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**SHERRARDS WARD**

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Mr Geoff Sampson & BY EMAIL  
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Dear Mr Sampson ,

**RE: CAR PARKING & CHARGES CONSULTATION - OFF STREET PARKING PLACES ORDER 2022 (REFTBA)**

I am responding to the consultation regarding carparking at Campus West (once fully completed) which is running from the 2<sup>nd</sup> November - 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

1. I ask that the consultation period be extended to the first week of January 2023. This is because I have been approached by residents concerned about the opening hours of the carpark and they have persuaded me to undertake a petition. Your consultation will fail to be complete unless you take into account the views of all residents. Depending on the council's response there may be those who will wish to express their democratic views via the medium of a petition.
2. The proposed charging structure is clearly pre-empting decisions about opening hours and is presumptive that they will be 24/7. That may not be the case – hence my Point 1. The council needs to consider the most appropriate operating times for the carpark, before the charging structure is considered – hence my Point 3.
3. There needs to be a proper decision made relating to opening times, for security and social reasons, opening hours could be, for example, 5.30 am to 12 midnight, not 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Please advise on the exact process the council will follow to determine the appropriate opening times.
4. The season ticket charges are excessive. There should be a staggered reduction for season ticket holders especially if the opening hours are only partial.

As I am representing my ward residents, do not assume that even if your consultation elicits few responses, that there is local assent to your proposals.

I await hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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**COUNCILLOR FOR SHERRARDS WARD**

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 14 November 2022 10:37  
To: ParkingServices <parkingservices@welhat.gov.uk>  
Subject: Objection to Campus West charges

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Good morning

I object to the proposed parking charges for the following reasons:

1. There is no management plan in place to deter anti-social behaviour. This needs to be agreed before any charges are proposed. ASB has not been managed at all in the new car park in Hatfield. Measures need to be put in place and no consultation has taken place to tackle ASB at the car park.
2. The car park is for the use of visitors to Campus West, shoppers and local business employees. It is therefore not necessary for it to be open 24 hours.
3. Please confirm whether Council employees will be given free parking at the car park. They should not because Herts CC state that Councils should encourage sustainable transport.
4. Please confirm when the matter will be discussed at the CPPP. I do not want to find that it is on the agenda and I have not been told about it prior to then as agendas are published after the deadline for requesting to speak at a meeting. I would like to speak at any CPPP meeting that discusses this matter.

With regards to numbered points 3 and 4, please could I have a response in writing before the close of consultation.

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## Matthew McCann

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 November 2022 12:06  
**To:** ParkingServices  
**Subject:** Objections to Proposed Parking Order for Campus West Carpark

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Dear Mr Sampson

I wish to object to the proposed Parking Order for the following reasons:

1. The Planning Approval was subject to the production of an acceptable Management Plan in place to deter anti-social behaviour (ASB). This Plan has not been produced, let alone approved. As such, a Management Plan will specify the opening hours for the carpark to prevent ASB and it needs to be agreed before the Parking Order can be established. At the moment, no consultation has even taken place to develop the Management Plan, so your specification of hours and tariffs are premature and should be withdrawn until the agreed opening hours are known to you.
2. The car park is for the use of visitors to Campus West, shoppers and local business employees. It is therefore not necessary for it to be open 24 hours a day, 7 day a week. Such a parking regime will generate noise and light pollution that will impact upon those who live in Woodside House, Scholars Mews, Densley Close, Sherrardspark Road and Roundwood Drive. Opening times should be limited to 5.30 am to 11.00pm
3. I think that the charges are far too low. With inflation currently running at 11.1% and the carpark not opening for some time, I think that the charges should at least be double and no refunds should be given. However the administration charges appear to be too high and as it is just Council staff or their subcontractors doing the work, the charges should be waved i.e no charge to be incurred.

Also please confirm whether or not Council employees will be given free parking at this car park. As part of your reply, please explain how this relates to Hertfordshire CC policy to encourage sustainable transport. I would be grateful to receive a response to this request in writing before the close of consultation period so I can take the matter up with my local councillor should I be so minded.

Kind regards

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