

Crawley Borough Council

Report to the Leader of the Council

8 February 2022

Amendments to the Crawley Borough Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement and Consolidation) Order 2009

Report of the Head of Community Services, **HCS/37**

1. Purpose

- 1.1 Following a full public consultation on the amendment to the Crawley Borough Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement and Consolidation) Order 2009, the Leader of the Council is asked to consider the responses received, identify any amendments they wish to make to the proposal and approve in principle the final order.

2. Recommendation

- a) To consider the consultation responses in respect of the proposals as outlined and agree a course of action
- b) Approve amendments 1,3,4,5 & 6 to the Crawley Borough Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement and Consolidation) Order 2009, as set out in section 4.9.
- c) Amend item 2 of the proposal (section 4.9), specifically delaying the proposed extension to chargeable hours at Tilgate Park and Fisherman's Car Parks.
- d) Delegate the implementation of the approved order to the Head of Community Services in consultation with the Head of Legal, Governance and HR and appropriate Cabinet Member. This will include;
 - Letter to the objectors
 - Letters seeking the agreement of WSCC (include all objections)
 - Seal Order
 - Notice of Making the Order.
 - Notices for Publication within 14 days of making the Order
 - Specify when the Order has effect (signage)

3. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 3.1 The recommendations are required to ensure that the operation and enforcement of the Council's portfolio of owned and managed off-street car parks are legally compliant and in place as soon as possible. The recommended approach aims to provide a balance between ensuring a compliant, high quality service which continues to support the wider needs of residents and businesses relating to local traffic congestion and mitigate any future potential risks.

- 3.2 Without this in place the Council is unable to charge for parking, nor enforce matters, which will have a significant impact on parking availability and income streams to deliver services and maintain parking areas.
- 3.3 Elements of this amendment are time critical, specifically those relating to Kingsgate Car Park and Crawley Hospital Car Park.

4. Background

- 4.1 Following the closure of Kingsgate Carpark in 2021 following NCP's termination without notice of the lease agreement, the council voted to approve plans to bring this back under council operational control. In order to do this, legislation requires Crawley Borough Council (CBC) to consult and approve an amendment to the Crawley Borough Council Traffic Regulation Order.
- 4.2 In addition, in November 2021, Cabinet approved the necessary delegations that allow for the negotiation and securement of an agreement with NHS Property Services Ltd for CBC Parking Services to continue the operation and enforcement of the Off Street Parking Order at Crawley Hospital Car Park.
- 4.3 These elements are time critical if we are to meet the agreed deadlines for opening and / or resuming enforcement.
- 4.4 Wider commercialisation and sustainability opportunities also exist in other CBC owned and managed multi-storey and off-street parking facilities including Exchange Road, Orchard Street, Tilgate Park main carpark & Fisherman's carpark. During the pandemic period, parking-related income has seen significant reductions and management of this is critical to ensure we can provide effective and sustainable traffic and road management operation interventions.
- 4.5 Increases in parking charges by way of a variation require public notification and more substantive changes such as the inclusion of "pay to park" areas, such as Kingsgate and/or changes to charging practice require amendments to the Order. Each is subject to either a notification or public consultation process. This report summarises the responses to the notification and consultation.
- 4.6 In order to do this, the Council is required to amend the Off-Street Parking Places Order, and to issue a Notice of Amendment to incorporate proposed changes, following a prescribed consultation process that finished on 26th January 2022. .
- 4.7 The legal process to update the Off Street Parking Places Order to support the proposed changes is considered in two parts:
- a. **Notice of Amendment:** Where the order is being amended to include a new product / restriction / change of wording to the Order that may impact the car park and requires a consultation period of 21 days and a series of other legal interventions to complete the process.
 - b. **Notice of Variation of Charges:** Where charges are changed in the Order for some or all car parks and requires a 21 day notice period before those charges can be made. There is no requirement to consult. This applies to the proposed increase to pay and display charges.

4.8 The Council seeks, under its powers contained in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and all other enabling powers to amend the Crawley Borough Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement and Consolidation) Order 2009.

4.9 The effect of the amendments will be:-

(1) to incorporate Kingsgate Car Park into the order. This car park is an existing car park that was previously run by NCP and has been acquired by the Council.

(2) to increase the fees to be paid for parking (as set out in the consultation) at the following car parks: Fisherman's, Orchard Street Surface, Orchard Street Multi Storey, Tilgate and Town Hall Multi Storey.

(3) to amend the charging hours at Fisherman's and Tilgate car parks so that charges will be payable between 9am and 6pm throughout the year.

(4) to amend the charging hours at the Town Hall Multi Storey Car Park so that charges are payable between 7am and 12 midnight.

(5) to introduce weekend and evening rates at the Town Hall Multi Storey Car Park and Orchard Street Multi Storey Car Park

(6) to make administrative changes to the order including additional methods and means of payment available at all car parks, namely Fisherman's, Hospital Car Park, Kingsgate, Orchard Street Surface, Orchard Street Multi Storey, Tilgate and Town Hall Multi Storey

Notice of Variation of Charges

4.10 On 26th January 2022, the Council issued a Notice of Variation of Charges and advertised this in local press, via notices in public spaces including in car parks and via social media. This is a statutory process set out in legislation, but which **does not** require public consultation. Where charges are changed in the Order for some or all car parks, the Council is required to provide a 21 day notice period before the change in charges can be made. This applies to the proposed increase to pay and display charges.

4.11 As such, it is recommended that item 2 (section 4.5 of this report) is already agreed.

Consultation

4.12 The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 requires the Council to issue a Notice of Amendment where the order is being amended to include a new product / restriction / change of wording to the Order that may impact the car park. The council are also required to undertake a full public consultation for a period of 21 days alongside a series of other legal interventions to complete the process.

4.13 The elements which we therefore consulted upon to gain an understanding of the public's views were 1,3,4,5 & 6, as set out in section 4.5 of this report.

5. Key Areas for Consideration

5.1 As part of this process, Crawley Borough Council are not required to carry out consultation in relation to car park fees and charges. The increased fees and charges element has already been approved as part of the Budget Strategy ([Budget Strategy 2021/22 - 2025/26 FIN/508](#)) and through decisions taken by Cabinet

Members within delegated authority. Whilst these increases haven't yet been implemented due to service and legal anomalies that this process will resolve, the decision to increase fees & charges has effectively been taken.

- 5.2 Any departure from the agreed budget strategy relating to fees & charges would be a key decision and would require debate and approval at Full Council. Any delay would have a significant financial impact on the service and further delay the opening of Kingsgate Carpark. In addition to the financial impact associated with Kingsgate Carpark, delays would cause disruption to operational viability of other off-street parking and would put at risk the enforcement contract at Crawley Hospital and which could result in a significant loss of income. This would in turn have a significant impact on the Council's budget position for 2022/23.
- 5.3 There have been strong representations made by both park users and residents local to Tilgate & Fisherman's car park regarding the proposed changes to the chargeable hours at these locations. These responses require further consideration as serious concerns have been raised in relation to displacement of traffic into the locality which may cause road safety and accessibility issues.

6. Information & Analysis Supporting Recommendation

Consultation

- 6.1 The Council has received 94 representations via formal means to the proposed changes (Appendix One).
- 6.2 The representations focus on:
- Objections to the increases in charges
 - Objections to the inclusion of additional hours of charging at Fisherman's and Tilgate Car Parks. (Primarily from local residents and participants of Park Run.)
 - Objections to the levels of charges
- 6.3 A large amount of responses received, which can be read in full in Appendix 1, are in relation to the uplift in charges across all off-street and multi-storey facilities. Crawley Borough Council are not required to carry out consultation in relation to charges and the uplift is critical in ensuring we can deliver a sustainable and effective enforcement provision. The increased fees and charges element has already been approved as part of the Budget Strategy ([Budget Strategy 2021/22 - 2025/26 FIN/508](#)).
- 6.4 We also received a high volume of responses regarding **the amendment** which includes increasing chargeable hours in Tilgate and Fisherman's carpark (amendment 3, section 4.9). A majority of these responses are in relation to 'Park Run' which takes place in Tilgate Park weekly.
- 6.5 Park Run, whilst providing a positive community impact and benefits to physical and mental wellbeing also causes environmental stress on the soft landscaping of the park and pathways and this is increasing as the event grows bigger. As such, the proposal was to invest income into Tilgate Park to ensure we can sustain the additional use and continue to provide a safe and visually pleasing green space to residents and visitors.

- 6.6 Whilst the responses make reference to the amendments' potential to deter people from attending the event, parking at Park Run venues across the country do charge, including in neighbouring Horsham.
- 6.7 Other responses regarding Tilgate and Fisherman's Carparks are from Tilgate Ward residents and particularly ones who live close to the park. It is these responses that require a further decision to be made as serious concern from the residents has been shared in relation to displacement which may cause road safety and accessibility issues.

