



...regarding introducing car parking charges in some parks in Poole

This leaflet provides information on the proposed introduction of car parking charges in some of the parks in Poole. Please read the information carefully before completing your Consultation Form enclosed.

Why have I been sent this Consultation?

This consultation is open to any interested party who would like to give their views on the proposals.

We are also writing to those people who use these parks including 'Friends' groups, inviting them to have their say about the proposals and how the proposed options may affect them. In addition we are writing to those residents who live in neighbouring residential roads and those businesses and concessions that may be affected by the proposals.

1,500 have also been selected at random from a database of residential addresses to be invited to take part in the consultation.

Why propose changes to the current free car parking arrangements?

We are looking at ways to better manage parking and the impact this may have on traffic flow around popular areas of the town. At the same time we are looking to ensure that the car parks are being used for their intended purposes. For instance town centre parking is being used by shoppers and workers in the area, and parking in the borough's parks is being used for leisure and recreational purposes.

We would hope that the introduction of car parking charges in some parks would reduce the impact on town centre parking income from those people who are using the free parking facilities in parks and open spaces.

It has been estimated that the scheme will have a payback period of approximately three years. If a surplus is made, the Council will ensure that it complies with the strict requirements of how the surplus is reinvested in parking and transportation schemes in line with Section 55 (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

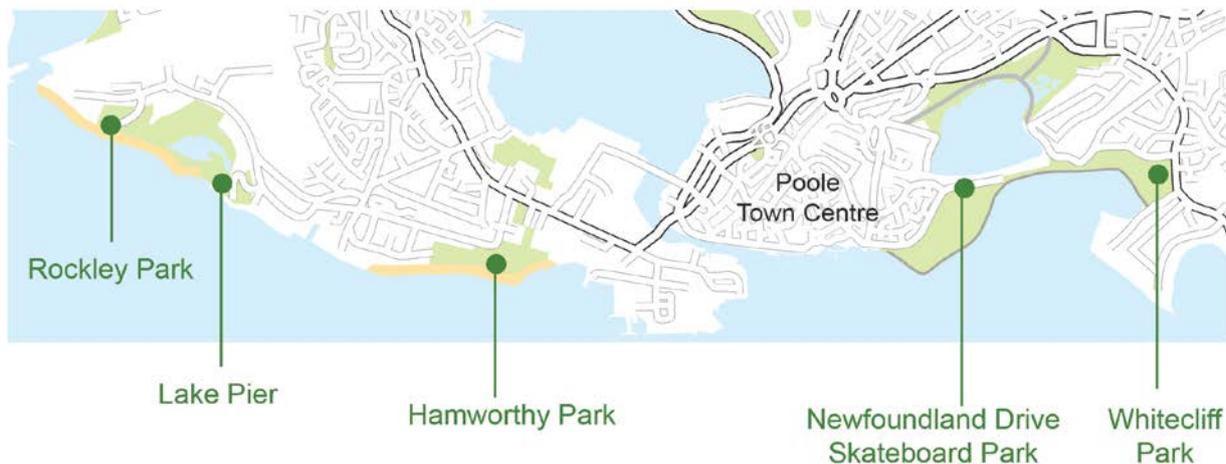
As the proposals involve introducing a car parking charge in some of the parks in Poole, we would like to hear your views on this.



What are the proposals?

The Council is considering introducing pay and display car parking charges in five of its parks. These are:

- Hamworthy Park car park
- Lake Pier car park
- Newfoundland Drive Skateboard car park
- Rockley Park car park
- Whitecliff Park car park



The Council is consulting on three proposed charging options which could be payable during the period 1 March to 31 October annually:

1. To potentially implement the existing District based car parking tariff between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Sunday daily (including bank holidays) as follows:

Up to 1 hour	40p
Up to 2 hours	80p
Up to 3 hours	£1.30
Up to 4 hours	£1.80

2. To consider implementing an all-day rate of £3.80 for Lake Pier car park to assist those park users who participate in all-day sailing events and/or are part of the Poole Harbour Canoe Club.
3. To provide a 'Parks Parking Permit' for circa £30. This permit would enable you to park in any of the above five car parks for a maximum stay of 4 hours per visit without having to pay for a ticket.



There is no proposal to charge for those people wishing to park after 6pm daily or during the winter season ie 1 November to 28/29 February, at any time of the day.

Blue Badge holders are subject to the parking charges within all surface off street car parks, so they will also be affected by the proposals.

The Council is not currently considering charging at other parks in Poole, including Poole Park, but may review this in the future.

How to have your say?

Please take the time to complete the feedback form with this document to give us your views about these options. You can:

- give your views online at www.poole.gov.uk/ParkingInParks1
- return your form to us in the freepost envelope provided – Corporate Research Team, FREEPOST RTKK-CCEE-CXUA, Borough of Poole, Civic Centre, Poole BH15 2RU
- come to an informal drop in session and talk to Transportation Officers to find out more about the proposals. See www.poole.gov.uk/ParkingInParks1 for more details of these drop in sessions.

The closing date for the consultation is **Wednesday 6 April 2016**.

What happens next?

Once the consultation feedback has been analysed, the results will be presented to the Borough of Poole's Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee in May 2016, with a view to making a recommendation to Cabinet for approval. It is anticipated that changes could be made in 2016.

More information about our options to introduce car parking charges in our parks can be found at www.poole.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/parking/car-parking-charges.

The Council is also currently consulting on:

- **Proposals to charge for parking in Upton Country Park**
If you would like to find out more information or to give your views on the proposals please see www.poole.gov.uk/UCPparking1. This consultation closes on Wednesday 6 April 2016.
- **Proposals to extend the on-street pay and display parking in roads close to Poole's beaches**
If you would like to find out more information or to give your views on the proposals please see www.poole.gov.uk/OnstreetBeachParking1. This consultation closes on Wednesday 6 April 2016.