

Controlled Parking Zone Amendment Order Response summary

The below summaries the responses associated with the Controlled Parking Zone Amendment Order consultation which took place between 10th July 2024 & 31st July 2024.

A total of 20 responses to the CPZ proposals were received. Of these 20 responses, 1 response was identified by location (Cemetery Hill) and 19 responses were received which did not specify where the objection was related to.

Cemetery Hill:

1 response was received in relation to the proposals at Cemetery Hill (as part of Zone C). The objection related to the reduction in the hours (from 4hrs max stay to 2hrs max stay) allowed to park in Cemetery Hill. The objector stated this will severely impact their business and prevent individuals being able to access much needed help and support, particularly as the Watergardens South carpark has also had its max stay period reduced from 4hrs to 2hrs in recent years and the top floor of Watergardens North Carpark has had available space reduced to the public. They state that they understand the need to increase parking charges in line with inflation but request that the max stay time for this bay remain at 4 hours, to continue to allow them to operate as previously.

Location not specified:

Below breaks down the key themes of the objections and the number of objections relating to the key themes.

Key Theme	Number of Objections
Changes will impact business	13
Cost	3
Consultation process	1
Do not want these changes	1
Not valid objection	1

13 objections were received which stated that the proposed changes will have an impact on businesses. The objections centered around costs already being too high and that further increasing costs will drive people away from shopping in the town to out of town/online locations, as the price rises are unaffordable, which will cause businesses to close as a result of lower footfall.

Three objections were received regarding cost stating that the price rises were unacceptable, unaffordable, not in line with inflation and pointless. Objectors also stated that the council had forgotten there is a cost-of-living crisis and that it should be doing more to help people than hinder them further. Respondents also stated the council should raise money through other avenues rather than increasing parking costs.

One response was received relating to the consultation process. The objector stated the links did not work so they objected because they couldn't view the documents.

One response was received that stated that the objector did not want these changes. No reasons were given for the objection.

Another response was received stating an objection to Controlled Parking Zones being introduced and offered reasons against the introduction of a CPZ, including the impact it would have on residents and their visitors. As no new CPZ areas are being introduced under this proposal, this is not considered a valid objection to the CPZ amendment order.

To summarise, a total of 19 valid objections have been made to this TRO. One objection to the proposed max stay reduction at Cemetery Hill has been made but stated no objection to the increased charges. An additional 18 objections covering different themes have been made, which are assumed to be across the entire proposed scheme, as no location was stated within the objection response.