Options for Consideration

- 6.8 It is not recommended to make any adjustments to amendments 1, 4, 5 & 6.
- 6.8.1 Amendment 1 (section 4.9): The amendment to the Order is key to enable the Council to charge and enforce activities at this location. Significant investment has taken place to enable the car park become a secure 24 hour operation, with fees and charges mirroring Orchard Street Multi Storey Car Park. However, payment will be by APP, Card or Permit only.
- 6.8.2 Amendment 4 (section 4.9):
- 6.8.3 Amendment 5 (section 4.9): This reflects that the Town Hall Car Park will become a secure 24 hour facility from April 2022, and mirrors the fees and charges at Orchard Street Multi Storey Car Park, and seeks to future proof Council Car Parks in terms of the inclusion of evening charges,
- 6.8.4 Amendment 6 (section 4.9): This allows for APP based payments across all car parks. Given the challenges at Kingsgate Car Park, APP and Card payment only is supported. The Council will also operate Permit Parking in the same way it does in its other car parks.
- 6.9 Further to the consultation responses, the following options, specifically related to Item 3 (Tilgate & Fisherman's Car parks), have been considered.

6.10 Option one:

Proceed with proposed amendments to the Crawley Borough Council Traffic Regulation Order to increase chargeable hours and increase in fees & charges (exempt from consultation requirement) in relation to Tilgate Carpark and Fisherman's Carpark. This option will result in a projected additional income of £44,032.68pa; income for this proposal is set to be reinvested into increased enforcement demand, and to contribute to the maintenance and operation of Tilgate Park including Tilgate and Fisherman's carparks.

6.11 Option two:

Delay amendments to the chargeable hours of both Tilgate and Fisherman's Carparks until such time a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) can be introduced in residential streets surrounding Tilgate Park to prevent displacement of vehicles. Delaying this amendment will result in a decrease in annual income by an estimated £15,244.46. However, retaining the uplift in fees and charges will still result in a projected additional annual income of £28,788.22.

6.12 Option three:

Delay amendments to the chargeable hours of both Tilgate and Fisherman's Carparks *and* uplift in the fees and charges until such time a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) can be introduced in residential streets surrounding Tilgate Park to prevent displacement of vehicles. This will result in no additional income associated with Tilgate & Fisherman's carpark, and will impact on maintenance of Tilgate Park.

Recommended option

- 6.13 Option two is the recommended option following a full public consultation on proposed amendments to the Crawley Borough Council Traffic Regulation Order. Residents in street surrounding Tilgate Park have expressed concerns around displaced parking as a result of an increase in charging hours and that there are concerns relating to road safety and emergency services vehicles accessing streets particularly at weekends.
- 6.14 This issue is evidenced by the temporary closure of Tilgate and Fisherman's carpark during coronavirus restrictions and there was significant traffic displacement in surrounding streets which caused nuisance and annoyance to residents and posed road safety risks. Residents have highlighted these concerns as part of the consultation and as such, the decision maker is asked to take this into consideration.
- 6.15 As such, the decision is not to permanently exclude Tilgate and Fisherman's carpark from the Traffic Regulation Order, but to delay this until such time Crawley Borough Council can work with West Sussex County Council to mitigate this risk and to ensure that this does not cause displacement of impact negatively on road safety or accessibility.
- 6.16 A number of representations were received in relation to 'Park Run', a weekly running event that takes place within Tilgate Park. Whilst there is recognition of the health and wellbeing benefits of this event, this event has an environmental impact; particularly on the soft landscape adjacent to paths used by runners and, as the event grows in size and popularity, repair and maintenance of these areas are essential for the safety of park users and for positive visual aesthetics.
- 6.17 An increase in fees and charges as planned will provide an income of £15,244.46 which will provide some contribution to the park to ensure maintenance can be up kept.
- 6.18 Initial proposals have already been submitted to West Sussex County Council regarding the introduction of a controlled parking zone in streets surrounding Tilgate Park and should this be the decision taken, Crawley Borough Council will request this proposal is prioritised and any work to introduce be accelerated.

Rationale for disregarding other options

- 6.19 Option one was proposed to ensure Crawley Borough Council can fund the increased enforcement capacity required to deliver an enhanced level of traffic regulation enforcement activity and improve road safety and to reduce nuisance parking on surrounding residential streets. In addition, further funding is required to ensure essential maintenance of Tilgate Park and the extending of chargeable hours was identified as a mechanism to commercialise the park to achieve a more sustainable position. An estimated income of £44,032.68 per annum was projected by introducing an uplift in charges and chargeable hours.

- 6.20 Option three will have negative financial implications of an estimated £44,032.68 shortfall in projected annual income which forms part of existing plans to fund increased enforcement activity and essential park maintenance and to support the park to become more sustainable. Charges are excluded from public consultation requirements and would not be considered as formal feedback to an amendment of a traffic regulation order.
- 6.21 Delegation of implementation of the approved order to the Head of Community Services in consultation with the Head of Legal, Governance and HR and appropriate Cabinet Member will allow for a rapid resolution of the issue.

7. Implications

- 7.1 *Financial Implications:* The Council is reliant on parking income to achieve a balanced budget. Failure to resolve this matter in a timely way will compromise this significantly.
- 7.2 Failure to respond to legal advice and update the agreement to comply fully with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 could expose the Council to risk of challenge to the issuing of Penalty Charge Notices. The Council has a moral obligation to respond where non-compliance has been formally highlighted.
- 7.3 The proposed approach will seek to retain the positive revenue position for the Council.
- 7.4 *Legal and Procurement Implications:*

The Council must act in a legal and proportionate way in the enforcement activities afforded to it under legislation. Legal advice has been obtained in relation to how the Council can comply with the legislation and provide relief from congestion in the area by operating its portfolio of off-street car parks. The proposed arrangements and agreements will be finalised having first obtained legal advice.

8. Background Papers

- 8.1 Budget Strategy ([Budget Strategy 2021/22 - 2025/26 FIN/508](#))

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Appendix One

Submission	Summary of Comment	Which Car Park
Councillor DC	<p>As the County Councillor for Tilgate, I know only too well the issues on nearby roads caused by displacement parking from the park.</p> <p>While thankfully the number of days each year that the carparks are full are not too many, what is more common is people calculating that the cost of the carparks makes it worthwhile for them to park on the residential roads to avoid the charges, often causing parking difficulties for these residents. A 9% increase this year will only make this worse.</p> <p>The removal of the free parking before 11am in the Fisherman's carpark will disproportionately impact local people going for relatively short morning walks and runs around the lake in particular - a healthy activity we are all keen to support. It will impact far less on people going to the park for longer visits, often from further afield.</p> <p>I therefore object to these proposals.</p>	Tilgate and Fishermans
Public SH	<p>I would be very concerned that any increase in parking rates would impact on the number of people using Crawley Town Centre and its associated shops etc. We have already lost Debenhams and multiple other shops in the recent past and anything that can be done to reduce parking costs and motivate people to go into town and not shop online should be explored.</p> <p>If you make parking cheap in Crawley you will attract visitors from other towns as well keeping the shops in business, and increasing income for the town. It may motivate other stores to come to Crawley.</p> <p>I would also strongly urge you to have a system where people pay on departure for parking and don't have to estimate how long they'll going to need parking for by making people pay on arrival particularly if you cannot transfer your ticket to someone else for the time which you didn't need after all. This was a lovely community spirited action that many people take in various towns and anything that stops that is really very very sad. Payment on arrival is also bad news for shops as people have to leave at a set time. Increasing parking costs with the other rises to cost of living for all people in the town is surely a poorly thought out policy.</p>	All

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Public XX	<p>I am contacting you to object to the proposed changes to the payment hours at the Fishermans Car Park, Tilgate.</p> <p>I have 2 reasons for objecting.</p> <p>Firstly, the proposed extension of charging hours at both ends of the day will significantly increase the amount of cars trying to find alternative parking in the local area. Parking spaces for residents are already at a premium and the addition of more vehicles trying to park in residential roads will add to the congestion already well documented in the area. Larger events such as Park Run will obviously cause a huge displacement of cars as the Fishermans Car Park is always very busy during this event and the adjoining car parks at Tilgate Golf Centre, which are at this time free to park in, will be unable to absorb the extra vehicles. This will be particularly noticeable once the weather improves and more golfers are out at earlier times. Residents already suffer on a daily basis with parking problems and to add to this further seems grossly unfair. I have been told by a CBC officer that the change is due in part to fishermen complaining they had to return to their vehicles at 11am to pay for parking. As there is now the option to pay via a mobile app I do not see how this reason can still be put forward as part of the justification for making these changes.</p> <p>Secondly, and from a personal perspective more importantly, losing the opportunity to be able to park at Fishermans Car Park at either end of the day without charge is going to impact most severely on those who need it most. The chance to be able to access Tilgate Park for a variety of reasons without additional cost is incredibly helpful, especially to Crawley residents who use this option the most. Some of us do suffer with mobility and health problems or mental health issues. Having the opportunity to relieve both mental and physical stress and enjoy a “change of scenery and a bit of fresh air” cannot be undervalued. Just being able to say Hello to a passer-by can make a huge difference to someone’s day. Having to pay for this will make those on a fixed or low income think twice about affordability and withdrawing this facility is going to hurt those of us who already have issues in our lives that we are trying to deal with.</p> <p>It is well know that access to a green space can be both therapeutic and beneficial towards a person’s sense of wellbeing. I urge you to consider the positive effect that current charging times can offer</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate

