

Report Purpose

13. Car Park Consultation

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Background

Cheshire East Council are reviewing car parking charges and a public consultation is open until midnight 1st November 2023.

The public consultation can be found here:

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/car-parks-and-parking/reviews-and-consultations/reviews-and-consultations.aspx>

There has been no price increased since 2019.

The proposals for car parking are as follows:

Key

- Red – Indicates an increase
- Yellow – indicates the same amount
- Green- indicates a reduction

Christchurch	Up to 1 hr	Up to 2hr	Up to 3 hr	Up to 4hr	Up to 6hr	Up to 10 hr
Existing	0.70	1.10	2.20	3.20	4.00	4.40
Proposed	0.60	1.00	1.50	2.10	3.00	3.40

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Churchill Way	Up to 1 hr	Up to 2hr	Up to 3 hr	Up to 4hr	Up to 6hr	Up to 10 hr
Existing	0.80	1.20	2.40	3.50	4.40	5.60
Proposed	1.00	1.60	2.30	3.30	4.40	5.20

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Commercial RD	Up to 1 hr	Up to 2hr	Up to 3 hr	Up to 4hr	Up to 6hr	Up to 10 hr
Existing	0.60	1.10	1.80	2.60	3.20	3.40
Proposed	0.60	1.00	1.50	2.10	3.00	3.40

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Duke ST	Up to 1 hr	Up to 2hr	Up to 3 hr	Up to 4hr	Up to 6hr	Up to 10 hr
Existing	0.70	1.10	2.20	3.20	4.00	4.40
Proposed	0.60	1.00	1.50	2.10	3.00	3.40

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Exchange St	Up to 1 hr	Up to 2hr	Up to 3 hr	Up to 4hr	Up to 6hr	Up to 10 hr
Existing	0.70	1.10	2.20	3.20	4.00	4.40
Proposed	0.60	1.00	1.50	2.10	3.00	3.40

Existing	0.80	1.20	2.40	3.50	4.40	5.60
Proposed	1.00	1.60	NA	NA	NA	NA
Gas Rd	Up to 1 hr	Up to 2hr	Up to 3 hr	Up to 4hr	Up to 6hr	Up to 10 hr
Existing	0.60	1.10	1.80	2.60	3.20	7.50
Proposed	0.80	1.40	2.00	2.70	3.70	7.50

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Grosvenor	Up to 1 hr	Up to 2hr	Up to 3 hr	Up to 4hr	Up to 6hr	Up to 10 hr
Existing	0.80	1.20	2.40	2.50	4.40	5.60
Proposed	1.00	1.60	2.30	3.30	4.40	5.20 (9.5hours)

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Hibel Rd	Up to 1 hr	Up to 2hr	Up to 3 hr	Up to 4hr	Up to 6hr	Up to 10 hr
Existing	0.60	1.10	1.80	2.60	3.20	3.40
Proposed	0.60	1.00	1.50	2.10	3.00	3.40

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Jordangate	Up to 1 hr	Up to 2hr	Up to 3 hr	Up to 4hr	Up to 6hr	Up to 10 hr
Existing	0.60	1.10	1.80	2.60	3.20	3.40
Proposed	0.60	1.00	1.50	2.10	3.00	3.40 (up to 12 hrs)

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Railway Station	Up to 1 hr	Up to 2hr	Up to 3 hr	Up to 4hr	Up to 6hr	Up to 10 hr
Existing	0.70	1.10	2.20	3.20	4.00	7.50
Proposed	0.80	1.40	2.00	2.70	3.70	12 per day

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Old Library	Up to 1 hr	Up to 2hr	Up to 3 hr	Up to 4hr	Up to 6hr	Up to 10 hr
Existing	0.70	1.10	2.20	3.20	4.00	4.40
Proposed	1.00	1.60	2.30	3.30	NA	NA

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Park Green	Up to 1 hr	Up to 2hr	Up to 3 hr	Up to 4hr	Up to 6hr	Up to 10 hr
Existing	0.70	1.10	2.20	3.20	4	4.40
Proposed	1.00	1.60	2.30	3.30	NA	NA

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Parsonage St	Up to 1 hr	Up to 2hr	Up to 3 hr	Up to 4hr	Up to 6hr	Up to 10 hr
Existing	0.70	1.10	2.20	3.20	4	4.40
Proposed	1.00	1.60	2.30	3.30	NA	NA

Pickford ST	Up to 1 hr	Up to 2hr	Up to 3 hr	Up to 4hr	Up to 6hr	Up to 10 hr
Existing	0.80	1.20	2.40	3.50	4.40	5.60
Proposed	1.00	1.60	2.30	3.30	4.40	5.20

