Little Hulton precinct, Langworthy Road, Eccles Old Road Hope small car park a lot of small local communities will lose their commercial heart. Salford needs its small local communities and any which can sustain locals hops should be supported. Neither I nor any member of my family runs a local shop but we understand some of the issues from past experience, value what exists and try to shop locally.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

24/02/2011

**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 February 2011 20:47  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Monton Car Park - Objection

Dear Mr Merry,

I am writing you to raise my objection to introducing car park charges on Monton's Car Park. I live on Gordon Road and since Tesco's construction Gordon Road has been turned into Tesco's customer car park and a turning circle for many of its customer's. My car has been hit 3 times as a direct result of cars turning in Howard Avenue off Gordon Road opposite my house (number 11). Not only that the dramatic increase in Tesco traffic up Gordon Road, on Monton Road and Lansdowne Road presents a very real danger to residents, their children and their property. I was amazed that Tesco was built without any parking provision whatsoever. The surrounding roads require permits as it is very difficult to park and now residents also have to compete with the influx of Tesco traffic. Furthermore, on many occasions the road is completely blocked with traffic which would prevent any emergency vehicles getting up Gordon Road.

I spend far too much time now worrying about the safety of my neighbours and our property so much so that I have taken it upon myself to raise a petition to demand that something is done to resolve the situation. One of the main suggestions is to increase the amount of signs informing people of the parking restriction and to divert traffic onto Monton's Free Car Park.

I can speak on behalf of all the surrounding households around Tesco and also the management of Tesco Monton when I say that introducing charges on the only place the 300-400 cars per day that visit Tesco car legally and safely park will no doubt put the safety of residents and their property in danger.

Residents need a reprieve from the nightmare that now awaits us every night. In the last year my insurance premiums for our cars that were hit have gone up my £300 as a direct result of having to claim for damage caused by cars turning on Gordon Road and then driving off.

I sincerely hope you can take some time to look at the problems that Tesco traffic is causing and agree that Tesco customers will not be paying £1.50 to park for 5 - 10 minutes. Furthermore, many people shopping in Monton will also no doubt try to avoid paying these costs along with Tesco's own staff. Once you have concluded that is a fact you then must ask yourself where will the 300-400 cars a day park? There is no parking provision.

Residents want the car park to remain free and something to be done to protect our once much less dangerous streets.

I am more than happy to show you the problems that exist and I think it is inevitable that any introduction of parking charges can only have a negative affect on Monton, a negative that will far outweigh the one positive of a few extra pounds raised from introducing car park charges.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Gordon Road  
Monton

24/02/2011

**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 February 2011 21:09  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Car park charges in Monton

Dear Councillor Merry,

I am astounded to hear of the proposed car parking charges to be introduced in Monton.

Has nothing been learned from the "destruction" of Swinton precinct?

Monton car park is used by local workers and local shoppers. If the shoppers are going to be charged for parking, they will go somewhere else i.e.the Trafford Centre (which is near enough) and, where parking is free. The local workers will not have a problem for long, the businesses will eventually close (as happened with Swinton).

Please look at the bigger picture before making such a damaging decision.

[REDACTED]

**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]@homecall.co.uk  
**Sent:** 23 February 2011 21:34  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Monton Car Park

I have received information that you are intending to start charging for parking at Monton Car Park.

I wish to object to these charges under the basis that there is no alternative place to park.

I visit my sister in Mirfield Drive 6 times a year for 2/3 or 4 nights at a time. I cannot park my car on Mirfield Drive and therefore have to use the car park to park my car overnight and when at the house during the day.

I think you would cause Monton residents that do not have parking restrictions outside their property problems with workers and shoppers parking in front of their houses.

I will be very disappointed if these charges go ahead.  
Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 February 2011 09:47  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Proposed parking charges for monton

Dear Sir

I know that Salford are short of money, but are you going to kill Monton just like you have Eccles.

Since you started charging for parking in Eccles town centre, I for one refuse to go there out of principal, and I know plenty of other people that feel the same way.

You are driving people out of our local community to the out of town destinations where parking is free.

In my opinion you have have had a detrimental affect on Eccles, please do not do the same to Monton.

Regards

[REDACTED]

**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 February 2011 10:16  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Charges for Monton Car Park

Dear Councillor Merry,

I wish to say that I am totally against introducing charges to park on Monton Car Park

I have family that live in Monton and as there is already parking restrictions on their road I can only park on the Car Park when visiting. Where are we supposed to park then? Monton is a village, not a town centre!