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	and to think about how the proposed changes will negatively affect residents.	
Public NT	<p>I write to protest about the planned changes to Crawley car parks, in particular Fishermens and Tilgate car parks.</p> <p>As a dedicated parkrunner, as well as a very regular volunteer for junior parkrun on Sunday mornings, I believe the intention to alter the chargeable hours from 11am to 9am will deter many from undertaking parkrun on Saturday mornings and junior parkrun on Sunday mornings. The changes will no doubt bring in a few extra pounds to the coffers of Crawley Council but at what price? Parkrun is a community outdoor event which helps the well being, fitness, health and mental health of so many. Junior parkrun does exactly the same and hopefully starts youngsters off thinking of their fitness etc at a time when all you hear about is their obesity and mental health issues and being glued to smartphones, video games etc.</p> <p>I acknowledge that there are financial pressures everywhere but I would ask, in view of the above, for this matter to be reconsidered.</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public SW	<p>I am writing to object to the following point (3) set within the proposal to Changes to council car parks: To amend the charging hours at Fishermans and Tilgate car parks so that charges will be payable between 9am and 6pm throughout the year Tilgate is the home of Park Run every Saturday and Christmas Day. It's a free 5K organised by volunteers to allow people to run and/or walk the distance around the park. It encourages people to meet and be active. For some people, this could be their only form or exercise each week and social activity. As we are aware it is incredibly important for us to stay fit and healthy to limit the strain on the NHS and in recent years the spread of COVID-19. In addition, there has been an increase in people suffering with mental health issues and exercise is recognised as a way of coping.</p> <p>Not everyone lives within walking distance and rely on using the car park at this time. I strongly advise you to reconsider the chargeable times you are proposing to exclude this time.</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public KB	I object to car parking charges at parks on the grounds that these are public health spaces and instead of increasing these you should be scrapping the charges.	Fishermans and Tilgate

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Public KD	I use Tilgate car park when I do park run on a Saturday morning. With the parking charges increasing I will have to stop going on a Saturday as I cannot afford to pay more for parking every week. You will find people will start parking on the streets causing upset with the residents.	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public CB	I think is very unfair to on crease park charges in our town and parks People need to get out exercise in the parks.Also businesses and shops need us shop to keep them going and the staff at work Regards Carol Bellamy	All
Public RB	<p>I'm writing to object about the proposed changes to car park charges, in particular those at Tilgate park affecting Saturday morning parkruns.</p> <p>Attending Parkruns regularly has been proven to have had a positive effect on people's health and well being and introducing car park charges may mean local people are unable to attend this free event. Crawley Borough Council should surely be doing everything in their power to encourage local people to make use of the local parks and attending parkruns not introducing car park charges which will discourage people from attending!</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public VF	<p>I wish to object to the parking charges at Tilgate Park. Which have been announced on the council website. https://crawley.gov.uk/consultation/2022/changes-council-car-parks?fbclid=IwAR2QLRjDe_BijfzE2HJVjRLiG1sOZK-nQNeTOcupp7-bqTLecNChhg_kglY</p> <p>As a Tilgate resident, we are seeing more and more visitors use the on street parking in the neighbourhood and walking up to the park.</p> <p>Whilst I recognise the need to charge for the upkeep of the park. Surely the consultation should include the impact of local people to the park.</p> <p>I completely understand the need to increase the costs as it's an income for CBC. But there's no provision or plans in place to improve on the street parking for Tilgate residents. Tilgate is one of the neighbourhoods with a lot of grass space.</p> <p>Over the last few years, since COVID the park has become more busier than usual and it's continued which is great for the local businesses and tourism. But parking locally is getting more and more difficult especially Tilgate side of the park, including</p>	All

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	<p>Salisbury Road, surrounding roads including Winchester Road areas.</p> <p>With the increase you will push more visitors to park locally as it's free, which is making it more difficult for local residents. I live in Hereford Close, and the last few days, 4 visitors have parked in the close all day to visit the park with young children. As it's free parking.</p> <p>Maybe the only way is to introduce some sort of parking Scheme locally. I as a local resident would be willing to pay so I can park outside my house.</p>	
Public GS	<p>I wish to comment on the proposal to change the car park charges and timings.</p> <p>With regard to item 2 within the proposal published 5th January 2022.</p> <p>I understand the need to increase fees within the car parks to cover escalating wage costs along with maintenance costs but would it not be easier to simplify the costing structure and reduce the options, in other words :- up to 1 hour - £1:10 Up to 2 hours - £2:50 Up to 3 hours - £3:50 All day - £6:00</p> <p>with regard to item 3 - change of hours</p> <p>It is obvious to me that Crawley Borough Council are not aware of the number of children who attend the Junior Park Run on a Sunday morning at 9am - usually in the region of 60 ! or for that matter the senior park run on a Saturday at 9am (this past week 399 runners ! not including the vast number of volunteers who help local people in marshalling this event.</p> <p>By changing the timings this will have one of three effects:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. people attending will reduce 2. those attending will park in the local streets / on verges - in areas that are already at near capacity, this will also have the effect of increasing the number of calls for the council to provide additional residential parking. 3. some runners go to the walled garden cafe or the pop up coffee kiosk at lakeside - this will reduce if runners are having to pay for parking. 	All

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	<p>So by changing the parking times I consider that the footfall within the park will reduce.</p> <p>I personally use the park on a regular basis, living in Northgate I wait for going to work traffic to ease and get to the park about 9:30 for a walk of around 1hour 15minutes I have been doing this for the past 2 years, with your proposal of time changes that would now cost me £286 each year for my morning exercise in what is a pleasant and sociable location, provided for the towns people.</p> <p>I will certainly not be able to use the park if the changes take place unless I park in a residential area, to which i am strongly opposed to, as i live near to the town but outside a residential parking zone and as such am plagued with parking by town visitors</p>	
Public TU	<p>I'm writing to oppose the proposed changes in hours and increases to the parking in the car parks at Tilgate.</p> <p>I live in Sargent Close in Tilgate, which is right by Tilgate Park. Each year when the weather improves we see a large increase in the number of people parking in the road and nearby roads. This number increases year on year.</p> <p>I appreciate anyone can park in the public road but when they are only small thin roads and people decide to park all over the place, grass verges, on the corners of roads to save on paying for parking it makes it very dangerous not only to use and access the driveway but also for predestinations using the paths and crossing the roads.</p> <p>The increased visitors parking in residential roads leads to some local residents not even able to park near there house on sunny days.</p> <p>Longer paying hours and increased rates will make living near to Tilgate park horrendous when it starts warming up.</p> <p>If this change goes ahead there needs to be serious consideration to making Tilgate roads residents only parking - but at no cost to residents. Though I also know that to police this it will cost money. So it comes in via the increased costs from parking and goes out on monitoring the local roads - my point is is there any point implementing the increased hours/charges at all?</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate

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	Unless the Council care more about the visitors/income than the Tilgate residents!	
Public CP	I'd like to object to the increase in parking charges. A lot of parkrun goers use the fisherman's car park on a Saturday morning and this will affect all those participants. It is a free weekly event to encourage all to take part in and seems unjustified to increase the charge and timings Please rethink	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public MT	<p>Do not increase parking charges - its extortionate as it is especially at the hospitals. I think the cost of parking in Crawley is appalling.I was also very upset by the closure of the adventure playgrounds.</p> <p>If you want to make money start patrolling & giving fines for the appalling & dangerous parking outside schools!</p> <p>You will not be getting my vote ever again</p>	All
Public TR	<p>Was very disappointed to see change of hours for parking. Increase in price</p> <p>I think what has been done up at Tilgate is fantastic, it does bring in alot of outside interest what great for the area , however as long as the car park facilities are reasonable priced.</p> <p>Being a Tilgate resident very concerned that visitors will then use the pubic roads to park on even more.</p> <p>I for one do not appreciate seeing cars parked up on pavements and on grass verge it makes the community look run down .</p> <p>Surely to continue to bring in revenue we should be encouraging people to use the car park facilities not the opposite.</p> <p>The other thing to consider is with more cars in the residents area more chance of a child/ adult walking out and not being seen</p>	All
Public SR	<p>I am email to share my concerns over the proposal to:</p> <p>"To amend the charging hours at Fishermans and Tilgate car parks so that charges will be payable between 9am and 6pm throughout the year"</p> <p>This will have a huge impact on Saturday mornings as the fisherman car park is used between 8.30am</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate

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	<p>and 10pm for many people who attend the park run.</p> <p>Park run is completely free and the application of parking fees will deter people from attending these runs which have a positive impact of peoples mental and physical health.</p> <p>The other issue that applying fees at this time will just push people to park on the local road which are already very crowded Road especially in Salisbury Road. Or people will try to park at K2 which itself gets busy with events or in the golf centre.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my objections to this proposal</p>	
Public PA	<p>I'm objecting to charges of car parking at the Fisherman's car park at Tilgate. Saturday & Sunday. Parkrun is a very popular event which promotes healthy living.</p> <p>Why on earth would anybody consider putting this at risk by making charges. Just the Council trying to make money.</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public KB	<p>I would like to lodge my complaint against the proposed increase in parking charges for Tilgate PARK. The park is a public place, not private and as such I feel we should not really be paying a single penny to park there, let alone by an increase of 9 percent! The increase is huge and not even inline with current inflation. The park is a place that should be accessible for all and should not incur cost, for some people the increase really will mean the difference between their children going out or staying home as 2 hours at the park, plus petrol to get there might be prohibitive. When did Crawley become a town concerned about only making money and not making residents happy? It is a sorry state of affairs when people are priced out of doing the everyday...I hope the council has a sensible discussion about these proposed charges and refrains from the increase</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public JL	<p>I am writing to object to the proposed changes to the Charging hours at the Tilgate car parks.</p> <p>These car parks are used by 300+ people attending the 9am Saturday park run. Park run is free and available to so many people from all walks of life.</p> <p>Park run is a life line to so many people in the current climate and by charging from 9am many</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate

