

**Cheshire East Borough Council - Thomas Street (East and West) Car Parks, Crewe - Proposal**

Consultation period 28<sup>th</sup> October - 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009

List of Objections/Representations received:

1. Miss Karen Brierley - 8 Clayton Close, Crewe CW1 3QQ - by letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009 (received 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009)
2. Keith Barrow - Planning Manager, Babcock Rail, Crewe Coal Yd, Thomas St, Crewe - by e-mail dated 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009
3. Peter Davies - by e-mail dated 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009
4. Jane Allen - by e-mail dated 5<sup>th</sup> November 2009
5. John H Spencer - by e-mail dated 5<sup>th</sup> November 2009

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Miss Karen Brierley  
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30<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Dear Sir,

I would like to register my strong objection to the proposed parking charges for Thomas Street car park. I am a member of Police staff for Cheshire Constabulary at crewe Police station, my shifts require me to start at various times and I cannot afford the cost of daily parking charges or an annual pass.

Some shifts not just for me but for other members of staff start at 4, 5 and 6 am, to walk to work from my home address near Leighton Hospital is 55 minutes or if you want me to quote steps as you have in your proposal is 5900 steps. This means that I would have to get up at 3am to walk to work for 5am allowing time to get ready and get to work on time. This also has safety implications for a female walking alone through areas known for crime.

I can guarantee that the displacement of 300+ cars from Thomas street car park will cause the residents in the outlying residential streets to be upset and inconvenienced by the subsequent cars parking outside their houses day after day.

While I can understand the need for a council to gather funding, I can't understand how there is a need to charge for parking everywhere in Crewe. I have just moved from Northwich where I have lived for 35 years. There are no car parking charges in any car parks there...whatsoever??? This also impacts on local businesses as Northwich residents can park without charge therefore are more likely to visit and spend money in local shops than go to larger towns where there are parking charges. Crewe town centre is already like a ghost town where empty shops are concerned and to wipe out the last free car park would just make this situation worse, when residents travel elsewhere to shop.

If the council feels the need to Charge for parking, could there not be a nominal charge of say 0.50p or at most £1.00 per day, there would still be substantial turnover as the car park is full every day?

I look forward to an amended decision regarding the charges.

Yours sincerely

  
Miss Karen Brierley

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**From:** Barrow, Keith (Rail) [mailto:keith.barrow@babcock.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 04 November 2009 14:51  
**To:** info  
**Subject:** Thomas St Car Park Charges

Dear Sir/Madam

04 November 2009

With regard to the proposal to charge for off street parking at both east and West car parks I would wish to comment on the proposal to include motor cycles and all motorised two wheeled vehicles in the parking charge scheme. I would suggest to you that motorcycles be exempt from the scheme due to the following factors:-

Two wheeled vehicles tend to leave a much smaller carbon footprint and to penalise people who are trying to reduce their impact upon the environment are being penalised for their initiative.

I notice a very small number of restricted bays dedicated for motorcycles, why should this be if motorcycles incur the same parking charge as cars, vans etc?

Problems will arise where car park tickets are genuinely bought and attached to a motor cycle but are either stolen or lost through weather conditions.

The majority of car parks in the Crewe, Stoke area are free to motorcycles due to the points raised above.

I would therefore urge you to reconsider your proposal to charge for motor cycles and look forward to your response.

Regards

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**MILLER, Bronwen**

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**From:** DAVIES, Peter  
**Sent:** 04 November 2009 16:46  
**To:** MILLER, Bronwen; BUTCHER, Lorraine  
**Cc:** BRADLEY, Fintan; KENT, Andrew  
**Subject:** RE: Thomas Street Car Park Consultation

Hi Bronwen,

Brierley Street Primary School is the school shown on the drawing. They have no on-site car parking for 20 staff plus visitors so all have to park in the adjacent street (Mirion Street). This can cause problems with the local residents.

Would it be possible to secure some free parking for school staff on the Thomas Street car park?

Regards

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**From:** Allen, Jane  
**Sent:** 05 November 2009 09:00  
**To:** info  
**Subject:** Thomas Street Car Park

The proposed charges on Thomas Street are wrong because

1. They will encourage people to park in the street as this will be free of charge. Just look at the streets for a long distance round Crewe Station to see how bad things can get. It would be a nuisance to local residents as well as making foot transport, particularly round the local schools much less safe.
2. People will just avoid parking here as it is too far from the town centre. It doesn't make sense to have the same charges as the town centre car parks. Again, just look at Oak Street car park. It is deserted.
3. Other areas in the Borough of East Cheshire have been allowed to have staggered car park charges. Why not stagger charges in the Crewe car parks. More expensive in the immediate town centre, cheaper on places like Thomas Street and Oak Street. Encourage workers to park a bit further away and leave the Town Centre car parks for shoppers. The charge should be £1 a day.
4. East Cheshire Council workers like myself, who need their car for work, cannot use public transport for work, as it is impractical to travel to Macclesfield and beyond for work on the public transport system. They are disadvantaged over Westfields workers who have a huge amount of free parking.
5. Westfields Staff car park is on Council owned land, so why are you not imposing charges on this car park.

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**From:** John Spencer [mailto:spencerjohnchris@yahoo.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 05 November 2009 13:39  
**To:** info  
**Subject:** Thomas Street Car Park charges

For the attention of Borough solicitor (ref BRM/LCP)

Dear Sir

I write in response to the notice in the Crewe Chronicle of 28-10-09 regarding the proposed introduction of Car Park charges at Thomas Street in Crewe.

I am against the proposal because it will penalise traders in the town and market who use the facility regularly on Mondays to Fridays. The town is already suffering from closed businesses in the current economic downturn. Charges at Thomas St will only encourage shoppers to avoid Crewe or park in residential streets, thus causing congestion. Market traders may find that it is no longer economic to carry on in the town.

It is with concern that I read in the Chronicle of 04-11-09 that the car park ticket machines have already been installed at Thomas Street. Does this mean it is a foregone conclusion that charging for car parking will come into force, however many of the local populace express objections?

Yours faithfully  
John H Spencer

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