Currently i visit Monton shops an average of 3 times a week, I can tell you now that if parking is not free I wont be shopping there at all!. In the current recession our Councillors should be doing everything they can to help small businesses! If these businesses decide to leave Monton this will put local people out of a job!

Please listen to the local people.. we do not want these charges!!!!

[REDACTED]  
Watson St, Eccles, M30 0RF

24/02/2011

## Parkinson, Emma

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 February 2011 11:22  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Monton car park  
**Importance:** High

Dear Mr Merry,

While I understand the need for generation of funds through many means, it seems to be short sighted to think that Car Park charges in Monton village will provide any net profit.

I and my family live on Highfield Drive and are loyal supporters of the village and it's uniqueness in Salford.

The village has remained viable over the 40 years that I have lived here largely due to the FREE car park. This can be compared to the demise of Swinton, Eccles, Salford and more recently Worsley where car parking charges have been introduced.

Many employees of the 80+ shops and businesses park on Partington Street car park every day and charges at £3-50 per day will be very prohibitive.

The ultimate empty shops and premises with loss of council tax payments to you must be accounted for in your consultation.

Also lack of free parking will cause even more distress to the residents when we have day-time visitors who use the car park to avoid being ticketed on the side roads.

Please re-consider and keep Monton strong.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 March 2011 11:35  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Monton Village Car Park

Dear Councillor Merry,

I understand there is a plan to impose charges on the car park in Monton.

I am alarmed at the prospect of car park charges and the impact it will have on people who work and shop in the village.

Swinton Precinct saw a rapid decline immediately after charges were introduced some years ago - as did Eccles town centre. Fortunately charges have been reversed in Swinton which may have saved some (but not all) businesses.

There are many examples of local shops and businesses adversely affected by car park charges, on top of other crippling factors, and Monton is the last outpost of independent traders in the area. We have a thriving village that is about to be killed due to these charges. Please come and view the area for yourself - we have no alternative parking. Most residential streets have permits and the ones that don't will - as demonstrated by the opening of Tesco - encounter many problems - lack of parking, damage to cars and so forth.

I urge Salford City Council to drop this plan, or as a compromise, allow 2 hours free parking to allow trade to continue.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Telephone: 0161 [REDACTED]  
Cel: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

"For it was not into my ear you whispered, but into my heart. It was not my lips you kissed, but my soul."  
- Judy Garland



**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** 17 March 2011 18:24  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Fwd: Monton Village Car Park

Dear councillor.  
I am still awaiting a response for the below email.  
Regards.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 3 March 2011 13:40:31 GMT  
**To:** "Councillor.Merry@salford.gov.uk" <Councillor.Merry@salford.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Monton Village Car Park

Dear Councillor.

I feel I must write to let you know how deeply saddened I am to hear that Salford Council will start to charge for parking in the Monton Village Car park.  
As a local business owner I fear this decision will have a terrible effect on the local business community and in turn the local residents. What future plans do you have to help regenerate the area once the local shops have started to close???? Many locals are employed in the local shops. How much will it cost to support them when they are left unemployed??? Shopkeepers sweep and clean their shop fronts each morning and remove litter that may have fallen. How much more will it cost the council to employ more street cleaners once this is no longer the case or will Monton high street merely fall into rack and ruin? Was the access to a free car park not a pre requisite for the new Tesco Express being approved by planners?  
Gleaning a few extra pounds from the village car park may seem like an easy way to add to the Councils over stretched budget. I understand that times are very hard but I urge you to reconsider this decision. Long term I believe in my heart that this will cost the council and the local community. My customers will be hard pushed to spend a few pounds in my store when the cost of their purchase is doubled when car parking fees are added into the equation.  
Common sense must be used and I urge you to reconsider this short sighted and costly decision.

Kindest regards.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Monton Road.

**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 17 March 2011 10:47  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Objection to Paying car park in Monton

Dear Councillor Merry,

I wanted to convey my dissatisfaction that the Monton car park is proposing to be a paid for car park. I think it will most definitely dissuade shoppers from shopping in the village particularly as so many people have already had tickets for parking near Tesco's. If the Monton car park is charged for people will only revert back to shopping at Morrison on the FREE car park.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Telephone 0161 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
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**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 February 2011 10:15  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Parking Charges in Monton

Dear Councillor Merry.

I am quite disturbed and concerned that once again the Council is trying to charge for parking in Monton Car Park.  
I am sure you have your very good reasons.