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	<p>people will no longer be able to attend. Park runners take over the park at this time of day so it's a direct hit on us. It would be fairer to charge from 10:30 when park run is over and the general public are visiting. There is also the Park run junior on a Sunday to consider</p>	
Public CAG	<p>As a member of Tilgate Forest Golf Club I get very annoyed and frustrated with the ever increasing number of joggers, ramblers, dog walkers and families who park in the golf club car parks. Some days in Summer it is impossible to park in order to use the golf centre. This is because these are free-to-park, and putting up the prices of the other Tilgate Park car parks is only going to make the situation worse. Another reason why so many non-golfers park there is the poor signage. Nowhere does it say that the car parks are for users of the golf centre only. Perhaps this needs addressing first.?</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public PA	<p>I am emailing in objection to the proposed changes to charging at Crawley council car parks. Specifically I am in disagreement with the plan to charge for parking from 0900 to 1800 at the Fisherman's car park at Tilgate Park. My reason for disagreeing with this is that the car park is used every Saturday morning currently for free by those attending the parkrun event at Tilgate, which is a brilliant event often 'prescribed' by GPs for people's mental and physical health. By charging for the car park, it is likely that less people will attend the event and more people will try to park on the surrounding residential roads, where there is already an issue with parking. Attending parkrun regularly has many proven benefits to people's health and Crawley borough council should be doing everything they can to encourage people to attend. As a result of the pandemic, many more people in England are living with obesity and struggling with their mental health. Parkrun is a big part of the solution for many. I would ask you to please reconsider this proposal.</p>	All
Public CH	<p>Please note my objection to raising car park prices in Tilgate Park. As a local resident who frequently uses the park for numerous reasons, I feel this is unfair. I believe I already support the park through the amount of time I spend there with my children and am willing to do so. However, the cost of living is hugely rising and so now is not the time to increase costs. Perhaps a different cost for out of town visitors or just the weekends? I'm also thankful to live just outside as I have seen how</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate

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	<p>people parking in front of resident's homes to visit the park can be hugely annoying.</p> <p>I hope you will consider these points</p>	
Public CL	I can't believe that the council is going to charge people to park their cars when taking part in ParkRun on a Saturday morning. I thought the whole idea was to get people active! THINK AGAIN COUNCIL!	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public JW	<p>Parkrun on Saturdays is free, good for the community and east to access for everyone.</p> <p>Changing the car parking hours to start at 9am instead of 11am on a Saturday would have a huge impact. I would like to express my objection to the parking charge increase as a small business owner based in the area. I rely on people visiting the park and with the current discussion progressing banning dogs of lead i feel this is going to be another blow to my business Totally object</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public SR	I would like to express my objection to the parking charge increase as a small business owner based in the area. I rely on people visiting the park and with the current discussion progressing banning dogs of lead I feel this is going to be another blow to my business	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public DW	<p>I really do not think the council should be charging at all, let alone putting the price up, for tilgate park. We should be encouraging exercise & families getting together, not putting them off by making it a money making scheme.</p> <p>Exercise is free, let's make being there free too.</p> <p>I meet my family at tilgate park for walks which makes for a lovely few hours, we will be rethinking if prices keep increasing 😞</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public RH	I don't understand how you can propose increasing car park charges when there is nothing in the town? Increasing the charges isn't going to encourage people to go to the shops?! If you want people to go to the shops/restaurants then keep the prices as they are!	All
Public JT	Sadly, the Crawley Observer article around pricing of car park price increases was not clear to me around increases proposed. It did not specify hourly rates well. I found the article around pricing confusing and ambiguous. Not a great start to feedback. However, 1.60 per hour is too much in	All

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	<p>my opinion when you may only wish to park for 15 minutes or an hour. Other county's in Sussex I've been charged 0.40 per hour. Makes me wonder what they are doing right to support residents, businesses and keeping their costs low.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why soo expensive in Crawley? 2. What justifies these increases in Crawley? 3. How can you justify the cost increases? <p>An explanation of this would be welcomed. I'm saddened to see this but understand if the council has a legitimate reason to increase prices. Could you expand on this issue?</p> <p>All at a time when the consequences of inflation is sky rocketing and people are struggling to pay energy bills and buy food. I don't think people have the appetite for more increases. For me personally, I will not be attending any Crawley locations to shop or spend money going forward when I can go elsewhere and it is significantly cheaper.</p> <p>Your choice to increase prices, I believe will kill off any potential growth for businesses and jobs which is badly needed at this time. In turn this will lead to less revenue paid to the council and services. I can visualise a doom loop which could potentially make things worse.</p> <p>A more radical approach would be to do the opposite, advertise this to attract business by making parking free for a temporary period of time to attract people back to these locations. After a period of time charge 50 pence an hour to continue attracting business back to area. Once business has growth then consider higher prices if appropriate.</p> <p>I think any price increases should be aligned with the Bank of England interest rates. Otherwise, this is a disproportional increase which is an invisible tax without proper justification.</p>	
Public PS	<p>I would like to register my objections to the proposed car park price changes in and around Crawley.</p> <p>There is already a cost of living crisis, the council will no doubt be increasing council taxes paid by house and business owners to the maximum amount permitted, carpark increases in the town centre will be another significant cost to Crawley</p>	All? But references Tilgate

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	<p>residents and further drive shoppers out of the town shops, many struggling to survive already.</p> <p>Raising charges at recreational areas such as Tilgate park is effectively increasing a tax on the enjoyment of our open spaces.</p> <p>Residents and business tax payers should be exempt from all parking fees around Crawley, we already own these parking areas, paid for with tax payers money.</p>	
LB	<p>I write regarding the proposal to extend the parking charges for tilgate and fisherman's throughout the year.</p> <p>Whilst I understand that the council has a deficit and needs to review all revenue streams I'm not convinced the extended window to start at 9am has been fully thought through considering park run on Saturdays.</p> <p>As you may know this is heavily attended event which allows the members of Crawley free and accessible community exercise. This is known to improve mental and physical well-being. Which is certainly something this town needs!</p> <p>Furthermore I am concerned that imposing parking tariffs during this time will only encourage park runners to park on the surrounding highways. There is a proven track record of this overspill parking on Tilgate streets during large events (in paid parking hours) causing dangerous parking, parking on verges and pavements and restricting safe opportunities for pedestrians and other road users.</p> <p>My final thought is that generally increasing the hours will increase the number of general park users at peak time. At the moment, there are people who use the park deliberately before the parking fees kick in which naturally spreads of park users across the day.</p> <p>May I kindly ask that you reconsider the knock on safety affects and potential health affects of this proposal.</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public CH	<p>I would like to protest against car park charge for tilgate, as many people use the park for fitness activities. The council should be promoting health. These increased fees will dissuade people especially the less well off.</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate

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Public SW	<p>I would like to register my objection to the proposed changes/increases to parking charges.</p> <p>I live in Tilgate so i am already very affected by parking issues, especially from people visiting the park. Often i cannot park anywhere near my property, which causes me great discomfort with my back when trying to carry shopping in, one of the reasons I moved to a ground floor flat was to help with my back issues.</p> <p>The volume of traffic in the road trying to find free parking, makes it dangerous for everyone but especially children, the elderly and people with mobility issues.</p> <p>The park is one of the few free places to visit and exercise, given the current circumstances with covid we should be encouraging people to use outside spaces not making it harder for them?</p>	All but references Tilgate
Public SH	<p>I would like to voice my objection to these planned changes.</p> <p>As I'm sure you'll already be aware, this will reduce the number of people who wish to exercise early mornings and evenings if they have to pay parking fees, especially as the days get longer.</p> <p>This also has a potential knock on effect to the smaller, non fee car parks along Tilgate Drive that service other areas of the forest and the Recreation Huts. Many people are already parking at the huts, then walking into the forest. I belong to one of the clubs and frequently have difficulty parking of an evening because of this.</p> <p>Or is the intention to eventually charge a fee in them all? As a resident of Tilgate I'm getting fed up of paying extra for things that I already pay council tax for.</p> <p>Please take into account the above as part of the decision making process.</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public CP	<p>Like a lot of people our income has plummeted because of Covid.</p> <p>We are encouraged to get out and about in green spaces for our physical and mental health.</p> <p>Now we will have to pay for an early morning walk in Tilgate and what will this do to parkrun .A lot of people volunteer for this too to help and now they will have to pay for volunteering ?</p>	Tilgate and Fishermans

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	<p>My husband has physical limitations and we can't afford to pay to go out .He struggles to walk up the hill and So many people like us will suffer who are already struggling financially .</p> <p>Shame on the person who thought this was a good idea .It's also going to gridlock Tilgate with people trying to find free parking early am</p>	
Public IT	<p>If you want to get people into the town or parks you should stop paying to park, other towns are seeing increasing numbers of people using their town shops and open spaces as they do not have to pay to park. Increasing the price will make me travel to other towns and better shopping.</p>	All
Public PH	<p>I am writing to object to the proposal of increasing the hours in which you will apply charges at the Fisherman's carpark and tilgate Park.</p> <p>This will mean people who park there for the park run will now need to pay.</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public SO	<p>I am a run leader for a free run club in Crawley. The club was created to contribute to mental and physical well being in the community.</p> <p>Physical exercise has been promoted via various channels to improve mental health, including government initiatives.</p> <p>I am very concerned to see the proposals of extending charging hours at tilgate for parking which will have a direct impact on people attending the local free park run.</p> <p>This will create two issues: 1) reduce the number of participants as people will not pay the amount 2) create parking issues for the residents in an area that is already suffering from an awful parking situation</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public WO	<p>I am very disappointed that you are going to start charging from 9am ! I drive there on my day off to take my dogs for a walk and park in the fisherman's car park as its free</p> <p>If you charge from nine people will park in golf club car park which they will not like and the lakeside I will be affected</p> <p>what happened to helping people's mental health and well by walking/jogging etc This will also affect the park run</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate