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Sunderland St	Up to 1 hr	Up to 2hr	Up to 3 hr	Up to 4hr	Up to 6hr	Up to 10 hr
Existing	0.70	1.10	2.20	3.20	4	4.40
Proposed	1.00	1.60	2.30	3.30	4.40	5.20
Waters Green	Up to 1 hr	Up to 2hr	Up to 3 hr	Up to 4hr	Up to 6hr	Up to 10 hr
Existing	0.70	1.10	2.20	3.20	4	7.50
Proposed	0.80	1.40	2.00	2.70	3.70	7.50

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Whalley Hayes	Up to 1 hr	Up to 2hr	Up to 3 hr	Up to 4hr	Up to 6hr	Up to 10 hr
Existing	0.60	1.10	1.80	2.60	3.20	3.40
Proposed	0.60	1.00	1.50	2.10	3.00	3.40

- This is currently free after 3.

Key Points

- There are many reductions in charges, Christchurch, Duke Street and Whalley Hales have reductions and are all town centre car parks.
- The proposals are also designed to encourage more walking and cycling inline with active travel.
- They are also designed to help enhance public realm.
- They can serve shoppers better who want short stays to nip into town at Exchange St and commuters who require longer stays can park in one of the longer stay carparks.

It is worth noting how Macclesfield car parks compare to neighbouring authorities:

Average Tariffs Across Car Parks	Up to 1 hr	Up to 2 hrs	Up to 3 hrs	Up to 4 hrs	Up to 5 hrs	Up to 6 hrs	Up to 7 hrs	Up to 8 hrs
Stoke-On-Trent	£1.18	£2.04	£3.33	£4.11	£4.96	£5.17		

Cheshire West and Chester	£2.20	£3.30	£4.50		£7.00	£6.90	£7.90	£7.90
Telford and Wrekin	£1.55	£2.30	£3.10	£3.00	£4.00	£4.67		
Trafford	£2.00		£3.00	£4.00	£5.00	£6.00		
Shropshire	£0.83	£1.66	£2.49	£3.33	£4.16	£4.99	£5.85	£6.65
Average across five neighbouring authorities	£1.55	£2.26	£3.28	£3.79	£5.02	£5.55	£5.91	£6.08
Current Macclesfield Tariffs	£0.70	£1.10	£2.10	£3.10	£3.90	£3.90	£5.00	£5.00
% lower than neighbouring authorities	55%	51%	36%	18%	22%	30%	15%	18%

Plus, it is worth comparing the car park charges to the other towns in Cheshire East as currently there is disparity:

Town	Up to 1 hr	Up to 2 hrs	Up to 3 hrs	Up to 4 hrs	Up to 6 hrs	Up to 8 hrs	Up to 10 hrs
Alderley Edge	£0.50	£0.90	£1.90	£2.20	N/A		
Congleton	£0.60		£1.10		£1.60		
Crewe	£0.80	£1.20	£2.20		£3.00		
Knutsford	£0.70	£1.10	£2.20	£3.20	£4.00	£4.40	
Macclesfield	£0.80	£1.20	£2.40	£3.50	£4.40	£5.60	
Nantwich	£0.70	£1.10	£2.20		£3.00		
Wilmslow	£0.80	£1.20	£2.40	£3.50	£5.60		

On Street Parking

There are also proposals for on street parking in Macclesfield as follows:

Street	Current Restriction	Proposed Restriction
Church Street (Waters Green)	Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm: 1 hour, no return within 1 hour	Propose to revoke bays and extend Single Yellow Line to junction
Great King Street (east of Catherine Street)	Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm: 2 hours, no return within 1 hour	Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm: 1 hour, no return within 1 hour
George Street West	Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm: 2 hours, no return within 1 hour	Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm: 1 hour, no return within 1 hour
Pickford Street (west of Sunderland Street)	Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm: 1 hour, no return within 1 hour	Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm: 30 mins, no return within 1 hour
Townley Street	Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm: 2 hours, no return within 1 hour	Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm: 30 mins, no return <u>our</u>

Key Points are:

There are a number of streets in and around, the town centre that permit on-street parking.

- Due to the availability of off-street parking in and around, the town centre, it is proposed that on-street parking is restricted to between 30 minutes and one hour maximum stay, depending on proximity to town centre services and amenities.
- Town centre vitality is not anticipated to be adversely impacted by changes to the maximum stay duration on-street, due to the available capacity in off-street car parks that serve different areas of the town centre.
- There are some streets where there is currently public on-street parking that is underutilised and located outside of residential terraced houses. As part of the proposals, some streets are proposed to become residents parking only, subject to obtaining residents' support through a separate consultation.

Action:

To agree a response to the consultation e.g.

- Do the Council agree/ disagree with the proposals for Macclesfield
- Are there details of specific car parks that points that can be noted?
- Any further suggestions?