I have lived on Stafford Road for 38 years and have seen quite a few changes in Monton, the ones I am aware of have always been on benefit to Monton residents and the shops there (I am still pondering Tesco!), but I am convinced that charging for the car park is NOT in the best interest of Monton.

If people have to pay, they might as well go to Asda, or Morrisons, or the Trafford Centre.  
Monton still brings that village feel and in the summer months, it is great to wonder down there and sit out with friends, whether it is for a drink at the pub, or a coffee at the cafe.

There are very few places that offer this facility. And I have been proud of YOU and Eccles for keeping it this way.

PLEASE don't spoil this.

Take care  
[REDACTED]

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]@kingspan-renewables.com

Sent: 28 February 2011 09:02

To: Merry, Councillor

Subject: PROPOSED CAR PARK CHARGES IN MONTON.

Dear Councillor Merry,

I understand there is a plan to impose charges on the car park in Monton.

As a local resident,I am within walking distance of Monton,but I am alarmed at the prospect of car park charges.

It was the introduction of charges many years ago in Eccles which started the demise of the Town Centre, a process which seems to be terminal.

Swinton Precinct may have been saved by recent Car Park changes,but there was a rapid decline in the Precinct immediately after charges were introduced some years ago.

There are many examples of local shops and businesses adversely affected by car park charges,on top of other crippling factors,and Monton is the last outpost of independent traders in the area.

I urge Salford City Council to drop this plan,or as a compromise,allow 2 hours free parking to allow trade to continue.

Yours Sincerely,

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**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 February 2011 08:22  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Charging for carparking in monton

I am writing to object about the parking fees in monton car park, I have a business in monton and feel this would be a disastrous move for anybody who works in this area people pop into monton to use the cash machine or nip to get a paper or milk from local shop why would you do that if had to pay £1.50 to park you would sooner nip to a tesco express that actually has a car park which doesn't charge you to get a 35p paper, is the council trying to kill off monton 1st the Eco park now this, it's a complete joke many local shops are already losing out to the tesco express as it is this would be even worse ..... [REDACTED]

**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** e-mail [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 February 2011 20:13  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Cc:** Tope, Councillor; Davies, Councillor A  
**Subject:** Please don't spoil Monton with parking charges

Mr Merry,

I, as a trader on Monton Road, am asking help over turn the proposed parking charges for Monton car park. It has been proven that removing free car parking from small villages has a detrimental effect on trade as shown in Swinton, Prestwich, Salford etc.

The traders of Monton and the MVCA have worked extremely hard to build up our profile and to attract people from far and wide with our festival and Christmas event so to have this thrust upon us is very very unfair.

Do the council not realise that not only have the traders in Monton had to contest with them allowing Tesco in to our village now they are planning to make our customers pay to shop here. We won't be able compete on any level if this happens.

Please help us save our lively hood

The info below was supplied by a Prestwich trader

[REDACTED]

The parking charges are going to be scrapped in Prestwich (front page of the local rag today). Local traders had complained that their custom was being adversely affected as commuters were parking in neighbouring streets to avoid charges. For example, Relionus (1 mile from Prestwich tram stop) complained that commuters were preventing their customers from being able to park near the shop. From our point of view, it made popping in to Prestwich less attractive as you had to pay for even short stays.

Prior to the introduction of charges, there was never a problem parking in the car park as there was plenty of room for everyone and the precinct car park doesn't open until after rush hour anyway so that space is protected to an extent.

So, the Prestwich car park won't be chargeable even if other Bury ones are. To say that Monton's needs to be in line with other Salford car parks is an easy way to justify the introduction if charging. However, it doesn't reflect local need, i.e. that Monton has no need for parking charges.

[REDACTED]  
Resident, Prestwich

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11/04/2011

**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]@btinternet.com  
**Sent:** 27 February 2011 16:38  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Car Parking - Monton Village

Dear Mr Merry

It has been brought to my attention that Salford Council intend imposing a charge for parking in the village car park off Monton Road to commence on Wednesday 2 March 2011. This appears to be an action to which the vast majority are unaware of. Having seen first hand how imposing car parking charges have affected businesses and therefore trade in Swinton and Eccles, surely this is a very short-sighted action to be taking. Many people, myself included, use the car park whilst visiting the Post Office, bank, vets and hairdressers for which I do not want to be paying a minimum charge of £1.50. I for one will stop visiting Monton unless I literally have no choice; on these occasions I shall try and park away from Monton Road and walk in. However, not everybody will be able to do this, parking spaces are minimal as it is and the elderly, infirm and those with young children or sick pets are the ones who will suffer the most. Monton is a thriving community - why destroy this? I understand Councils are having to make cutbacks and therefore try to obtain revenues from alternative sources but this is underhand and potentially destructive to Monton as a whole. I urge you to please reconsider imposing charges; at least allow short-term stays to have a period of free parking, say for 30 minutes.