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	Awful idea but knowing the council decision has already been made	
Public LT	I object to changing the time on the car parking charges at tilgate. This will have a detrimental effect especially on the hundreds of Parkrunners who park there on a Saturday and Sunday morning. The whole idea of people coming to park run is that they are part of a 'family', good for health and wellbeing especially after the last two years, running/walking and volunteering helps the mental health of people enormously. Putting a charge on before 11 in the park will put a lot of Parkrunners off attending	Tilgate and Fishermans
Public DC	<p>Pleas register my opposition to the proposed hole in car parkingWe want to encoure people into shopping in Crawley and the increases at tilgate park just drive people to use local 22esidential streets</p> <p>It's also over inflation and greedy when people are just coming out of a pendemic</p>	Tilgate and Fishermans
Public VC	The fisherman's carpark is used by Tilgate junior parkrun volunteers and young runners on a Sunday morning at 9am so it is essential no charging occurs until 10 am to keep this health promoting activity free and available to all.	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public WM	<p>I wish to record my objection to the proposed changes, in particular the change of charging hours for Fisherman's car park. On Saturday and Sunday mornings, this is the main carpark used by those taking part in ParkRun and Junior ParkRun and otherwise free event which routinely sees 350+ participants plus volunteers. ParkRun provides a tremendous health and well-being benefit to the community. Introducing these changes would likely affect the participants and volunteers, and would amount to the council putting a tax on the health of local residents.</p> <p>Increasing carpark fees at a time when there is less and less need for people to visit shops in person seems like a negative step. Crawley town centre is getting more and more tired and sad – it will not attract interesting new shops if people are discouraged from visiting in the first place. I would be expecting the council to be taking measures to encourage people to visit the town, (E.g. by providing a short free parking period) rather than hiking the cost for those who find they have no other option.</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate

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Public MC	<p>The main reason I don't visit Crawley is the cost of parking. That and the town centre is virtually devoid of good shopping.</p> <p>Also I am shocked that Tillgate car parks will charge for mornings, this will be a massive blow to the park runs. Park run has played a major part in improving the health and fitness for many. It has great inspirational spirit and community and charges before 11am will be detrimental to this.</p> <p>Stop being greedy and start thinking about the town's residents for once</p>	All
Public JB	<p>It appears that your plan is to now deter visitors to our town to shop etc by increasing costs.</p> <p>With the 10.4% tax hike coming, along with increased fuel and council tax rises on the horizon, I'd have thought that now would have been the time to reduce costs like this. We need more visitors to help keep the struggling businesses at the moment. Soon we will have no town centre worth visiting unless you want a coffee.</p> <p>This will put many off and could make Crawley a ghost town.</p>	All
Public AD	<p>The only objecting I would have is the charge from time at Tigate and the Fisherman's car parks. Maybe make them, or one of them, from 10am instead of 9? Just thinking of the Park Run users and dog walkers or fishermen that are there regularly.</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public KS	<p>Can Fisherman's carpark at at Tilgate not remain at current hours?</p> <p>It is the designated parkrun carpark and encourages people to attend the event when the parking is free.</p> <p>Surely this should be a key priority for the council when health and fitness is paramount. The figures for obesity and health linked issues to obesity in Crawley are high. I would have thought doing everything possible to give easy access to exercise would be more important than parking charges.</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public ZB	<p>I am a resident in Crawley and use Tilgate often. I object to the proposed plans by the council and wish to register my objection</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate

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Public MS	<p>Absolutely disgusting that you are even considering putting parking charges up, Sundays/Evenings should be free, You should be trying to encourage people into the town.</p> <p>Don't see any benefits from the charges now that you make, where is the money you make spent?</p>	All
Public SW	<p>I wish to raise an objection to the changing of car parking charges at Fisherman's. On a Saturday morning, this is predominantly used by those attending Parkrun. Parkrun is a free for all event that encourages exercise and healthy habits to all, as well as often being the one weekly social thing for some of those who attend. Parkrun is supported by local councils across the country, and these same councils claim to support regular exercise (and access to it) and initiatives to support those who suffer from loneliness.</p> <p>Not everyone lives close enough to a Parkrun to be able to walk or take public transport. Those who come with children, may not be able to arrive by foot either. And those on limited budgets, would just be having an extra expense added on.</p> <p>The parkrunners generally leave after they have run and the car park is then accessible to other park users, who still have other car parking options during the early morning. Charging is going to put off many people. Especially as the runners, supporters, and spectators bring revenue to the food no drink venues in the park, and are often called upon as volunteers by the park during the year. Charging them to park for an hour or two on a Saturday will eat away at the goodwill of these people.</p> <p>This is an award winning parkrun in a fantastic location. Don't make it harder to access it for those of us who need it.</p> <p>Fishermans and Tilgate</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public SB	<p>Just wanted to comment about the proposals to change council car parks. Overall, a great set of proposals, particularly more payment methods and price rises are inevitable. However I do object to charging at Fisherman's car park from 9am. Whilst Park Run participant numbers would add a nice bit of revenue, I think it will either discourage runners or drive people to park in local roads which wouldn't be fair on residents. Park Run can have 500+ runners each week. The logistics of even getting tickets for the people who do drive will be</p>	Tilgate and Fishermans

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	awful. I would like to hope the council does their bit to support making exercise accessible but keeping parking free until 10am on Saturday.	
Public PD	<p>I am writing with regard to the proposed changes document published 05/01/2022. Please can you confirm whether any of the car parks are having improved EV Charging capabilities installed? The current provision in Crawley is barely usable. Will there be any financial incentive for EV drivers, to assist in achieving the government targets and getting more people to make the investment? My understanding is that there is plenty of money available from WSCC to improve EV Charging provision throughout the county which is reported to have been disappointingly underutilised so far by some boroughs</p> <p>I'm not sure how the council can justify any increase in pricing without any explanation as to what this money will go towards. I often park in the Town Hall multi storey car park because it is the only place we can try to charge our EV, yet the stairwell is often full of cannabis smoke, the floors are urine soaked, there's often smashed glass and I once had to step around a man who was injecting himself with drugs on the stairs. I'm looking forward to hearing the plans for the improvements of the town car parks.</p>	All
Public SS	<p>I am writing to object to the proposed amendments to the council car parks, specifically:</p> <p>'To amend the charging hours at Fishermans and Tilgate car parks so that charges will be payable between 9am and 6pm throughout the year' This proposed change would affect those attending Tilgate parkrun, which takes place in Tilgate Park every Saturday at 9am. It is open to everyone and offers the opportunity for people to run, walk, jog or volunteer, bringing both physical and mental health benefits to so many people.</p> <p>Parkrun itself is free to attend and I believe that introducing car park fees would negatively impact on the inclusivity and accessibility of this event, which makes such a difference to so many people. While many people attending parkrun do walk, run or cycle to the park, these options are not possible or practical for everyone. Parking charges could create a barrier to participation and potentially contribute to widening health inequalities if some groups are disproportionately affected by an additional cost.</p>	Tilgate and Fishermans

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	<p>Furthermore, some people who are volunteering at parkrun may rely on the car park, they are kindly giving their time to help others (parkrun could not happen without volunteers) and I don't think they should be asked to pay to do so.</p> <p>I hope you will reconsider this proposed change.</p>	
Public MB	<p>Hi I would like to register my opposition to the increase in costs at the car parks around Crawley at increasingly difficult time but more importantly the change in hours of charging at The Fisherman's car park at Tilgate.</p> <p>An increase to the hours would discourage those who actively use the area early in the day for a short period of time on regular basis as the cost will be seen on each repeated return. This will reduce participation in exercise. It will also actively discourage participation in and volunteering for parkrun. When a volunteering activity has a cost it reduces participation. This will reduce the ability to have the runs at all due to a minimum number of volunteers required for health and safety, the health of Crawley and the Great community spirit.</p> <p>Furthermore, this will cause more misery for the residents in the immediate area where people try to park for free. This is dangerous and frustrating and in no means adding positively to the lives of people but in fact causing anxiety and stress.</p>	All
Public AMB	<p>I think in the current climate with everything going up it is wrong for CBC to raise the cost of parking anywhere in Crawley.Kingsgate was a very useful car park at the cost of £2.70 per day, which was used by lots of people who worked in the town.</p> <p>I myself used this, as a part time postie due to no parking at work. CBC offered other parking facilities that were £3+ for daily parking. When you are on a low income and need access to your vehicle close to work, in case you have an emergency with your young children, this takes a massive part of your wages.</p> <p>You are also offering monthly discounts but only for Mon – Fri, how is this useful to people working in town that work at the weekend ? People working in retail are generally on low wages. You are pricing people out of the town.</p> <p>Not everybody can use the buses (that get cancelled without notice).</p>	All

