

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 February 2011 16:40
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Concerns Over Monton Village Proposed Car Parking Fees
Importance: High

Dear Councillor Merry

I write with regards to the proposed fee system the council intend to introduce to the Main Car Park in Monton Road.

Firstly I would like to explain that I am writing on behalf of my father [REDACTED] as he does not have email access, however I have included, what I believe are, some valuable points raised by myself from personal experience.

Secondly, David is the Manager of Tote Sport Bookmakers on Monton Road and has been so for some 15 years and from his experience this car park has been invaluable to his customers and to the Monton community.

David has raised concerns that introducing a fee system to this car park will have a major negative impact on his business as it will on all the businesses on Monton Road. This system will reduce the number of people using the car park and so less people will visit the village. As you will appreciate, at present, many businesses are struggling to keep afloat during this current climate, so adding to this will reduce trade dramatically more so, some may even collapse, due to financial hardship which is of real concern.

David would also like to point out that the majority of Monton Road has double yellow lines and so parking is scarce at present, adding a parking fee system to this will reduce custom even more.

Customers to the village may only need to visit one shop and therefore refuse to pay parking fees if they were introduced, as it wouldn't be worth their while so will chose to go elsewhere, hence further loss of trade. Introducing this fee system to the car park will cause a knock on effect for the whole community.

Similarly, visitors who do chose to visit the village will avoid parking on this car park, should they have to pay fees and will undoubtedly use the side streets. This will have a massive negative effect on the residents, as cars will be parked in unnecessary spots and block access to homes/private driveways. Hence distress to the residents which will result in the council receiving an extensive increase in the number of complaints made regarding residential parking.

From my point of view and my ongoing experience of Monton Road, I drive through there on a daily basis and have noticed that the roads are becoming increasingly busy. If this car park was to introduce fees, congestion would become heavier causing further delays to the traffic flow as there will be an increase in the number of cars parked on the main road particularly in the early morning/evening rush hour through to the motorways.

To add to this, could I ask why put a Tesco Express on this road that will not offer a free parking facility when other Tesco stores do? From a personal perspective I can almost guarantee that this will most certainly reduce the number of customers shopping at this newly opened store, despite the decision of refusal being made against the petition of the store being built. Surely this is bad business practice? Was this fee system included in Tesco Express's original proposal tender before approval? Did Tesco know that they will not be offering free parking facilities to its customers?



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Looking at all the above points from both my personal experiences and my fathers, introducing this fee system can and will only have a negative impact on the village causing trade loss/disruption/delays and distress to both businesses and residents. I can assure you that implementing a car parking fee system to the main car park will not be beneficial to Monton village or to the Monton community operationally or financially.

I would be most grateful if you could review and reconsider your decision.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely


On behalf of 
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M30 9LJ

Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 February 2011 22:10
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Monton car park

Dear Councillor,

I write to urge you NOT to impose fees on the above car park. They will be a pain in the neck as they will:

- cause people to park willy-nilly when they pop into the likes of Tesco;
- clog up the local streets so locals won't be able to park outside their own front doors;
- lead to more accidents due to illegal parking, thereby undoing the effects of the recent traffic calming, that was of course introduced because of the number of serious accidents along Monton Rd.

Yours sincerely,

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Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED] [ogden2@bhammet.com]
Sent: 01 March 2011 08:56
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Fw: Monton Parking

--- On Tue, 1/3/11, [REDACTED] wrote:

From [REDACTED]
Subject: Monton Parking
To: Councillor.Merry@salford.gov.uktil
Date: Tuesday, 1 March, 2011, 8:47

Almost 12 months ago I opened a Deli on Monton Road. At first it was great, until Tesco were allowed to open. This has affected dozens of shops on the road and should never have been given planning permission in what was a busy little street with local shops. Now, 5 months later, trying to pick up the pieces, you start charging for the car park. To charge £1.50 for up to 2 hours is ridiculous and very, very damaging to all the local shops, cause who is going to just drop into Monton now with this added cost? Do you really want all these high streets to disappear and be taken over by Tesco!! It is just not fair. [REDACTED].
Ivy Deli, 226 Monton Road, M30 9LJ.

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Parkinson, Emma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 February 2011 18:57
To: Merry, Councillor
Subject: Monton Car Park

Dear Sir,

I am writing to voice my concerns over the proposed charges for the Monton Car Park. I am highly concerned about the viability of the local businesses in the area. Please consider the importance of being able to offer a free location for the shoppers who wish to take advantage of the wonderful things that Monton village has to offer.

Thank you for your consideration.

[REDACTED]
Algernon Street
Monton
