

SUMMARY OF OBJECTIONS TO OFF STREET PARKING PLACES ORDER 2003

APPENDIX 1

NO.	OBJECTOR	REASONS FOR OBJECTION	OFFICER COMMENTS
1	Mrs V and Mr M Balfour Alswitha Terrace King Alfred Place Winchester	Use of Leisure Centre car park at night is causing problems since following redesign of car park, users are now closer to their property. Request closure of car park when Leisure Centre is closed and a maximum stay of 4 hours.	Closure of any car park at night is expensive on staff time and barriers would need to be installed. There would be the occasional problem of vehicles being locked in the car park despite signs showing opening times.
2	Mr S Morea Clausentum Road St Cross Winchester	High parking charges are a heavy handed approach to discourage car use. WCC/HCC employees should use alternative forms of transport. Leisure Centre users should not have to pay for parking. It should be free for up to say 3 or 5 hours.	Most District Councils use car park charges to cover the costs of providing and operating car parks. Proposed charges for Leisure Centre car park are only 20p per hour compared to 60p per hour in town centre car parks. Users of other community facilities such as the library have to pay for parking.
3	Mr A Norris Highfield Avenue Twyford	Most daytime users of Riverside Bowling Club are pensioners and this is a deliberate tax on pensioners leisure. Reasonably priced season tickets should be available for playing members.	There will be about 18 free parking spaces reserved for Club members within their leased area. This will be kept under review with the Bowling Club.
4	Mr N Rogerson Oaklands Close Winchester	Considers charging hours are too long affecting early morning and early evening users of the Leisure Centre. Charging hours should be 9am to 5pm and do not need to be consistent with other car parks. Advertising of proposal has been inadequate and no consultation with Leisure Centre users.	No reason why users before 9am and after 5pm should be treated differently from say older persons and parents with young children using the Leisure Centre between 9am and 5pm. Consultation has been carried out with 5,000 leaflets distributed in the Leisure Centre. Objections were invited as legally required.
5	Mr D Teale Oaklands Close Romsey Road Winchester	This heavy handed action is unnecessary. It will discourage young and old from using the Leisure Centre. Users know the problems better than Council officers. Decision has already been made since the expensive work has been completed. Inadequate consultation.	Charges have been kept low to ensure most users are not deterred from using Leisure Centre. Users would ideally want free parking for themselves but commuters kept out of car park. No decision on the charging proposals will be made until this and other objections have been considered by Cabinet.