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	<p>The hikes at Tilgate will have a knock on effect to the residents there. They have problems every summer.</p> <p>I appreciate that the council lost money due to Covid and need to recoup some of that, but in a town that the majority of people used to work at the airport have lost their jobs or spent a large part of that on furlough, that are now quite possibly in debt you are creating more hardship.</p>	
Public LK	<p>I strongly object to the changes proposed for Fisherman Car Park at Tilgate, in particular with regard to the potential impact to park run. We should be encouraging people to the parks to spend time outdoors and to exercise, not put financial obstacles however small in their way.</p> <p>In general I do not think that now is the time to increase parking charges in Crawley when the area is still suffering from the local economic downturn from Covid.</p> <p>We should be encouraging people into the town and not put people off with high parking charges. People have enough calls on their hard earned income with fuel, heating and food costs without making it more expensive to spend what they have in the town.</p> <p>I hope these proposals will be reconsidered and not passed.</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public LL	<p>I am writing to say I think it is a disgrace to increase car parking charges at Tilgate Park and Crawley Hospital.</p> <p>People need to be able to take their children to the park for walks, picnics, fun runs and using the play area free of charge.</p> <p>Families are already struggling with higher bills, poor accommodation and escalating mental health problems and getting exercise for adults and children alike is vital for their well being. Not everyone lives within walking distance of Tilgate Park.</p> <p>Parks should be free to use with no parking charges, likewise in hospitals or a nominal charge for all day use, we pay enough in tax already to enable free park use for all.</p> <p>Families need support not more expenses. Yes pay for admission to see the animals towards their</p>	<p>Tilgate and Hospital</p> <p>NB NO INCREASES AT CRAWLEY HOSPITAL</p>

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	upkeep but free parking should be for all park users.	
Public JG	<p>As a local resident in Tilgate, I would like to raise my concerns at this proposal for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is already a lack of parking in Tilgate for many residents (a number of whom have commented that they have applied for permission to put in a drive which has been refused?) 2. Increasing the cost of the parking further will encourage non Tilgate residents who are visiting the park (which is a good and positive action) to avoid paying the parking fees and try and park outside our houses and, unfortunately, on many occasions without any consideration to access requirements or safety of pedestrians and other road users in this area 3. Bringing forward the charging time for the Fisherman's car park to 9am will impact on early morning activities, such as the Park Run and early morning walkers. <p>At the end of the day, I am lucky enough to have a drive and live within a sensible walking distance of our lovely Park. However, I have seen the dreadful congestion around Tilgate and the impact it has on fellow Tilgate residents and surely we should be encouraging people to use the Park (and support the associated facilities) not making this yet another money-grabbing exercise.</p> <p>I hope the council will take notice of the residents input to this consultation and "do the right thing"</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public DB	<p>I wish to OBJECT in the strongest terms to the CBC's plan to implement an amendment to the charging hours at Fishermans and Tilgate car parks so that charges will be payable between 9am and 6pm throughout the year. You will be aware that during lockdown in 2020 that the car parks at Tilgate were physically closed to the public at that time. The effect of these closures were to force Park users to find parking in the neighbourhood streets around the Park. This lack of parking at the Park led to massive frustration by local Tilgate residents who suddenly found there was no parking outside or near their homes because all the vacant parking slots were taken up by Park users. The situation became so toxic that arguments between residents and Park visitors were frequent and angry. CBC's proposed Parking Charging Hours change will lead to much more of this disruption to Tilgate</p>	Tilgate and Fishermans

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	<p>residents as Park users try to find free parking nearby the Park. Consider a Saturday morning when a thousand runners are looking to park their vehicles without having to pay a fee. This situation could well spill over into Furnace Green with its proximity to the Park Why is CBC seeking to change a system that has worked to the advantage of everyone for many years? The exiting timings have deprived Tilgate of only a tiny fraction of its income – for the notices indicate that Parking fees go to maintain Tilgate Park and do not go to CBC. Government planning policy is explicit that ‘planning for health’, achieving healthy and safe places is a material consideration to enable and support healthy lifestyles and to address health and wellbeing needs. Creating and enabling healthy places and improving the wider determinants of health can help to promote good health, better lifestyles; prevent poor health and have a positive impact on reducing both physical and mental health inequalities. There is now strong evidence that physical and mental health is impacted by the environments and places within which we live and our access to these places. The Pandemic has brought into clear focus these issues and demonstrates the critical importance of people’s living environment, availability of public open space, access to this and to local facilities in supporting healthy lifestyles. There are a number of individuals who use the park out of Parking Fee times in order to save themselves money as they can’t afford to use the Park when parking charges are in force. Consider the cost of the proposals to these regular Park users who go to the Park every day. On average I would expect them to be in and around the Park for between one and two hours. With the proposed timing changes and the increase in the Parking Fee to £1.20 an hour, that would incur a cost to these Park users of £2.40 per day or £16.80 a week. <u>That is £873 per year!</u> With the squeeze on household budgets due to inflation across the board for goods and services, coupled with the increase in Energy bills, do you consider it fair and equitable to impose an extra £873.00 charge on Crawley residents whose only aim is to have a healthy physical and mental life style? Enabling a Healthy Lifestyle is going to suffer for many if you go ahead with your proposed Parking Charging Hours changes and parking charge increase at Tilgate. The small increase in the fee is probably unavoidable, but the change to the Parking Fee times is unacceptable. CBC’s proposal will impact and frustrate the local residents. It will also affect the less well off in the wider community of residents, just in the pursuit of</p>	

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	<p>a small profit. CBC's proposal will also exacerbate health inequalities for those who can afford it and those who can't. I strongly urge you to use the powers of your Office and to obtain the support of your fellow Conservative Councillors to get CBC to abandon their proposed Parking Charging Hours changes at Tilgate Park and to leave the timings as they currently exist.</p>	
<p>Public CS</p>	<p>My name is Cara Stephens, and I am currently a permit holder for Orchard St Multi Story car park. I think that the council have an absolute cheek in putting up prices for other car parks to help pay for the NCP car park Kingsgate. Please remind me how much money the council are spending around town centre on the cycle lanes and road works?! Now according to an article for Crawley Observer this is costing £8.85 million! And let's not forget that the council are getting a new Town Hall, how much is this costing? So don't tell me that you don't have money to improve one car park when you have all this money on "improving" the town centre. Why should I as a paying customer of Orchard St help pay for another car park that I do not use?! I work at Crawley Hospital and don't get a parking space as I would have to get there at least an hour before my shift to get a space, hence why I have a permit at Orchard Street, but if you do put these prices up, I will cancel my permit as this is ridiculous. Why is it always hard-working people who must suffer and pay for damage caused by others, yes, I am aware that someone was stabbed in the Kingsgate car park, hence why NCP want nothing more to do with it. My brother had his car parked in there at the time of the stabbing as he uses it for the gym in the town centre. That could have been my brother who was stabbed in there! What are you as a council going to do to help make people feel safe in these car parks? Also, what are you doing to stop people from doing drugs in Orchard Street as I keep seeing drug paraphernalia around the car park? I do not feel safe in there. There's nothing to stop anyone following someone in. Also, will we be getting feedback on this consultation as I would like a copy of this, please.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Public MD</p>	<p>I am writing to you having been made aware of the council's plans to amend the charging hours at Fisherman's and Tilgate car park to 9am – 6pm throughout the year.</p> <p>I wanted to raise to your attention the long running, initiative called parkrun that operates in Tilgate every Saturday at 9am, which is a free 5km walk/run. I understand there has been a</p>	<p>Fishermans and Tilgate</p>

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	<p>longstanding agreement of 10am being the start of parking charges which allows local residents and visitors to benefit from being able to attend their local free 5km parkrun, and truly keep it “free”. Whilst the parking charges themselves at current levels or proposed are not sizeable for 1 hour, the introduction of the extra cost from 9am and the admin for each individual/family, even with ANPR and improved parking payment options, I imagine would likely put off visitors who are attending in the interest of health.</p> <p>I looked in the amendment for reasoning for the change and could only find the below in the document:</p> <p><i>Pages 24-25 Fees and Charges: As part of the Council’s review of fees and charges for its services, the Council is proposing to increase off-street parking charges across the Borough, including parking tariffs and permits. In addition, the Council seeks to increase the means by which payment to park can be made.</i></p> <p>It doesn’t explain why specifically the Tilgate changes are being made, and the time change seems deliberate to ensure it captures parkrun. If there anything beyond that in the document that explains by the council specifically wants to amend the charging hours?</p> <p>I would argue the small revenue gained from the change would not outweigh the health benefit from encouraging weekly activity in our beautiful local park. Equally, please consider the unintended consequences of this with guests flooding to other free parking options instead (K2 side of Tilgate Drive, potentially the golf club). I would argue this change could not be simply implemented without other costs and change elsewhere to avoid negative impacts.</p>	
Public LD	Please don’t extend the payment hours for Tilgate Park car park to 9am, especially at the weekends - this will affect many people who join Park Run and junior park run. Park Run is such a valuable free fitness opportunity and it would be such a shame if people had to pay for parking or were put off by having to pay	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public BP	I cannot protest strongly enough about the council's decision to start charging for parking at Tilgate forest during Parkrun. Parkrun is a valuable free resource for the people of Crawley, and to	Fishermans and Tilgate