Please think of the wider picture and do not kill Monton.

Thank you for taking time to read this message.

[REDACTED]  
Old Clough Lane  
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Parkinson, Emma

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 February 2011 17:47  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Charges at Monton Car Park

Mr Merry,

What is the Council thinking about charging to park in Monton? Do you want to KILL the village.? That is surely what will happen if these charges come into being. You may get a small amount of revenue at first but as each business closes you will lose money two fold. One from the car park itself as nobody will be coming to Monton as it will be full of empty shops. Secondly you will not get any revenue from empty premises . I have been a resident of Monton for 45 years and therefor seen many changes but this must surely be the most stupid, ill thought out change of all time.

Have you also considered that visitors to residents in Monton will now have to pay to visit their relatives? **But I don't suppose you even care about that do you?** My parents are in their 90s and live in Mirfield Drive which is parking for residents only, therefor when friends and relatives visit they have to park in the Car Park. How awful and embarrassing that we have to ask them to pay to visit. **You are going to deny vulnerable elderly people of the one pleasure they still have left in life.**  
**Thank you very much you heartless uncaring Council**  
[REDACTED]



**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 February 2011 10:44  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Proposed charging for the Monton Car Park

Dear Councillor Merry,

I am sure you have had the opportunity to listen to the Radio 4 programme "You and Yours" broadcast last Thursday in which you were interviewed about the restructuring of the library services in Salford. You will no doubt recall from the same programme an item on the demise of the high street in northern towns and cities.

Nearly every shopkeeper interviewed in that feature cited car park charges as the primary cause for the demise of the high street as a place to shop. I understand that it is proposed to introduce charging to park on the Monton car park. Salford has in Monton a vibrant and successful shopping high street, there are no boarded up shops, it is always busy and it is supported by a very successful Community Association. Monton has succeeded despite large local supermarkets and the proximity of the Trafford Centre.

In contrast, not half a mile away, there is Liverpool Road in Patricroft which is littered with boarded up and derelict shops; a very poor advert for Salford for anybody driving into Eccles along the A58. Is this what we want Monton to end up like?

I know under the present economic climate there is a desire to maximise income and save on expenditure; but at what cost? I would suggest that any net profit from car park charges from Monton would soon be negated due to the loss of revenue from business council tax as shops begin to close. Add to this unemployment and other social security benefits paid to people who have lost their jobs as a result of shops closing.

I sincerely hope that the Council reconsiders this proposed scheme and ultimately decides to withdraw the plan to introduce charging to park in Monton.

Yours sincerely

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**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 26 February 2011 13:00  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** RE: CHARGES FOR MONTON CAR PARK

Dear Councillor Merry,

As a small business operating in the Monton area, I strongly disagree with the introduction of parking charges as this will result in a reduction in footfall, which will affect the local businesses. We are already in competition with the Trafford Centre where there are no parking charges. If you are not to create another "ghost town" please reject this idea.

Yours,

[REDACTED]

(Optometrist)

**Parkinson, Emma**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 26 February 2011 08:23  
**To:** Merry, Councillor  
**Subject:** Proposed Charges for the car park in Monton

I am writing to object to the proposed car park charges in Monton, I have just read the proposed charges on the Monton village website and think this would be a very bad idea. Look what happened to Swinton when the car parking fee was introduced there - everyone either went elsewhere or used the side streets. Monton high street is the only local high street with small independent businesses and I think they would suffer if car park fees were introduced. Swinton car park has stopped charging a fee - is this because no-one was using it? Was Swinton precinct suffering because of it? Charging for car parking may be a way of making a "quick buck" but at who's expense?

When Swinton started charging I stopped going there and if Monton start charging I will stop going there, when you have places like the trafford centre just on our doorstep with thousands of free parking to entice the shoppers in, why are councils and small communities making it harder for shoppers to visit local, independent shops.

I do hope that lots of people object to this charge and it does not go through as it will be a terrible blow to the lovely village of Monton.

Regards  
[REDACTED]