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	<p>dissuade people from using it is irresponsible and short-sighted. Parkrunners also spend a significant amount of money in the park, which can ill afford the loss of revenue</p>	
<p>Public CA</p>	<p>Please do not change the parking times and tariffs at Tilgate fishermen car park.</p> <p>We regularly use the the park before 11am to have a walk.</p> <p>If you do change the times to 9am it will greatly effect my personal well-being as I will not be able to afford this 7 days a week.</p> <p>Lots of other people who rely on the park for there general health and well-being would also suffer.</p> <p>It would be a park only for the rich which I personally feel would be very unfair</p>	<p>Fishermans and Tilgate</p>
<p>Public MW</p>	<p>As a Tilgate Resident my objection to this is that living on Salisbury Road Tilgate parking along here is bad enough in winter but come dry weather and summer months things can change dramatically.</p> <p>People who have gone to the expense of having drop kerbs to access parking on their own property find that inconsiderate parking of people who want to go to the park and because they don't want to pay the charges already in force are parking right up to the drop curbs, I know this is legal but with cars either side there is not the room to get a vehicle off your drive without causing damage to the grass verge opposite. As a house that does not have off road parking if I want to go out and as a disabled driver I find it almost impossible to park in a suitable place in Salisbury Road on my return home.</p> <p>Another problem along Salisbury Road are people who park on the grass verge, there is usually damage to the grass when they leave, yes I know there are no parking on the grass signs on the lamp posts but they are often "ignored" or "not seen", cannot more be done to prevent this happening.</p> <p>Regarding Hospital parking. All staff on shift or otherwise should not be charged when working.</p> <p>Due to the reasons stated above I strongly object to any changes made to parking charges and times</p>	<p>Fishermans and Tilgate</p>
<p>Public PA</p>	<p>Objecting to the proposed Order</p>	<p>All</p>

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Public CB	I think is very unfair to on crease park charges in our town and parks People need to get out exercise in the parks. Also businesses and shops need us shop to keep them going and the staff at work	All
Public RB	<p>I'm writing to object about the proposed changes to car park charges, in particular those at Tilgate park affecting Saturday morning parkruns. Attending Parkruns regularly has been proven to have had a positive effect on people's health and well being and introducing car park charges may mean local people are unable to attend this free event. Crawley Borough Council should surely be doing everything in their power to encourage local people to make use of the local parks and attending parkruns not introducing car park charges which will discourage people from attending!</p> <p>Please seriously reconsider this proposal.</p>	Tilgate and Fishermans
Public KB	I object to car parking charges at parks on the grounds that these are public health spaces and instead of increasing these you should be scrapping the charges.	Tilgate and Fishermans
Public EM	I think the parking should be more expensive than public transport and be linked to the cost of it to encourage people take up of the bus	General comment
Public JM	<p>I'd like to object to one aspect of the proposed changes to Crawley parking.</p> <p>https://crawley.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-01/Crawley%20Borough%20Council%20car%20parks%20deposit%20documents.pdf</p> <p>I'd like to object to the changing of the chargeable hours of the Fisherman's car park at Tilgate.</p> <p>On a Saturday morning this currently starts at 11am and you are proposing to change this to start at 9am.</p> <p>As I'm sure you are aware there is a very popular parkrun in Tilgate park which starts at 9am every Saturday.</p> <p>This is a free event which is very popular with Crawley residents and it has always been very welcome for people attending this event that people can park in the car park for free until 11am and run the parkrun without having to pay parking charges.</p>	Tilgate and Fishermans

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	<p>I would therefore ask you to keep the parking in the Fisherman's car park free until 11am on a Saturday morning to continue to support the Tilgate parkrun.</p>	
<p>Public SH</p>	<p>I would be very concerned that any increase in parking rates would impact on the number of people using Crawley Town Centre and its associated shops etc. We have already lost Debenhams and multiple other shops in the recent past and anything that can be done to reduce parking costs and motivate people to go into town and not shop online should be explored.</p> <p>If you make parking cheap in Crawley you will attract visitors from other towns as well keeping the shops in business, and increasing income for the town. It may motivate other stores to come to Crawley.</p> <p>I would also strongly urge you to have a system where people pay on departure for parking and don't have to estimate how long they'll going to need parking for by making people pay on arrival particularly if you cannot transfer your ticket to someone else for the time which you didn't need after all. This was a lovely community spirited action that many people take in various towns and anything that stops that is really very very sad. Payment on arrival is also bad news for shops as people have to leave at a set time.</p> <p>Increasing parking costs with the other rises to cost of living living for all people in the town is surely a poorly thought out policy.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Public NJ</p>	<p>I was sad to see on social media that CBC have opted to try to slip through an amendment of Tilgate Park car parks operating times alongside an annual increment. Unfortunately many people will not see the proposed changes before it is too late to object them.</p> <p>As a local resident I use the park on a daily basis for walking, I have small children and from time to time I drive there for about an hour around 9am (never have I seen the car park half full let alone full at this time) I do this for ease of the park after the school run, if you are to charge at this time I will park in a local street therefore increasing the problematic parking. I used to live in a road very close to the park and there is a lack of parking for residents in general let alone when there are scheduled events at the park or it is a hot summers day. Residents do not want permit parking as it limits their own flexibility for visitors to their homes.</p>	<p>Tilgate and Fishermans</p>

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	<p>I also question the cost of resources to enforce permit parking. I am not aware of any problems with the current operating times so question the need for change?</p> <p>It is in large part local people who use the park outside the core hours because they can and it is free (as I said it's never overused or busy but it helps people to be able to exercise and enjoy the area eg those with young children, dogs on a lead etc). Should you impose these charges you will likely still have these people visiting but parking roadside when this is needless and appears to be greedy. Again picking on local people who use the facilities outside of peak times and probably for short periods of time on a daily or at least frequent basis. I could not afford to pay £5 per week in parking to go for a walk around the lake or pop to the park after dropping the kids at school. But I would pay for a one off trip Horsham/ Reigate Park for the day as a visitor on a day out. Which is how I see the current charges at Tilgate, visitors travelling for a day out are covered in the current core hours.</p> <p>I think the greed very much kicks in for charging during parkrun times contradicting the support of creating healthy lives. The impact may deter runners who come to our community regularly and spend in our cafes and shops. Many parkruns offer free parking and you should also consider the local people that volunteer their time to help run these activities. Again this will put pressure on local roads. It is actually a positive sign of support that the parking charges do not kick in until park run is finished, those wanting to stay to enjoy the park after happily pay for the car park. It gives those travelling for park run a taster to come back and enjoy the park for a longer period.</p> <p>The car park already covers a vast amount of the day and includes weekends. I object fully to you extending those hours and ask you to consider the local community who are the ones who use these short windows at either end of the day to enjoy their local environment.</p>	
Public AP	<p>I am sad to be informed of the charges from 9am to the Fishermen carpark in Tilgate.</p> <p>As a regular attender to Parkrun I see the benefits, both mental and physical this event offers to many people. To impose such charges to what is a 'Free' event will, I'm sure deter people from attending which would be very sad.</p>	Tilgate and Fishermans

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	<p>Given the period we are in - emerging from COVID, this health benefit is vital for many people well being.</p> <p>It would be nice if the council could reconsider the timing of when charges apply to this carpark on a Saturday morning.</p>	
Councillor MM	<p>I strongly oppose the changes or hikes to the car park charges. Especially the change of times on the Tilgate park.</p> <p>When is a free run not a free run?</p> <p>We are 'taxing' runners or those who are out to exercise.</p> <p>I would be interested in the consultations results.</p>	Tilgate and Fishermans
Public LN	<p>With regards to the parking charges if the council put the prices up any more this will push more people to park in the local residents Road I live I Salisbury Road and it's bad enough now ,when the weather changes then the problems will start again My suggestion how about park and ride</p>	All? Tilgate and Fishermans
Public PA	<p>I'm objecting to to charges of car parking at the Fisherman's car park at Tilgate.</p> <p>Saturday & Sunday. Parkrun is a very popular event which promotes healthy living.</p> <p>Why on earth would anybody consider putting this at risk by making charges. Just the Council trying to make money.</p> <p>Parkrun even promotes runners voluntary helping tidy the Park. I cannot understand the logic.</p>	Tilgate and Fishermans
Public TR	<p>Good evening</p> <p>Was very disappointed to see Change of hours for parking</p> <p>Increase in price I think what has been done up at Tilgate is fantastic, it does bring in alot of outside interest what great for the area , however as long as the car park facilities are reasonable priced.</p> <p>Being a Tilgate resident very concerned that visitors will then use the pubic roads to park on even more.</p>	Tilgate and Fishermans

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	<p>I for one do not appreciate seeing cars parked up on pavements and on grass verge it makes the community look run down.</p> <p>Surely to continue to bring in revenue we should be encouraging people to use the car park facilities not the opposite.</p> <p>The other thing to consider is with more cars in the residents area more chance of a child/ adult walking out and not being seen and a terrible accident occurring.</p> <p>I look forward to your response</p>	
Public RC	<p>I have lived in the town since 1968, haven't asked for much and never been a burden on council services as worked full time since leaving school. I have read the changes to car parking services and will be affected by the changes proposed to the Fisherman's car park. I'm a keen park runner and go every week. I have walked there but sometimes have to park. I would like to say the event has really helped both my mental and physical health and I have always been proud of the town for having it available for residents. Wouldn't it be nice for all concerned if we could continue to park without charge just for the duration of the run. For most people, I imagine that would mean leaving the car park at around 9.30 / 9.45. Surely the town could do without that small amount of possible revenue?</p> <p>I suspect the council won't care about the few decent people who do care so I'm expecting no change to the proposal- how sad is that? It's how people like me feel about our authorities I suppose. I just wanted to add my opinion. So, if parking is needed and I can't find the cash (don't take valuables to Tilgate) then I'll go and park locally near the shops, not go at all, go to another event or make my way on foot.</p>	Tilgate and Fishermans
Public MT	Do not increase parking charges - its extortionate as it is especially at the hospitals. I think the cost of parking in Crawley is appalling. I was also very upset by the closure of the adventure playgrounds. If you want to make money start patrolling & giving fines for the appalling & dangerous parking outside schools! You will not be getting my vote ever again	All NO INCREASES AT CRAWLEY HOSPITAL
Public CP	I'd like to object to the increase in parking charges. A lot of parkrun goers use the fisherman's car park on a Saturday morning and this will affect all those participants. It is a free weekly event to encourage	Tilgate and Fishermans

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	all to take part in and seems unjustified to increase the charge and timings Please rethink	
Public TU	<p>I'm writing to oppose the proposed changes in hours and increases to the parking in the car parks at Tilgate.</p> <p>I live in Sargent Close in Tilgate, which is right by Tilgate Park. Each year when the weather improves we see a large increase in the number of people parking in the road and nearby roads. This number increases year on year.</p> <p>I appreciate anyone can park in the public road but when they are only small thin roads and people decide to park all over the place, grass verges, on the corners of roads to save on paying for parking it makes it very dangerous not only to use and access the driveway but also for predestinations using the paths and crossing the roads.</p> <p>The increased visitors parking in residential roads leads to some local residents not even able to park near there house on sunny days. Longer paying hours and increased rates will make living near to Tilgate park horrendous when it starts warming up.If this change goes ahead there needs to be serious consideration to making Tilgate roads residents only parking - but at no cost to residents. Though I also know that to police this it will cost money. So it comes in via the increased costs from parking and goes out on monitoring the local roads - my point is is there any point implementing the increased hours/charges at all? Unless the Council care more about the visitors/income than the Tilgate residents!</p>	Tilgate and Fishermans
Public KBD	<p>I feel that if parking charges should be amended, it makes sense to do this for the town Centre only. I find it awful that people have to pay to access walks around Tilgate or the facilities at Tilgate. It is such a good space for everyone to get out and about and this may put off less affluent families from visiting. Also increasing charges for a hospital is completely abhorrent, mostly people wouldn't CHOOSE to go there. It is almost like penalising them for accessing healthcare by increasing charges to visit the hospital.</p> <p>I doubt my opinion will count for anything, as the council rarely seem to take notice of the members of public in the area they cover.</p>	Tilgate and Fishermans
Public AB	I would like to highlight the fee increases and increased charging times for parking at Tilgate park are going to have a detrimental effect on the local	Tilgate and Fishermans

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	<p>residences. Permits for residents would not be an answer as it's just another way of making people pay and detrimental to visitors of the residents. I, for one, beg you not to make it less attractive to visitors of Tilgate park by asking for more money resulting in more parking around Tilgate itself.</p>	
Public AG	<p>Apart from items 1 and 6, I disagree with the proposals.</p> <p>It is my belief that increasing the parking charges and charge times to be counter intuitive. Crawley town needs to attract footfall to the shopping areas not drive them away to out of town shopping where it is free. Parking is already expensive and to use public transport instead does not help tight budgets, it costs £5 both ways on the bus from most areas.</p> <p>To keep the parking fees and charge times as they are at Tilgate would mean park runners can afford to continue. (many of whom have already chosen a free sport for a reason) I fear the increase of hours of fee paid parking and increasing the charge will turn many people away</p>	All
Public LC	<p>I object to the proposed increases to parking charges at Tilgate Park. As a resident of Tilgate myself, during peak times it is virtually impossible to find parking because many visitors to the park do not park there and simply park on the residential streets. An increase to parking charges is likely to see this problem increase further. Unless there are plans to implement permit parking then the proposals will mean more suffering for Tilgate residents, over and above the issues that we already face during the holidays/hot weather/bank holidays.</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate
Public AL	<p>I am disgusted to see that you are going to start charging for people to use the car park for Parkrun at Tilgate. Have you any idea how much this will affect people? We all have had a bad time over the last 2 years, Parkrun is a saviour for lots of people. I just hope you see sense and cancel this ridiculous idea.</p>	Fishermans and Tilgate
Pubic AT	<p>An increase for parking is - false economy - extra charges equate to a financial decline for the High Street and other business' that is reliant on people's spending budget.</p> <p>It's counterproductive In these days of gross domestic hardship.</p>	All

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Public CJS	<p>As a member of Tilgate Forest Golf Club I get very annoyed and frustrated with the ever increasing number of joggers, ramblers, dog walkers and families who park in the golf club car parks. Some days in Summer it is impossible to park in order to use the golf centre. This is because these are free-to-park, and putting up the prices of the other Tilgate Park car parks is only going to make the situation worse. Another reason why so many non-golfers park there is the poor signage. Nowhere does it say that the car parks are for users of the golf centre only. Perhaps this needs addressing first?</p>	Tilgate and Fishwemans
Public GS	<p>I wish to comment on the proposal to change the car park charges and timings.</p> <p>With regard to item 2 within the proposal published 5th January 2022.</p> <p>I understand the need to increase fees within the car parks to cover escalating wage costs along with maintenance costs but would it not be easier to simplify the costing structure and reduce the options, in other words :- up to 1 hour - £1:10 Up to 2 hours - £2:50 Up to 3 hours - £3:50 All day - £6:00</p> <p>with regard to item 3 - change of hours</p> <p>It is obvious to me that Crawley Borough Council are not aware of the number of children who attend the Junior Park Run on a Sunday morning at 9am - usually in the region of 60 ! or for that matter the senior park run on a Saturday at 9am (this past week 399 runners ! not including the vast number of volunteers who help local people in marshalling this event.</p> <p>By changing the timings this will have one of three effects:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. people attending will reduce 2. those attending will park in the local streets / on verges - in areas that are already at near capacity, this will also have the effect of increasing the number of calls for the council to provide additional residential parking. 3. some runners go to the walled garden cafe or the pop up coffee kiosk at lakeside - this will reduce if runners are having to pay for parking. <p>So by changing the parking times I consider that the footfall within the park will reduce. I personally</p>	Tilgate and Fishermans

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	<p>use the park on a regular basis, living in Northgate I wait for going to work traffic to ease and get to the park about 9:30 for a walk of around 1hour 15minutes I have been doing this for the past 2 years, with your proposal of time changes that would now cost me £286 each year for my morning exercise in what is a pleasant and sociable location, provided for the towns people. I will certainly not be able to use the park if the changes take place unless I park in a residential area, to which i am strongly opposed to, as i live near to the town but outside a residential parking zone and as such am plagued with parking by town visitors.</p>	
<p>Councillor MS <i>Received outside of time on 27/02/22</i></p>	<p>I do feel that car park charges for the moment should not be increased for Tilgate Park/Fisherman's as it is important to not add a deterrent to access to outdoor activities at the park. Especially at the moment.</p> <p>I also feel that things like the Park Run need to be encouraged and not discouraged through parking fees.</p> <p>I have had representations from residents on Tilgate and Fisherman's and so would like to see exceptions for these csr paks.</p>	<p>Tilgate and Fishermans</p>
<p>Public MAG</p>	<p>The biggest issue currently facing the economic state of the town is the slow degradation of the town centre. More and more shops are closing down and being replaced by flats.</p> <p>We should be encouraging shoppers back in to the town centre and increasing parking charges is not going to do achieve that, but will encourage the opposite.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Public IK</p>	<p>Regarding the proposed change to charging hours at Tilgate, I firmly believe that the change to 9am start for fees will radically reduce accessibility for many to Park Run at Tilgate.</p> <p>The benefit of being active, especially outside has been highlighted over the past few years as we have battled with Covid as a nation.I urge you to reconsider changing the start time for the parking fees so that the people of Crawley can continue to benefit from one of the few events which allows them to keep healthy and active while maintaining a social atmosphere in a Covid friendly environment. For some member of the park run family this may be the only interaction they have with others and it is vital for both physical and mental well-being.</p>	<p>Tilgate and Fishermans</p>

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Public RG	<p>No-one likes to see an increase in charges for parking even though it is sometimes necessary. But, with retailers struggling, footfall down and rising inflation, I would have thought that increases in parking could and should be avoided in the current climate.</p>	All
Public EO	<p>Very disappointed at these proposed charges from 9 am .</p> <p>I've been running & marshalling for 7 years at Parkrun & junior Parkrun . I hope it will not deter people from enjoying this community event , great for social & health reasons .</p> <p>Many people already have financial problem</p>	Tilgate and Fishermans
Public CW	<p>Hi, I would just like to register my disgust that the council is increasing the parking fees and change if the charging hours at Tilgate Park. Not only will it make it harder for those on low incomes to go out and enjoy some fresh air, it will increase the number of cars trying to park in residential streets. Life is hard enough at the moment without the council squeezing even more money out of the common person!</p> <p>Regards</p>	Tilgate and Fishermans